I-JSON

What draft-i-json-01 does

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- You might want to allow lists…
- …but object-only encourages a Must-Ignore policy such as "if it has a key that you don't expect, carry on anyway", which is A Good Thing in Internet protocols…
- …and we really don't want top-level primitives.

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- Numbers restricted to IEEE 754 binary64.
- Could avoid writing this into the syntax constraints…
- … but sprintf & its descendents make it easy for generators to play nice …
- … maybe a MUST on producers but receivers not required to detect this class of error?

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- application/i-json media type.
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- Why not just use JSON media types?
- Hypothesis: Popular JSON generators/parsers will have an I-JSON mode; maybe just rely on app to turn I-JSON parsing on.

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- Clients MUST NOT trust busted I-JSON.
- In fact, all existing JSON parsers are sort of draconian, e.g. will not accept a missing closing brace:

    { "foo" : "bar

- …but lots of people hate XML's required draconianism.
- How about something like "I-JSON parsers MUST have a mode where they report violations of I-JSON requirements"?

Worth arguing over

- Making I-JSON self-identifying.
- draft-00 had a reserved-value key in top-level object "urn:ietf:i-json" : {}
- Allows **sender** to request I-JSON parsing mode.
- All sorts of profile stuff could go in the {}.
- It might be smart to reserve the key even if we're unconvinced about the virtues of self-identification.