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python-json-patch is a Python library for applying JSON patches (RFC 6902). Python 2.7 and 3.4+ are supported. Tests are run on both CPython and PyPy.

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Please refer to RFC 6902 for the exact patch syntax.

### 1.1 Creating a Patch

Patches can be created in two ways. One way is to explicitly create a `JsonPatch` object from a list of operations. For convenience, the method `JsonPatch.from_string()` accepts a string, parses it and constructs the patch object from it.

```python
>>> import jsonpatch
   >>> patch = jsonpatch.JsonPatch([  
   {'op': 'add', 'path': '/foo', 'value': 'bar'},  
   {'op': 'add', 'path': '/baz', 'value': [1, 2, 3]},  
   {'op': 'remove', 'path': '/baz/1'},  
   {'op': 'test', 'path': '/baz', 'value': [1, 3]},  
   {'op': 'replace', 'path': '/baz/0', 'value': 42},  
   {'op': 'remove', 'path': '/baz/1'},  
   ])
```

Another way is to `diff` two objects.

```python
>>> src = {'foo': 'bar', 'numbers': [1, 3, 4, 8]}
>>> dst = {'baz': 'qux', 'numbers': [1, 4, 7]}
>>> patch = jsonpatch.JsonPatch.from_diff(src, dst)
```

# or equivalently

```python
>>> patch = jsonpatch.make_patch(src, dst)
```
1.2 Applying a Patch

A patch is always applied to an object.

```python
>>> doc = {}
>>> result = patch.apply(doc)
{'foo': 'bar', 'baz': [42]}
```

The `apply` method returns a new object as a result. If `in_place=True` the object is modified in place.

If a patch is only used once, it is not necessary to create a patch object explicitly.

```python
>>> obj = {'foo': 'bar'}
# from a patch string
>>> patch = '[["op": "add", "path": "/baz", "value": "qux"]']
>>> res = jsonpatch.apply_patch(obj, patch)
# or from a list
>>> patch = [{'op': 'add', 'path': '/baz', 'value': 'qux'}]
>>> res = jsonpatch.apply_patch(obj, patch)
```
Apply JSON-Patches (RFC 6902)

**class** `jsonpatch.AddOperation(operation)`

Adds an object property or an array element.

**class** `jsonpatch.CopyOperation(operation)`

Copies an object property or an array element to a new location

**exception** `jsonpatch.InvalidJsonPatch`

Raised if an invalid JSON Patch is created

**class** `jsonpatch.JsonPatch(patch)`

A JSON Patch is a list of Patch Operations.

```python
>>> patch = JsonPatch([
... {'op': 'add', 'path': '/foo', 'value': 'bar'},
... {'op': 'add', 'path': '/baz', 'value': [1, 2, 3]},
... {'op': 'remove', 'path': '/baz/1'},
... {'op': 'test', 'path': '/baz', 'value': [1, 3]},
... {'op': 'replace', 'path': '/baz/0', 'value': 42},
... {'op': 'remove', 'path': '/baz/1'},
... ])
>>> doc = {}
>>> result = patch.apply(doc)
>>> expected = {'foo': 'bar', 'baz': [42]}
>>> result == expected
True
```

JsonPatch object is iterable, so you could easily access to each patch statement in loop:

```python
>>> qpatch = list(patch)
>>> expected = {'op': 'add', 'path': '/foo', 'value': 'bar'}
>>> qpatch[0] == expected
True
>>> qpatch == patch.patch
True
```
Also JsonPatch could be converted directly to `bool` if it contains any operation statements:

```python
>>> bool(patch)
True
>>> bool(JsonPatch([]))
False
```

This behavior is very handy with `make_patch()` to write more readable code:

```python
>>> old = {'foo': 'bar', 'numbers': [1, 3, 4, 8]}
>>> new = {'baz': 'qux', 'numbers': [1, 4, 7]}
>>> patch = make_patch(old, new)
>>> if patch:
...     # document have changed, do something useful
...     patch.apply(old)

apply(\(obj, in\_place=False\))

Applies the patch to given object.

**Parameters**

- **obj** (*dict*) – Document object.
- **in_place** (*bool*) – Tweaks way how patch would be applied - directly to specified `obj` or to his copy.

**Returns**

Modified `obj`.

classmethod from_diff(src, dst, optimization=True)

Creates JsonPatch instance based on comparing of two document objects. Json patch would be created for `src` argument against `dst` one.

**Parameters**

- **src** (*dict*) – Data source document object.
- **dst** (*dict*) – Data source document object.

**Returns**

`JsonPatch` instance.

```python
>>> src = {'foo': 'bar', 'numbers': [1, 3, 4, 8]}
>>> dst = {'baz': 'qux', 'numbers': [1, 4, 7]}
>>> patch = JsonPatch.from_diff(src, dst)
>>> new = patch.apply(src)
>>> new == dst
True
```

classmethod from_string(patch_str)

Creates JsonPatch instance from string source.

**Parameters**

- **patch_str** (*str*) – JSON patch as raw string.

**Returns**

`JsonPatch` instance.

to_string()

Returns patch set as JSON string.

extension jsonpatch.JsonPatchConflict

Raised if patch could not be applied due to conflict situation such as: - attempt to add object key then it already exists; - attempt to operate with nonexistence object key; - attempt to insert value to array at position beyond of it size; - etc.
exception jsonpatch.JsonPatchException
    Base Json Patch exception

exception jsonpatch.JsonPatchTestFailed
    A Test operation failed

class jsonpatch.MoveOperation(operation)
    Moves an object property or an array element to new location.

class jsonpatch.PatchOperation(operation)
    A single operation inside a JSON Patch.

    apply(obj)
        Abstract method that applies patch operation to specified object.

class jsonpatch.RemoveOperation(operation)
    Removes an object property or an array element.

class jsonpatch.ReplaceOperation(operation)
    Replaces an object property or an array element by new value.

class jsonpatch.TestOperation(operation)
    Test value by specified location.

jsonpatch.apply_patch(doc, patch, in_place=False)
    Apply list of patches to specified json document.

    Parameters

    • doc (dict) – Document object.
    • patch (list or str) – JSON patch as list of dicts or raw JSON-encoded string.
    • in_place (bool) – While True patch will modify target document. By default patch
      will be applied to document copy.

    Returns Patched document object.

    Return type dict

>>> doc = {'foo': 'bar'}
>>> patch = [{'op': 'add', 'path': '/baz', 'value': 'qux'}]
>>> other = apply_patch(doc, patch)
>>> doc is not other
True
>>> other == {'foo': 'bar', 'baz': 'qux'}
True
>>> patch = [{'op': 'add', 'path': '/baz', 'value': 'qux'}]
>>> apply_patch(doc, patch, in place=True) == {'foo': 'bar', 'baz': 'qux'}
True
>>> doc == other
True

jsonpatch.make_patch(src, dst)
    Generates patch by comparing of two document objects. Actually is a proxy to JsonPatch.from_diff() method.

    Parameters

    • src (dict) – Data source document object.
    • dst (dict) – Data source document object.
```python
>>> src = {'foo': 'bar', 'numbers': [1, 3, 4, 8]}
>>> dst = {'baz': 'qux', 'numbers': [1, 4, 7]}
>>> patch = make_patch(src, dst)
>>> new = patch.apply(src)
>>> new == dst
True
```

`jsonpatch.mutidict (ordered_pairs)`

Convert duplicate keys values to lists.
The JSON patch package contains the commandline utilities `jsondiff` and `jsonpatch`.

### 3.1 `jsondiff`

The program `jsondiff` can be used to create a JSON patch by comparing two JSON files.

**usage:**

```
jsondiff [-h] [--indent INDENT] [-v] FILE1 FILE2
```

Diff two JSON files

**positional arguments:**

- `FILE1`
- `FILE2`

**optional arguments:**

- `-h, --help`: show this help message and exit
- `--indent INDENT`: Indent output by n spaces
- `-v, --version`: show program’s version number and exit

#### 3.1.1 Example

```
# inspect JSON files
$ cat a.json
{ "a": [1, 2], "b": 0 }

$ cat b.json
{ "a": [1, 2, 3], "c": 100 }

# show patch in "dense" representation
$ jsondiff a.json b.json
```

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3.2 jsonpatch

The program jsonpatch is used to apply JSON patches on JSON files.

```
usage: jsonpatch [-h] [--indent INDENT] [-v] ORIGINAL PATCH

Apply a JSON patch on a JSON files

positional arguments:
    ORIGINAL         Original file
    PATCH            Patch file

optional arguments:
    -h, --help       show this help message and exit
    --indent INDENT  Indent output by n spaces
    -v, --version    show program's version number and exit
```

3.2.1 Example

```
# create a patch
$ jsondiff a.json b.json > patch.json

# show the result after applying a patch
$ jsonpatch a.json patch.json
{"a": [1, 2, 3], "c": 100}

$ jsonpatch a.json patch.json --indent=2
{
    "a": [
        1,
        2,
        3
    ],
    "c": 100
}
```

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2,
3
],
"c": 100
}

# pipe result into new file
$ jsonpatch a.json patch.json --indent=2 > c.json

# c.json now equals b.json
$ jsondiff b.json c.json
[[]]
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