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fparse                                    *Fast, Friendly, and Flexible JSON Parsing*

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### Description

Parse JSON strings and files to R objects.

**Usage**

```
fparse(
  json,
  query = NULL,
  empty_array = NULL,
  empty_object = NULL,
  single_null = NULL,
  parse_error_ok = FALSE,
  on_parse_error = NULL,
  query_error_ok = FALSE,
  on_query_error = NULL,
  max_simplify_lvl = c("data_frame", "matrix", "vector", "list"),
  type_policy = c("anything_goes", "numbers", "strict"),
  int64_policy = c("double", "string", "integer64", "always"),
  always_list = FALSE
)

fload(
  json,
  query = NULL,
  empty_array = NULL,
  empty_object = NULL,
  single_null = NULL,
  parse_error_ok = FALSE,
  on_parse_error = NULL,
  query_error_ok = FALSE,
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  int64_policy = c("double", "string", "integer64", "always"),
  always_list = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  temp_dir = tempdir(),
  keep_temp_files = FALSE,
  compressed_download = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

- |      |   |
|------|---|
| json | JSON strings, file paths, or raw vectors. |
|------|---|
- fparse()
    - character: One or more JSON strings.
    - raw: json is interpreted as the bytes of a single JSON string.
    - list Every element must be of type "raw" and each is individually interpreted as the bytes of a single JSON string.
  - fload()

	– character: One or more paths to files (local or remote) containing JSON.
query	If not NULL, JSON Pointer(s) used to identify and extract specific elements within json. See Details and Examples. NULL, character(), or list() of character(). default: NULL
empty_array	Any R object to return for empty JSON arrays. default: NULL
empty_object	Any R object to return for empty JSON objects. default: NULL.
single_null	Any R object to return for single JSON nulls. default: NULL.
parse_error_ok	Whether to allow parsing errors. default: FALSE.
on_parse_error	If parse_error_ok is TRUE, on_parse_error is any R object to return when query errors occur. default: NULL.
query_error_ok	Whether to allow parsing errors. default: FALSE.
on_query_error	If query_error_ok is TRUE, on_query_error is any R object to return when query errors occur. default: NULL.
max_simplify_lvl	Maximum simplification level. character(1L) or integer(1L), default: "data_frame" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "data_frame" or 0L</li> <li>• "matrix" or 1L</li> <li>• "vector" or 2L</li> <li>• "list" or 3L (no simplification)</li> </ul>
type_policy	Level of type strictness. character(1L) or integer(1L), default: "anything_goes". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "anything_goes" or 0L: non-recursive arrays always become atomic vectors</li> <li>• "numbers" or 1L: non-recursive arrays containing only numbers always become atomic vectors</li> <li>• "strict" or 2L: non-recursive arrays containing mixed types never become atomic vectors</li> </ul>
int64_policy	How to return big integers to R. character(1L) or integer(1L), default: "double". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "double" or 0L: big integers become doubles</li> <li>• "string" or 1L: big integers become characters</li> <li>• "integer64" or 2L: big integers become bit64::integer64s</li> <li>• "always" or 3L: all integers become bit64::integer64s</li> </ul>
always_list	Whether a list should always be returned, even when length(json) == 1L. default: FALSE.
verbose	Whether to display status messages. TRUE or FALSE, default: FALSE
temp_dir	Directory path to use for any temporary files. character(1L), default: tempdir()
keep_temp_files	Whether to remove any temporary files created by fload() from temp_dir. TRUE or FALSE, default: TRUE
compressed_download	Whether to request server-side compression on the downloaded document, default: FALSE
...	Optional arguments which can be use <i>e.g.</i> to pass additional header settings

## Details

- Instead of using `lapply()` to parse multiple values, just use `fparse()` and `fload()` directly.
  - They are vectorized in order to leverage the underlying `simdjson::dom::parser`'s ability to reuse its internal buffers between parses.
  - Since the overwhelming majority of JSON parsed will not result in scalars, a `list()` is always returned if `json` contains more than one value.
  - If `json` contains multiple values and has `names()`, the returned object will have the same names.
  - If `json` contains multiple values and is unnamed, `fload()` names each returned element using the file's `basename()`.
- `query`'s goal is to minimize the amount of data that must be materialized as R objects (the main performance bottleneck) as well as facilitate any post-parse processing.
  - To maximize flexibility, there are two approaches to consider when designing query arguments.
    - \* character vectors are interpreted as containing queries that meant to be applied to all elements of `json=`.
      - If `json=` contains 3 strings and `query=` contains 3 strings, the returned object will be a list of 3 elements (1 for each element of `json=`), which themselves each contain 3 lists (1 for each element of `query=`).
    - \* lists of character vectors are interpreted as containing queries meant to be applied to `json` in a zip-like fashion.

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## Examples

```
# simple parsing =====
json_string <- '{"a":[[1,null,3.0],["a","b",true],[1000000000,2,3]]}'
fparse(json_string)

raw_json <- as.raw(
  c(0x22, 0x72, 0x61, 0x77, 0x20, 0x62, 0x79, 0x74, 0x65, 0x73, 0x20, 0x63,
    0x61, 0x6e, 0x20, 0x62, 0x65, 0x63, 0x6f, 0x6d, 0x65, 0x20, 0x4a, 0x53,
    0x4f, 0x4e, 0x20, 0x74, 0x6f, 0x6f, 0x21, 0x22)
)
fparse(raw_json)

# ensuring a list is always returned =====
fparse(json_string, always_list = TRUE)
fparse(c(named_single_element_character = json_string), always_list = TRUE)

# controlling type-strictness =====
fparse(json_string, type_policy = "numbers")
fparse(json_string, type_policy = "strict")
fparse(json_string, type_policy = "numbers", int64_policy = "string")
```

```

if (requireNamespace("bit64", quietly = TRUE)) {
  fparse(json_string, type_policy = "numbers", int64_policy = "integer64")
}

# vectorized parsing =====
json_strings <- c(
  json1 = '{"b":true,
           "c":null},
           {"b":[[1,2,3],
                 [4,5,6]],
           "c":"Q"}',
  json2 = '{"b":[[7, 8, 9],
                 [10,11,12]],
           "c":"Q"},
           {"b":[[13,14,15],
                 [16,17,18]],
           "c":null}'
)
fparse(json_strings)

fparse(
  list(
    raw_json1 = as.raw(c(0x74, 0x72, 0x75, 0x65)),
    raw_json2 = as.raw(c(0x66, 0x61, 0x6c, 0x73, 0x65))
  )
)

# controlling simplification =====
fparse(json_strings, max_simplify_lvl = "matrix")
fparse(json_strings, max_simplify_lvl = "vector")
fparse(json_strings, max_simplify_lvl = "list")

# customizing what `[]`, `{}`, and single `null`s return =====
empties <- "[[], {}, null]"
fparse(empties)
fparse(empties,
       empty_array = logical(),
       empty_object = `names<-`(list(), character()),
       single_null = NA_real_)

# handling invalid JSON and parsing errors =====
fparse("junk JSON", parse_error_ok = TRUE)
fparse("junk JSON", parse_error_ok = TRUE,
       on_parse_error = "can't parse invalid JSON")
fparse(
  c(junk_JSON_1 = "junk JSON 1",
    valid_JSON_1 = '"this is valid JSON"',
    junk_JSON_2 = "junk JSON 2",
    valid_JSON_2 = '"this is also valid JSON"'),
  parse_error_ok = TRUE,
  on_parse_error = NA
)

```

```

# querying JSON w/ a JSON Pointer =====
json_to_query <- c(
  json1 = '[
    "a",
    {
      "b": {
        "c": [[1,2,3],
              [4,5,6]]
      }
    }
  ]',
  json2 = '[
    "a",
    {
      "b": {
        "c": [[7,8,9],
              [10,11,12]],
        "d": [1,2,3,4]
      }
    }
  ]')
fparse(json_to_query, query = "/"1")
fparse(json_to_query, query = "/"1/b")
fparse(json_to_query, query = "/"1/b/c")
fparse(json_to_query, query = "/"1/b/c/1")
fparse(json_to_query, query = "/"1/b/c/1/0")

# handling invalid queries =====
fparse(json_to_query, query = "/"1/b/d",
       query_error_ok = TRUE,
       on_query_error = "d isn't a key here!")

# multiple queries applied to EVERY element =====
fparse(json_to_query, query = c(query1 = "/"1/b/c/1/0",
                               query2 = "/"1/b/c/1/1",
                               query3 = "/"1/b/c/1/2"))

# multiple queries applied to EACH element =====
fparse(json_to_query,
       query = list(queries_for_json1 = c(c1 = "/"1/b/c/1/0",
                                         c2 = "/"1/b/c/1/1"),
                   queries_for_json2 = c(d1 = "/"1/b/d/1",
                                         d2 = "/"1/b/d/2")))

# load JSON files =====
single_file <- system.file("jsonexamples/small/demo.json", package = "RcppSimdJson")
fload(single_file)

multiple_files <- c(
  single_file,
  system.file("jsonexamples/small/smalldemo.json", package = "RcppSimdJson")
)
fload(multiple_files)

```

```
## Not run:

# load remote JSON =====
a_url <- "https://api.github.com/users/lemire"
fload(a_url)

multiple_urls <- c(
  a_url,
  "https://api.github.com/users/eddelbuettel",
  "https://api.github.com/users/knapply",
  "https://api.github.com/users/dcooley"
)
fload(multiple_urls, query = "name", verbose = TRUE)

# download compressed (faster) JSON =====
fload(multiple_urls, query = "name", verbose = TRUE,
      compressed_download = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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is\_valid\_json

*simdjson Utilities*

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## Description

simdjson Utilities

## Usage

```
is_valid_json(json)
```

```
is_valid_utf8(x)
```

```
fminify(json)
```

## Arguments

json	JSON string(s), or raw vectors representing JSON string(s)
x	String(s), or raw vectors representing string(s).

## Examples

```
prettified_json <-
  '[
  {
    "b": true,
```



```

      "c": null
    },
    {
      "b": [
        [
          1,
          2,
          3
        ],
        [
          4,
          5,
          6
        ]
      ],
      "c": "Q"
    }
  ]'

example_text <- list(
  valid_json = c(json1 = prettified_json,
                 json2 = '{\n\t"good_json":true\n}'),
  invalid_json = c(bad_json1 = "BAD JSON",
                  bad_json2 = `Encoding<`-`("fa\xE7ile", "latin1")),
  mixed_json = c(na = NA_character_, good_json = '{"good_json":true}',
                bad_json = `Encoding<`-`("fa\xE7ile", "latin1")),
  good_raw_json = charToRaw('{\n\t"good_json":true\n}'),
  bad_raw_json = charToRaw("JUNK"),
  list_of_raw_json = lapply(
    c(na = NA_character_, good_json = '{"good_json":true}',
      bad_json = `Encoding<`-`("fa\xE7ile", "latin1")),
    charToRaw
  ),
  not_utf8 = `Encoding<`-`("fa\xE7ile", "latin1")
)

# UTF-8 validation =====
example_text$valid_json
is_valid_utf8(example_text$valid_json)

example_text$invalid_json
is_valid_utf8(example_text$invalid_json)

example_text$mixed_json
is_valid_utf8(example_text$mixed_json)

example_text$good_raw_json
is_valid_utf8(example_text$good_raw_json)

example_text$bad_raw_json
is_valid_utf8(example_text$bad_raw_json)

example_text$list_of_raw_json

```

```

is_valid_utf8(example_text$list_of_raw_json)

example_text$not_utf8
is_valid_utf8(example_text$not_utf8)
is_valid_utf8(iconv(example_text$not_utf8, from = "latin1", to = "UTF-8"))

# JSON validation =====
cat(example_text$valid_json[[1L]])
cat(example_text$valid_json[[2L]])
is_valid_json(example_text$valid_json)

example_text$invalid_json
is_valid_json(example_text$invalid_json)

example_text$mixed_json
is_valid_json(example_text$mixed_json)

example_text$good_raw_json
cat(rawToChar(example_text$good_raw_json))
is_valid_json(example_text$good_raw_json)

example_text$bad_raw_json
rawToChar(example_text$bad_raw_json)
is_valid_json(example_text$bad_raw_json)

example_text$list_of_raw_json
lapply(example_text$list_of_raw_json, rawToChar)
is_valid_json(example_text$list_of_raw_json)

example_text$not_utf8
Encoding(example_text$not_utf8)
is_valid_json(example_text$not_utf8)
is_valid_json(iconv(example_text$not_utf8, from = "latin1", to = "UTF-8"))

# JSON minification =====
cat(example_text$valid_json[[1L]])
cat(example_text$valid_json[[2L]])
fminify(example_text$valid_json)

example_text$invalid_json
fminify(example_text$invalid_json)

example_text$mixed_json
fminify(example_text$mixed_json)

example_text$good_raw_json
cat(rawToChar(example_text$good_raw_json))
fminify(example_text$good_raw_json)

example_text$bad_raw_json
rawToChar(example_text$bad_raw_json)
fminify(example_text$bad_raw_json)

```

```

example_text$list_of_raw_json
lapply(example_text$list_of_raw_json, rawToChar)
fminify(example_text$list_of_raw_json)

example_text$not_utf8
Encoding(example_text$not_utf8)
fminify(example_text$not_utf8)
fminify(iconv(example_text$not_utf8, from = "latin1", to = "UTF-8"))

```

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parseExample	<i>Simple JSON Parsing Example</i>
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### Description

This example is adapted from a blogpost announcing an earlier ‘simdjson’ release. It is of interest mostly for the elegance and conciseness of its C++ code rather than for any functionality exported to R.

### Usage

```
parseExample()
```

### Details

The function takes no argument and returns nothing.

### Examples

```
parseExample()
```

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validateJSON	<i>Validate a JSON file, fast</i>
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### Description

By relying on simd-parallel ‘simdjson’ header-only library JSON files can be parsed very quickly.

### Usage

```
validateJSON(jsonfile)
```

### Arguments

jsonfile      A character variable with a path and filename

### Value

A boolean value indicating whether the JSON content was parsed successfully

**Examples**

```
if (!RcppSimdJson:::unsupportedArchitecture()) {  
  jsonfile <- system.file("jsonexamples", "twitter.json", package="RcppSimdJson")  
  validateJSON(jsonfile)  
}
```

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