

JSON WITH JAVA

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This chapter covers how to encode and decode JSON objects using Java programming language. Let's start with preparing the environment to start our programming with Java for JSON.

Environment

Before you start with encoding and decoding JSON using Java, you need to install any of the JSON modules available. For this tutorial we have downloaded and installed [JSON.simple](#) and have added the location of **json-simple-1.1.1.jar** file to the environment variable CLASSPATH.

Mapping between JSON and Java entities

JSON.simple maps entities from the left side to the right side while decoding or parsing, and maps entities from the right to the left while encoding.

JSON	Java
string	java.lang.String
number	java.lang.Number
true false	ava.lang.Boolean
null	null
array	java.util.List
object	java.util.Map

On decoding, the default concrete class of *java.util.List* is *org.json.simple.JSONArray* and the default concrete class of *java.util.Map* is *org.json.simple.JSONObject*.

Encoding JSON in Java

Following is a simple example to encode a JSON object using Java JSONObject which is a subclass of java.util.HashMap. No ordering is provided. If you need the strict ordering of elements, use JSONValue.toJSONString *map* method with ordered map implementation such as java.util.LinkedHashMap.

```
import org.json.simple.JSONObject;

class JsonEncodeDemo {

    public static void main(String[] args){
        JSONObject obj = new JSONObject();

        obj.put("name", "foo");
        obj.put("num", new Integer(100));
        obj.put("balance", new Double(1000.21));
        obj.put("is_vip", new Boolean(true));

        System.out.print(obj);
    }
}
```

On compiling and executing the above program the following result will be generated –

```
{"balance": 1000.21, "num":100, "is_vip":true, "name":"foo"}
```

Following is another example that shows a JSON object streaming using Java JSONObject –

```
import org.json.simple.JSONObject;

class JsonEncodeDemo {

    public static void main(String[] args){

        JSONObject obj = new JSONObject();

        obj.put("name", "foo");
        obj.put("num", new Integer(100));
        obj.put("balance", new Double(1000.21));
        obj.put("is_vip", new Boolean(true));

        StringWriter out = new StringWriter();
        obj.writeJSONString(out);

        String jsonText = out.toString();
        System.out.print(jsonText);
    }
}
```

On compiling and executing the above program, the following result is generated –

```
{"balance": 1000.21, "num":100, "is_vip":true, "name":"foo"}
```

Decoding JSON in Java

The following example makes use of **JSONObject** and **JSONArray** where JSONObject is a java.util.Map and JSONArray is a java.util.List, so you can access them with standard operations of Map or List.

```
import org.json.simple.JSONObject;
import org.json.simple.JSONArray;
import org.json.simple.parser.ParseException;
import org.json.simple.parser.JSONParser;

class JsonDecodeDemo {

    public static void main(String[] args){

        JSONParser parser = new JSONParser();
        String s = "[0,{\"1\":{\"2\":{\"3\":{\"4\":[5,{\"6\":7}]}}}}]";

        try{
            Object obj = parser.parse(s);
            JSONArray array = (JSONArray)obj;

            System.out.println("The 2nd element of array");
            System.out.println(array.get(1));
            System.out.println();

            JSONObject obj2 = (JSONObject)array.get(1);
            System.out.println("Field \"1\"");
            System.out.println(obj2.get("1"));

            s = "{}";
            obj = parser.parse(s);
            System.out.println(obj);

            s = "[5,]";
            obj = parser.parse(s);
            System.out.println(obj);

            s = "[5,,2]";
            obj = parser.parse(s);
```

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        System.out.println(obj);
    }catch(ParseException pe){

        System.out.println("position: " + pe.getPosition());
        System.out.println(pe);
    }
}
}

```

On compiling and executing the above program, the following result will be generated –

```

The 2nd element of array
{"1":{"2":{"3":{"4":[5,{"6":7}]}}}}

Field "1"
{"2":{"3":{"4":[5,{"6":7}]}}}}
{}
[5]
[5, 2]

```

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