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# **json***config* Documentation

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### 1.1 json\_config

A convenience utility for working with JSON config files.

#### 1.1.1 Features

- Documentation: [https://json\\_config.readthedocs.org](https://json_config.readthedocs.org)
- Open Source: [https://github.com/bionikspoon/json\\_config](https://github.com/bionikspoon/json_config)
- MIT license
- Automatically syncs file on changes.
- Automatically handles complicated nested data structures.
- Designed to be easily extended. Use different serializer libraries to easily switch to yaml, ini, etc.
- Lightweight (<5KB) and Fast.
- Takes advantage of Python's native dictionary syntax.
- Tested against python 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and PYPY!
- Unit Tested with high coverage.
- Idiomatic, self-descriptive code & api

```
>>> import json_config
>>> config = json_config.connect('categories.json')
>>> config
Connect({})
>>> config['comics']['dc']['batman']['antagonists'] = ['Scarecrow', 'The Joker', 'Bane']
>>> config['comics']['marvel']['ironman']['antagonists'] = 'Ultron'
>>> print(config.serialize())
{
    "comics": {
        "dc": {
            "batman": {
                "antagonists": [
                    "Scarecrow",
                    "The Joker",
                    "Bane"
                ]
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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```
        }
    },
    "marvel": {
        "ironman": {
            "antagonists": "Ultron"
        }
    }
}
```

## 1.1.2 Credits

Tools used in rendering this package:

- [Cookiecutter](#)
- [bionikspoon/cookiecutter-pypackage](#) forked from [audreyr/cookiecutter-pypackage](#)

## 1.2 Installation

At the command line either via `easy_install` or `pip`:

```
$ pip install json_config
```

```
$ easy_install json_config
```

Or, if you have `virtualenvwrapper` installed:

```
$ mkvirtualenv json_config
$ pip install json_config
```

### Uninstall:

```
$ pip uninstall json_config
```

## 1.3 Usage

To use `json_config` in a project:

```
import json_config

config = json_config.connect('config.json')
config['root'] = '/var/www/html/'

print(config['root'])
#OUT: '/var/www/html/'
config
#OUT: Connect({'root': '/var/www/html/'})
```

## 1.4 Contributing

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given.

You can contribute in many ways:

### 1.4.1 Types of Contributions

#### Report Bugs

Report bugs at [https://github.com/bionikspoon/json\\_config/issues](https://github.com/bionikspoon/json_config/issues).

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

#### Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with “bug” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

#### Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with “feature” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

#### Write Documentation

`json_config` could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official `json_config` docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

#### Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at [https://github.com/bionikspoon/json\\_config/issues](https://github.com/bionikspoon/json_config/issues).

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

### 1.4.2 Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here’s how to set up `json_config` for local development.

1. Fork the `json_config` repo on GitHub.
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:your_name_here/json_config.git
```

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have `virtualenvwrapper` installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv json_config
$ cd json_config/
$ python setup.py develop
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b feature/name-of-your-feature
$ git checkout -b hotfix/name-of-your-bugfix
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 json_config tests
$ python setup.py test
$ tox
```

To get flake8 and tox, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

### 1.4.3 Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 2.6, 2.7, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and PyPy. Check [https://travis-ci.org/bionikspoon/json\\_config/pull\\_requests](https://travis-ci.org/bionikspoon/json_config/pull_requests) and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

### 1.4.4 Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ py.test tests/test_json_config.py
```

## 1.5 Credits

### 1.5.1 Development Lead

- Manu Phatak <[bionikspoon@gmail.com](mailto:bionikspoon@gmail.com)>

### 1.5.2 Contributors

None yet. Why not be the first?

## 1.6 History

### 1.6.1 Next Release

- Stay tuned

### 1.6.2 2.0.0 (2016-01-01)

- BREAKING: (Internal API) `connect.block` removed
- BREAKING: (Internal API) `connect.write_file` renamed to `connect.save`
- Feature: Rewrote the entire library to encapsulate logic
- Feature: Extendable serializer contract, to allow any config format.
- Feature: Upgrade to stable.
- Feature: Removed threading in favor of a smarter locking mechanism
- Feature: Add support for py26 and py35
- Feature: Pin dependencies
- Feature: Reorganized package and tests
- Fix: Updated doc builds
- Fix: Readme badge links
- 2.0.1: Fix: Failed deploy (travis requirements)

### 1.6.3 1.2.0 (2015-05-18)

- Feature: Improved compatibility to py27, py32, py33, py34, and pypy
- Feature: Supports multiple config files.
- Feature: Writes less, smarter logic on deciding if a write is necessary.
- Feature: Delegates writes to a background process.
- Testing: Renamed tests to be more descriptive of expectations.
- Testing: Added a bunch of tests describing different scenarios.
- Massive Refactoring

### 1.6.4 1.1.0 (2015-04-15)

- Massive improvement to documentation and presentation.

### 1.6.5 1.0.0 (2015-04-13)

- First working version.

## 1.6.6 0.1.0 (2015-04-11)

- First release on PyPI.

## 1.7 json\_config package

### 1.7.1 JSON Config

A convenience utility for working with JSON config files.

```
>>> import json_config, os
>>> config = json_config.connect('config.json')
>>> config['root'] = '/var/www/html'
>>> print(config['root'])
/var/www/html
>>> config
Connect({'root': '/var/www/html'})
```

```
>>> os.remove('config.json')
```

`json_config.connect(config_file, file_type=None, **kwargs)`

### 1.7.2 Submodules

#### 1.7.3 json\_config.\_compat module

Python 2to3 compatibility handling.

```
class json_config._compat.NullHandler(level=0)
    Bases: logging.Handler
```

This handler does nothing. It's intended to be used to avoid the "No handlers could be found for logger XXX" one-off warning. This is important for library code, which may contain code to log events. If a user of the library does not configure logging, the one-off warning might be produced; to avoid this, the library developer simply needs to instantiate a NullHandler and add it to the top-level logger of the library module or package.

```
createLock()
```

```
emit(record)
```

```
handle(record)
```

```
json_config._compat.FileNotFoundError
    alias of IOError
```

#### 1.7.4 json\_config.contracts module

```
class json_config.contracts.AbstractSaveFile
```

Bases: object

```
config_file = NotImplemented
```

```
save()
```

```
class json_config.contracts.AbstractSerializer
```

Bases: object

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```

deserialize(string)
serialize(**options)
serializer_ext = NotImplemented

class json_config.contracts.AbstractTraceRoot
    Bases: object

```

## 1.7.5 json\_config.main module

```

class json_config.main.AutoConfigBase(config_file=None, **kwargs)
    Bases: json_config.main.AutoSyncMixin, json_config.main.AutoDict

class json_config.main.AutoDict(obj=None, _root=None, _parent=None, _key=None)
    Bases: json_config.main.TraceRootMixin, collections.defaultdict

    save()

    update(E, **F) → None. Update D from E and F: for k in E: D[k]
        = E[k] (if E has keys else: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v) then: for k in
        F: D[k] = F[k]

class json_config.main.AutoSyncMixin(**kwargs)
    Bases: json_config.contracts.AbstractSaveFile, json_config.contracts.AbstractTraceRoot,
            json_config.contracts.AbstractSerializer

    config_file = None

    save()

class json_config.main.PrettyJSONMixin
    Bases: json_config.contracts.AbstractSerializer

    deserialize(string)
    serialize(**options)
    serializer_ext = 'json'
    serializer_indent = 2
    serializer_sort_keys = True

class json_config.main.TraceRootMixin
    Bases: json_config.contracts.AbstractTraceRoot

    lock(*args, **kwds)

json_config.main.connect(config_file, file_type=None, **kwargs)

```



### Feedback

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If you have any suggestions or questions about **json\_config** feel free to email me at [bionikspoon@gmail.com](mailto:bionikspoon@gmail.com).

If you encounter any errors or problems with **json\_config**, please let me know! Open an Issue at the GitHub [https://github.com/bionikspoon/json\\_config](https://github.com/bionikspoon/json_config) main repository.



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