

GoogleLocAPI can no longer be used to get Geodata.

See *MLA citations on document footer.*

I'm new to NameBench so I'm not entirely sure what this data was for, but I can see that it's trying to get JSON data from an API that doesn't exist anymore. Apparently it was shutdown in 2012 (<https://code.google.com/p/gears/wiki/GeolocationAPI>). The issue is also referenced upstream here: <https://code.google.com/p/namebench/issues/detail?id=256>

Terminal error output shown below:

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* Failed to use GoogleLocAPI: simplejson.scanner.JSONDecodeError Expecting value: line 1
column 1 (char 0) (content: <!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang=en>
  <meta charset=utf-8>
  <meta name=viewport content="initial-scale=1, minimum-scale=1, width=device-width">
  <title>Error 404 (Not Found)!!1</title>
  <style>
*{margin:0;padding:0}html,code{font:15px/22px arial,sans-
serif}html{background:#fff;color:#222;padding:15px}body{margin:7% auto 0;max-
width:390px;min-height:180px;padding:30px 0 15px}* >
body{background:url(//www.google.com/images/errors/robot.png) 100% 5px no-
repeat;padding-right:205px}p{margin:11px 0 22px;overflow:hidden}ins{color:#777;text-
decoration:none}a img{border:0}@media screen and (max-width:772px)
{body{background:none;margin-top:0;max-width:none;padding-
right:0}}#logo{background:url(//www.google.com/images/errors/logo_sm_2.png) no-
repeat}@media only screen and (min-resolution:192dpi)
{#logo{background:url(//www.google.com/images/errors/logo_sm_2_hr.png) no-repeat 0%
0%/100% 100%;-moz-border-image:url(//www.google.com/images/errors/logo_sm_2_hr.png)
0}}@media only screen and (-webkit-min-device-pixel-ratio:2)
{#logo{background:url(//www.google.com/images/errors/logo_sm_2_hr.png) no-repeat;-
webkit-background-size:100% 100%}}#logo{display:inline-block;height:55px;width:150px}
</style>
  <a href=//www.google.com/><span id=logo aria-label=Google></span></a>
  <p><b>404.</b> <ins>That's an error.</ins>
  <p>The requested URL <code>/loc/json</code> was not found on this server. <ins>That's
all we know.</ins>
)
Failed to get Geodata: socket.timeout timed out
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The application still works but it causes it to hang on start-up so maybe an easy solution is just to remove the code that does this looking up? Or alternatively supplement an alternative API!?

Tested under *Ubuntu 14.04.1 LTS and namebench 1.3.1+dfsg-2.*

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