



# **JR : Quality Random Data from the Command line**

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# 2048

SCORE  
1512

BEST  
6056

Scoreboard

New Game

2	4	4	2
32	16	4	2
64	32	8	4
4	128	32	8

**HOW TO PLAY:** Use your **arrow keys** to move the tiles. When two tiles with the same number touch, they **merge into one!**

**NOTE:** This game is powered by [Confluent Cloud](#). You can recreate this demo following [self-paced workshop](#).

Demo by [Gianluca Natali](#). Based on [2048](#) by [Gabriele Cirulli](#).



<https://gianlucanatali.github.io/streaming-games/index.html>

# > whoami



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**labels:**

**family:** dad of two

**prev\_companies:** sun microsystems, vmware, red hat

**spec:**

**replicas:** 1

**containers:**

- **image:** github.com/ugol:latest



> **apropos jr**



**JR**

## > **apropos jr**



- **J**son **R**andom generator
- **J**ust another **R**andom generator
- Similar to **JQ**, which is one of the tools I use most  
<https://stedolan.github.io/jq/>
- ...



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- Had to generate traffic for a customer, on the fly, with just an **example** of a json
- They asked how much this stuff would be **compressed** by the producer, which obviously varies with:
  - different **algorithms**
  - different **throughput**
  - different **batching** kafka configuration
  - can't use a single json to do that, would be compressed **too much**
- Existing tools couldn't easily answer this question, and for sure not in a 5 minutes time frame, for example:
  - **Datagen** with custom objects is complex to setup
  - Managed **Datagen** on Confluent Cloud can't use custom objects and can't compress

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```
{
  "VLAN": "DELTA",
  "IPV4_SRC_ADDR": "10.1.41.98",
  "IPV4_DST_ADDR": "10.1.137.141",
  "IN_BYTES": 1220,
  "FIRST_SWITCHED": 1681984281,
  "LAST_SWITCHED": 1682975009,
  "L4_SRC_PORT": 81,
  "L4_DST_PORT": 80,
  "TCP_FLAGS": 0,
  "PROTOCOL": 1,
  "SRC_TOS": 211,
  "SRC_AS": 4,
  "DST_AS": 1,
  "L7_PROTO": 443,
  "L7_PROTO_NAME": "ICMP",
  "L7_PROTO_CATEGORY": "Application"
}
```



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```
{
  "VLAN": "{{randoms "ALPHA|BETA|GAMMA|DELTA"}}",
  "IPV4_SRC_ADDR": "{{ip "10.1.0.0/16"}}",
  "IPV4_DST_ADDR": "{{ip "10.1.0.0/16"}}",
  "IN_BYTES": {{integer 1000 2000}},
  "FIRST_SWITCHED": {{unix_time_stamp 60}},
  "LAST_SWITCHED": {{unix_time_stamp 10}},
  "L4_SRC_PORT": {{ip_known_port}},
  "L4_DST_PORT": {{ip_known_port}},
  "TCP_FLAGS": 0,
  "PROTOCOL": {{integer 0 5}},
  "SRC_TOS": {{integer 128 255}},
  "SRC_AS": {{integer 0 5}},
  "DST_AS": {{integer 0 2}},
  "L7_PROTO": {{ip_known_port}},
  "L7_PROTO_NAME": "{{ip_known_protocol}}",
  "L7_PROTO_CATEGORY": "{{randoms "Network|Application|Transport|Session"}}"
}
```

## > whois jr



- Is a **template** system, leveraging wonderful Golang **text/template** package
- Has a **CLI** but also **REST APIs**
- Can generate **anything** you could write a template for (so, not tied to json)
- Embeds a specialized **fake** library (no use of existing faking libraries)
- Has **automatic integrity** for related fields (city, zip, mobile, phone, email/company, etc)
- Can maintain **integrity** between objects generated (**relations**)
- It's been designed for **Kafka**, but can directly output to **Elastic, Redis, MongoDB, S3**
- Can talk to **Confluent Schema Registry** for Kafka, serializing in **Avro/Json Schema**

## > man jr



- You choose your **template** from the available templates
- You choose **-n** number of objects to generate at each pass
- You choose **-f** frequency
- You choose **-d** duration

```
jr template list
```

```
jr template run net_device | jq
```

```
jr template run -n 2 net_device | jq
```

```
jr template run -n 2 -f 100ms net_device | jq
```

```
jr template run -n 2 -f 100ms -d 5s net_device | jq
```

## > man template



- There are **3** different templates to control jr
  - **Key** template, which defaults to **null**
  - **Output** template, which defaults to **Value** only: **{{.V/n}}**
  - **Value** template, which you control in two different ways
    - Embedding directly in the command line (**--embedded**)
    - By name (**user,net\_device**, etc) for the OOTB templates

```
jr template list
jr template show net_device
jr template show user
jr template run --key '{{key "ID" 100}}' user
jr template run --key '{{key "ID" 100}}' --outputTemplate '{{.K}} {{.V}}' net_device
jr template run --key '{{key "ID" 100}}' --embedded '{{name}} {{email}}' --kcat
```

## > cat cli



- You have 3 resources: **emitters**, **templates** and **functions**
  - You can list, show and run **templates**
  - You can list available **functions** and test directly (**--run**) without writing a template. There are **127** functions at the moment, and growing
  - **Emitters** are a new concept: you configure different emitters all at once, with different frequency and other parameters, and then you just list/show/run the emitters with a single command

```
jr function list -c finance
```

```
jr function list card --run
```

```
jr function list regex --run
```

```
jr emitter list
```

```
jr emitter run
```

## > man functions



- There are **127** functions at the moment, categorized as
  - People
  - Text utilities
  - Network
  - Context
  - Address
  - Finance
  - Math
  - Phone

```
cat .jr/templates/data/it/movie
```

```
jr template run --template '{{from "movie"}}'
```

```
jr template run --locale IT --template '{{from_n "beer" 3}}'
```

```
jr template run --locale IT --template '{{from_n "actor" 15}}'
```

## > cat automatic\_integrity



- Some functions are “smart”, for example:
  - **Mobile** phones are generated by “inverse” regular expressions, using mobile company numbers valid for the chosen country (**--locale**)
  - Streets, cities, zip codes, phone prefix and more are all **localizable** and **coherent** without doing anything special
  - your **work email** is generated automatically using - if already in the template - previously generated **name**, **surname** and **company**

```
jr template run --template '{{name}} {{email}}'
```

```
jr template run --template '{{name}} {{surname}} {{company}} {{email_work}}'
```

```
jr template run user | jq
```

```
jr --locale IT template run user | jq
```

```
jr --locale FR template run user | jq
```

# > echo "hello" 2>&1 >> \$LOG



- You can choose different **output** for jr:
  - **stdout** (default)
  - **kafka**
  - **redis**
  - **mongo**
  - **elastic**
  - **s3**
- Each **output** needs a specific configuration
- Output can easily be extended implementing **Producer** interface

```
jr template run user -o kafka
```

```
jr template run user -o kafka -t topic_user -a
```

```
jr template run user -o mongo
```



> **select \* from customers where custID='X1001';**



- **Relational Integrity** is where most of similar tools fall. To generate “related” data, they end up having long lists of prebuilt json documents, not at all random. Basically they become equivalent to:
  - **kcat -P -b localhost:9092 -t topic -K: -l prebuilt\_json.txt**
- jr has two features to help with integrity
  - **preload** to create a bunch of events at the beginning
  - context functions, especially **add\_v\_to\_list**, **random\_n\_v\_from\_list** and **random\_v\_from\_list**

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- With preload and context you can for example:
  - generate **1000** random products all at once to a topic
  - generate **100** random customers all at once and then add **1** customer every minute
  - stream **5** random orders every **100ms** by **existing** customers with **existing** products
- To test your streaming apps (**KStream, ksqlDB, Flink**), you definitely need relations!

**jr function list** -c context

**jr template show** shoe

**jr template show** shoe\_customer

**jr template show** shoe\_order

**jr template show** shoe\_clickstream

**jr emitter run**

## > more | grep future



- We need your help!
  - Close issues if you can: <https://github.com/ugol/jr/issues>
  - **Localizations** in different languages
  - Useful new **functions** for templates
  - Useful pre-configured **emitters** for complex use cases
  - New **output** Producers (every k/v store is a candidate)
- Pls **star**, **watch** and **fork** the project on Github!
  - ~~○ The **brew** guys told us that we need a minimum of:~~
  - ~~○ **30** forks~~
  - ~~○ **30** watchers~~
  - ~~○ **75** stars~~
  - ~~○ (if you want to *brew install jr!*)~~



## > more | grep links



- Links
  - Issues <https://github.com/ugol/jr/issues>
  - Documentation <https://jrnd.io/>
  - Blog first part:  
<https://dev.to/ugol/jr-quality-random-data-from-the-command-line-part-i-5e90>
  - Blog second part:  
<https://dev.to/ugol/jr-quality-random-data-from-the-command-line-part-ii-3nb3>
  - Blog third part: **SOON**

> more | grep questions?





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