

# Package: ndjson (via r-universe)

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**Type** Package

**Title** Wicked-Fast Streaming 'JSON' ('ndjson') Reader

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**Description** Streaming 'JSON' ('ndjson') has one 'JSON' record per-line and many modern 'ndjson' files contain large numbers of records. These constructs may not be columnar in nature, but it is often useful to read in these files and ``flatten" the structure out to enable working with the data in an R 'data.frame'-like context. Functions are provided that make it possible to read in plain 'ndjson' files or compressed ('gz') 'ndjson' files and either validate the format of the records or create ``flat" 'data.table' structures from them.

**URL** <https://github.com/hrbrmstr/ndjson>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/hrbrmstr/ndjson/issues>

**SystemRequirements** zlib, C++17

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**License** MIT + file LICENSE

**Encoding** UTF-8

**Suggests** tinytest, covr

**Depends** R (>= 3.2.0)

**Imports** Rcpp, data.table, tibble

**LinkingTo** Rcpp

**RoxygenNote** 7.2.1

**Repository** <https://hrbrmstr.r-universe.dev>

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flatten	<i>Flatten a character vector of individual JSON lines into a data.table</i>
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### Description

Flatten a character vector of individual JSON lines into a `data.table`

### Usage

```
flatten(x, cls = c("dt", "tbl"))
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	character vector of individual JSON lines to flatten
<code>cls</code>	the package uses <code>data.table::rbindlist</code> for speed but that's not always the best return type for everyone, so you have option of keeping it a <code>data.table</code> or converting it to a <code>tbl</code>

### Value

`data.table` or `tbl`

### Examples

```
flatten('{"top":{"next":{"final":1,"end":true},"another":"yes"},"more":"no"}')
```

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stream_in	<i>Stream in &amp; flatten an ndjson file into a data.table</i>
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**Description**

Given a file of streaming JSON (ndjson) this function reads in the records and creates a flat `data.table` / `tbl` from it.

**Usage**

```
stream_in(path, cls = c("dt", "tbl"))
```

**Arguments**

path	path to file (supports "gz" files)
cls	the package uses <code>data.table::rbindlist</code> for speed but that's not always the best return type for everyone, so you have option of keeping it a <code>data.table</code> or converting it to a <code>tbl</code>

**Value**

`data.table` or `tbl`

**References**

<http://ndjson.org/>

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "test.json", package="ndjson")
nrow(stream_in(f))

gzf <- system.file("extdata", "testgz.json.gz", package="ndjson")
nrow(stream_in(gzf))
```

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validate	<i>Validate ndjson file</i>
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**Description**

Given a file of streaming JSON (ndjson) this function reads in the records and validates that they are all legal JSON records. If the verbose parameter is TRUE and errors are found, the line numbers of the errant records will be displayed.

**Usage**

```
validate(path, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

path	path to file (supports "gz" files)
verbose	display verbose information (filename and line numbers with bad records)

**Value**

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**References**

<http://ndjson.org/>

**Examples**

```
f <- system.file("extdata", "test.json", package="ndjson")
validate(f)

gzf <- system.file("extdata", "testgz.json.gz", package="ndjson")
validate(gzf)
```

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