



## Oracle Cloud Infrastructure - Scripting mit dem OCI CLI

- Robert Marz
- Dienstag, 19. Nov., 11:00 - 11:45  
Raum Neu Delhi



## Das Battle: On-Premises versus Cloud

- Robert Marz, Martin Klier
- Dienstag, 19. Nov., 14:00 - 14:45  
Raum St. Petersburg



## JSON, die Datenbank und Ich

- Robert Marz
- Dienstag, 19. Nov., 16:00 - 16:45  
Raum Helsinki



## PL/SQL Community Meeting

- Christian Schwitalla, Sabine Heimsath,
- Dienstag, 19. Nov., 18:45 - 20:15  
Raum Kiew



## Panel: DBADev – Bridging the Gap Between Dev and Operations

- Sabine Heimsath, Piet de Visser
- Mittwoch, 20. Nov., 12:00 - 12:45  
Raum St. Petersburg



## Geliebter Feind: Der DBA und DevOps

- Markus Flechtner, Johannes Ahrends
- Mittwoch, 20. Nov., 13:00 - 13:45  
Raum St. Petersburg



## Automate Database Deployments with SQLcl

- Sabine Heimsath, Robert Marz
- Mittwoch, 20. Nov., 15:00 - 15:45  
Raum Neu Delhi



## Polymorphic Table Functions und Qualified Expressions

- Robert Marz
- Mittwoch, 20. Nov., 17:00 - 17:45  
Raum Kopenhagen



## PL/SQL Security - die Rückkehr der Jedi-Hacker

- Sabine Heimsath, Samuel Nitsche
- Donnerstag, 21. Nov., 15:00 - 15:45  
Raum St. Petersburg



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# JSON, die Datenbank und Ich

Robert Marz



# Robert Marz – Independent Consultant



## Client

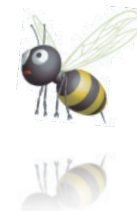
Senior Technical Architect  
with database centric view of the world



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# Motivation

A low-angle shot of a red-painted wooden ladder extending towards the top of the frame. A person's hand is visible on the right, gripping one of the rungs. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. A solid red horizontal bar is positioned across the middle of the image, containing the word 'Motivation' in white text.



## An Overview

How to deal with JSON in the Database

## Absolutly Not

All JSON Commands  
Complete Syntax Diagrams  
Evolution over Database Versions

## Other Interesting Sessions by Beda Hammerschmidt

Wednesday, 13:00

Die Oracle Datenbank als Document-Store: To be SQL or NoSQL?

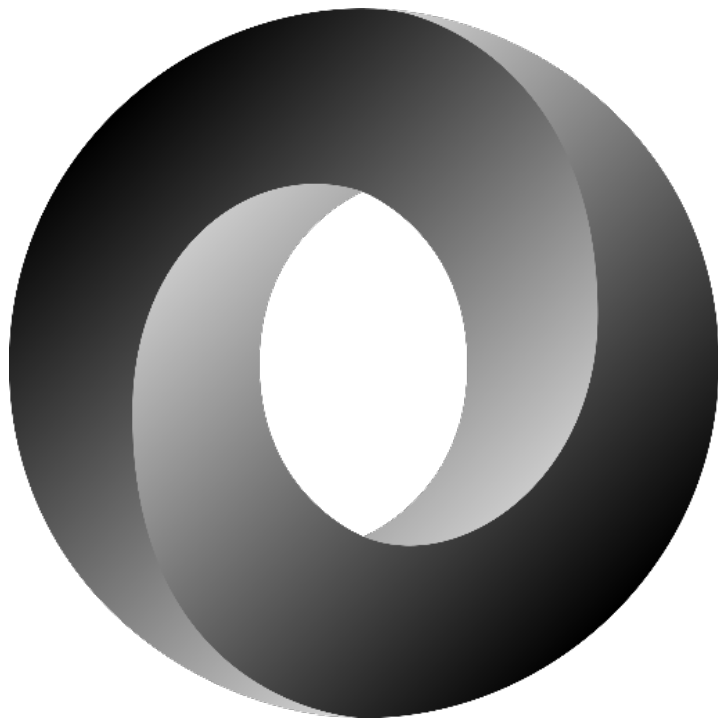
Thursday, 10:00

Unconference: Whats new in JSON 20c

A dramatic, low-key photograph of Jason Voorhees from the Friday the 13th franchise. He is wearing his signature white hockey mask with black eye holes and a dark, heavy jacket. He holds a large machete in his right hand, which is raised. His left hand is extended forward, palm facing the viewer. The lighting is split: a cool blue light on the left and a warm, yellowish-gold light on the right, creating a stark contrast. The background is dark and indistinct.

# JSON Document Format

# Setting the Stage: Who is Jason?



**JSON** **J**ava **S**cript **O**bject **N**otation

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**L**ightweight **F**ormat

Text-based  
Data Interchange  
Document Format (can be stored as Files)

**O**riginally designend

to persist JavaScript Objects

**S**tandards:

[json.org](http://json.org)  
ECMA-404

# Structures

## unordered collection

"key": "value" pairs

---

separated by commas

---

enclosed by braces { }

---

also realized as **object**, record, struct, dictionary, hash table, keyed list or associative array

## ordered list of values

---

separated by commas

---

enclosed by square brackets [ ]

---

also realized as **array**, vector, list or sequence

```
{  
  "string": "String are quoted",  
  "escape": "\n control chars",  
  "number": 1234,  
  "boolean": true,  
  "collection": {  
    "object": "fields",  
    "can": "nested"  
  },  
  "array": [ "one",  
            "two",  
            {"three": true} ]  
}
```

## Types of Values

string

“always enclosed in double quotes”

number

Integer	-256
Float	256.123
E-notation	2.3e3

Boolean

true  
false  
null

Object

Nested Objects  
Arrays

Array

Simple Types  
Objects

# JSON Document Format: Odds & Ends



## Characterset

always Unicode

## Number encoding

always English  
Decimal Point

## Whitespace

between Tokens is ignored  
space, linefeed, carriage return, tab

## Dates are represented as strings

usually ISO 8601 Zulu (UTC) Time  
"2019-11-19T15:13:23Z"

## JSON is Schemaless

no constraints for your implementation  
Developers Hell  
- when dealing with documents not produced by your code



# Storing JSON Data

# Storing JSON Docs in the Database

## Text-based columns

- Varchar2
- CLOB
- BLOB

## BLOBs

- eliminate NLS-Layer (JSON is always UTF-8)
- Works well since 12.2
- Database character set should be AL32UTF8

## Check constraints (is\_json)

- Sanity
- enables dot Notation for querying

## Binary JSON Storage

- 20c New Feature

```
select *  
  from departments_json  
 where json_value ( department_data  
                   , '$.department' ) = 'Sales'
```

Function Based Index – Useful when searching for a specific attribute

```
create index dept_department_name_i on  
  departments_json (  
    json_value (  
      department_data, '$.department'  
      error on error  
      null on empty  
    )  
  )
```

```
create
  search index
  dept_json_i
  on departments_json
    ( department_data )
  for json;
```

```
select *
  from departments_json d
 where json_textcontains
    ( department_data, '$'
    , 'Public' );
```

Oracle Text

Index

Can be used for

json\_value

json\_textcontains

Indexes

whole Document for every row



## Original Document

needed for

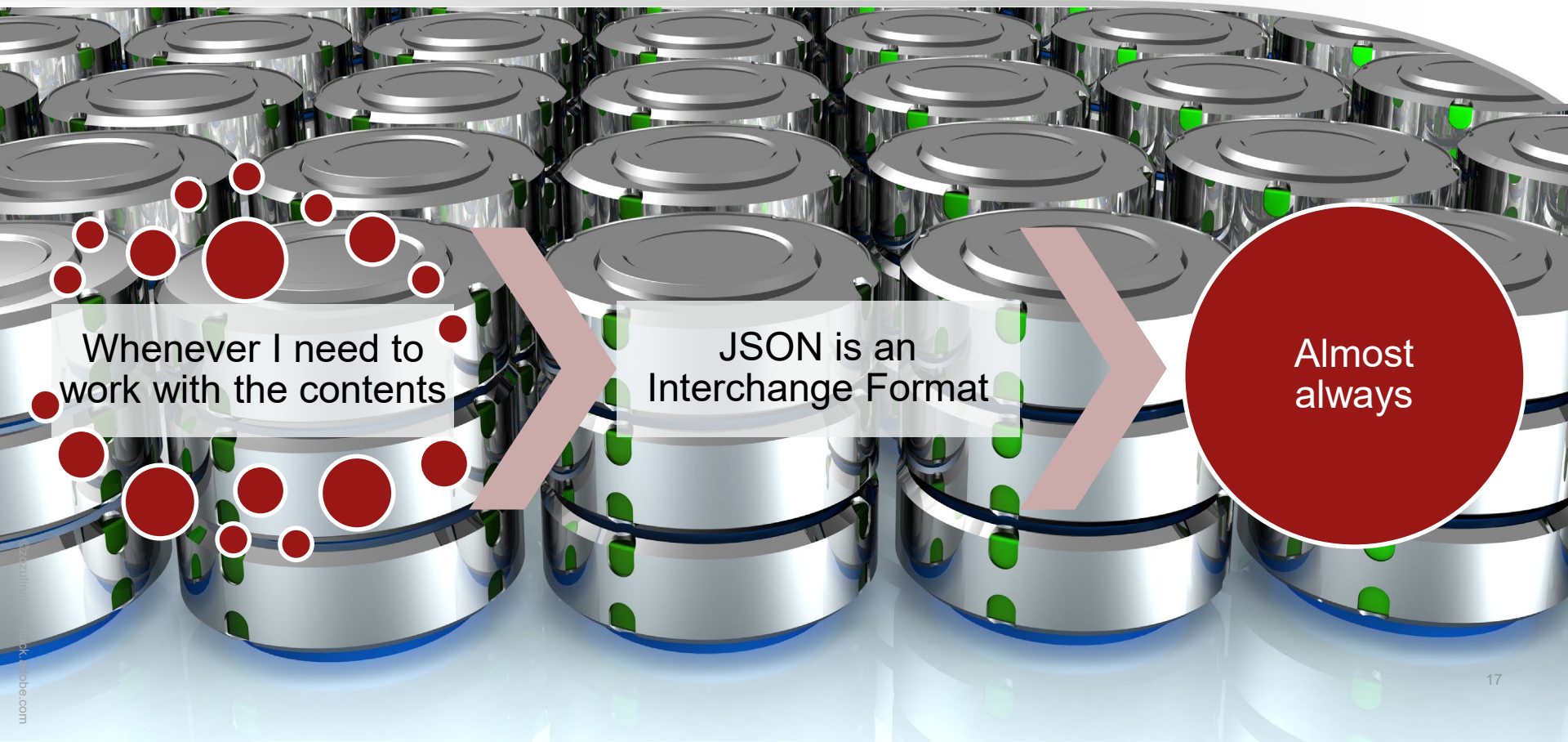
- Reference
- Archive
- Redistribution

## JSON structure

Varies

and may be queried later on

# When Do I convert JSON to relational?



Whenever I need to  
work with the contents

JSON is an  
Interchange Format

Almost  
always

A photograph of a worker in a yellow hard hat and safety vest operating a blue forklift in a warehouse. The forklift is positioned on a metal platform, loading a stack of white pallets onto the back of a blue truck. The scene is illuminated by a bright light source, creating a strong glow around the worker. A red banner is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Feeding JSON to the DB".

## Feeding JSON to the DB

# Loading JSON into the Database: Insert



Datatype  
BLOB

```
insert into departments_jsonjson
values ( 110, utl_raw.cast_to_raw (
'{"department": "Accounting",
  "employees": [
    {
      "name": "Higgins, Shelley",
      "job": "Accounting Manager",
      "hireDate": "2002-06-07T00:00:00Z"
    },
    {
      "name": "Gietz, William",
      "job": "Public Accountant",
      "hireDate": "2002-06-07T00:00:00Z"
    }
  ]
}' ));
```

JSON Documents

are Text

Insert / Update

works fine  
as long as Documents size < 4000 / 32000

Check Constraint

is\_json  
rejects non-json Texts

```
create table
  json_dump_file_contents
    (json_document blob)
organization external
( type oracle_loader
  default directory json_dump_dir
  access parameters
    ( records delimited by 0x'0a'
      disable_directory_link_check
      fields (json_document raw)
    )
  location ('JSONdocs.dmp')
)
parallel
reject limit unlimited;
```

## JSON Dump Files

contain one JSON Doc per row  
usually produce by NoSQL DBs  
e.g. MongoDB

## Load via

SQL \*Loader  
External Table

# Loading JSON into the Database: SQLcl



```
var HashMap = Java.type("java.util.HashMap");
var bindmap = new HashMap();

print("\nreading file: "+ args[1]);
var filePath=args[1];

var blob=conn.createBlob();
var bstream=blob.setBinaryStream(1);

java.nio.file.Files.copy(
    java.nio.file.FileSystems.getDefault().getPath(filePath)
        , bstream );

bstream.flush();

bindmap.put("inhalt", blob);
bindmap.put("pfad", filePath);

if(!util.execute( "insert into dokument "
    + "(datei_inhalt,datei_pfad) "
    + " values(:inhalt, :pfad)"
        , bindmap)
){ print("insert failed, exiting");
  exit;
}
```

## SQLcl

SQLDeveloper Worksheet as CLI  
99,8% SQL\*Plus compatible

## Modern CLI

Tab-Completion  
Editor  
History

## Enhancements

Liquibase & HashiCorp Vault integration  
DDL Command  
lots more

## Scripting

in JSR-223 Languages  
(e.g. JavaScript, Python, etc)  
[Oracle DB Tools GitHub Examples](#)



## Oracle REST Data Services ORDS

Free  
Java-Based  
evolved from APEX Listener

## REST enables Database

very easy  
SQL Developer Wizards  
ORDS REST Services are pure Metadata

## Developed & Deployed in Minutes

[POST Up a BLOB to an Oracle Table via REST - Jeff Smith](#)

# Loading JSON into the Database: REST Service Example

The screenshot shows the Oracle SQL Developer interface. On the left, the 'REST Data Services' tree is expanded to show a 'POST' service under a 'media' module. The main window displays a SQL Worksheet with the following code:

```
1 declare
2   image_id integer;
3 begin
4   insert into gallery (title,content_type,image)
5     values (:title,:content_type :body)
6     returning id into image_id;
7   :status := 201;
8   :LOCATION := IMAGE_ID;
9 end;
```

The text ':body' in the SQL code is highlighted with a red rectangular box.

# Loading JSON into the Database: utl\_http



## Oracle Database

can do `http_requests`  
e.g. for using REST Services  
Package `utl_http`

## Prerequisites

ACL/ACE for Network Access  
Wallet for https-Requests

## PL/SQL implementation

straight forward  
Example: REST DB Links

A futuristic digital interface with a hand interacting with a glowing blue data stream. The background is a complex network of white lines and nodes, overlaid with various data visualizations like bar charts, line graphs, and circular gauges. A bright blue light emanates from the hand's interaction point. A red banner is positioned across the middle of the image.

# Querying JSON

# JSONPath - Reference



- JSONPath is Xpath for JSON
- Used all over the place
- Uses dot-Notation: `$.store.book[0].title`
- Returns JSON Document or single element
- [JSONPath Online Evaluator](#)

Expression	Description
<code>\$</code>	the root object / element
<code>@</code>	the current object / element
<code>.</code> or <code>[]</code>	child operator
<code>[start:end:step]</code>	array slice operator
<code>?()</code>	filter expression

JSONPath	Result
<code>\$.store.book[*].author</code>	the authors of all books in the store
<code>\$..author</code>	all authors
<code>\$.store.*</code>	all things in store, which are some books and a red bicycle.
<code>\$.store..price</code>	the price of everything in the store.
<code>\$..book[2]</code>	the third book
<code>\$..book[(@.length-1)]</code> <code>\$..book[-1:]</code>	the last book in order.
<code>\$..book[0,1]</code> <code>\$..book[:2]</code>	the first two books
<code>\$.book[?(@.isbn)]</code>	filter all books with isbn number
<code>\$.book[?(@.price&lt;10)]</code>	filter all books cheaper than 10
<code>\$..*</code>	All members of JSON structure.

# Querying JSON: Dot-Notation



```
select d.department_data.department
       from departments_json d
```

```
select d.department_data.employees[0].name
       from departments_json d
       where department_id = 110;
```

```
EMPLOYEES
Gietz, William
```

```
select d.department_data.employees[*].name
       from departments_json d
       where department_id = 110;
```

```
EMPLOYEES
["Gietz, William", "Higgins, Shelley"]
```

```
-- Column needs is_json constraint
-- or "treat as json" function (18c)
```

```
with j_data as (
  select treat (
           d.department_data as json
         ) as department_data
     from departments_json d
     where department_id = 110
)
select j.department_data.department
       from j_data j
       where department_data is json;
```

```
DEPARTMENT
Accounting
```

JSON\_TABLE

---

Lives inside the SQL-From-Clause

---

Produces **Rows** and **Columns**

---

Accepts LOBs with JSON data

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Included in SQL:2016 Standard

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# Querying JSON: The JSON\_TABLE Operator (2/2)



The JSON Document

```
select wert
  from json_table( ['Eins", "Zwei", "Drei",
                  "Vier", "Fünf", "Sechs"]
                , '$[*]'
                columns wert varchar2 path '$'
                )
/
```

Produces rows  
(JSONPath Object)

Produces columns  
(JSONPath Element)

WERT

-----  
Eins  
Zwei  
Drei  
Vier  
Fünf  
Sechs

6 rows selected

Elapsed: 00:00:00.011

JSON Dates usually ISO 8601 Zulu (UTC) Time Strings

“2019-11-19T15:33:54Z”

```
-- Converting in Oracle is tricky
```

```
cast( to_timestamp_tz
      ( to_char(
          to_date(tstamp, 'YYYY-MM-DD"T"HH24:MI:SS"Z"')
          , 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS "UTC"')
      , 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS TZR')
      at time zone sessiontimezone as date ) tstamp
```

```
-- Oracle 18c brings new date function
```

```
select TO_UTC_TIMESTAMP_TZ('2019-11-19T15:33:54Z') tstamp
       from dual;
```

A close-up photograph of a blacksmith working. A glowing red-hot metal rod is held in place on a large, dark, and rusted anvil. A hammer is captured in motion, striking the rod. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the action in the foreground. A semi-transparent red banner is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'Working with JSON' in white.

## Working with JSON

# Comparing JSON Documents



```
select case
  when json_equal('{"one": 1, "two": [ "three", 4]}'
                 , '{ "two": [ "three"
                       , 4]
                   ,"one": 1 }'
                 )
  then 'EQUAL'
  else 'DIFFERENT'
end compare
from dual;
```

COMPARE

-----  
EQUAL

```
select case
  when json_equal('{"one": 1, "two": [ "three", 4]}'
                 , '{"one": 1, "two": [ 4, "three"]}'
                 )
  then 'EQUAL'
  else 'DIFFERENT'
end compare
from dual;
```

COMPARE

-----  
DIFFERENT

## JSON\_merge\_patch()

- – new Feature in 19c

## Creates / Updates / Delete

- Objects in JSON Docs  
Works like Unix patch or SQL merge

```
json_mergepatch('{ "FirstName": "Eric", "LastName": "Cartman" }', '{ "LastName": "Fox" }')  
{ "FirstName": "Eric", "LastName": "Fox" }
```

```
json_mergepatch('{ "FirstName": "Eric", "LastName": "Cartman" }', '{ "Salary": 1000 }')  
{ "FirstName": "Eric", "LastName": "Cartman", "Salary": 1000 }
```

```
json_mergepatch('{ "FirstName": "Eric", "LastName": "Cartman" }', '{ "FirstName": null }')  
{ "LastName": "Cartman" }
```



# Generating JSON



SQL-Functions starting with  
12gR2

JSON\_Object

JSON\_Array

JSON\_ArrayAgg

```
select json_object ('id2' value cust_id,  
                   'name' value (first || ' ' || last),  
                   'joined' value join_date) customers  
from customers;
```

### CUSTOMERS

```
-----  
{ "id2":1, "name": "Eric Cartman", "joined": "2017-07-10T16:26:15" }  
{ "id2":2, "name": "Kenny McCormick", "joined": "2017-07-10T16:26:15" }  
{ "id2":3, "name": "Kyle Brofloski", "joined": "2017-07-10T16:26:15" }  
{ "id2":4, "name": "Stan Marsh", "joined": "2017-07-10T16:26:15" }
```

```
select json_array(first, last) customers  
from customers;
```

CUSTOMERS

```
-----  
["Eric", "Cartman"]  
["Kenny", "McCormick"]  
["Kyle", "Brofloski"]  
["Stan", "Marsh"]
```

```
select json_arrayagg(  
    json_object( 'id'      value item_id,  
                'name'    value name,  
                'quantity' value stock_quantity)  
    ) stock_items  
from items  
where stock_quantity > 10;
```

STOCK\_ITEMS

-----  
[{"id":345,"name":"Border Patrol Costume","quantity":20},  
{"id":429,"name":"Air Guitar","quantity":14}]

# Publishing JSON



# Publishing JSON

---

**utl\_file**

let the database  
write files

---

**sql\*plus**

spool files

---

**SQLcl**

script your JSON Docs

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**REST  
Service**

let the clients request  
Documents on demand  
deliver via http(s)

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# Conclusion



- JSON is a flexible Interchange Format
  - Lingua Franca of modern Web Apps
- Loading JSON is easy
  - It's just Text
- Features evolve quickly
- The Database can be turned into the Backbone of RESTful Services





Vielen Dank für Ihre  
Aufmerksamkeit.