

Quickstart: uploading, testing, pushing releases

This quickstart document walks you through setting up a self-contained pypi release upload, staging system for your Python packages.

Installing devpi client and server

We want to run the full devpi system on our laptop:

```
pip install -U devpi-web devpi-client
```

Note that the devpi-web package will pull in the core devpi-server package. If you don't want the web interface you can just install the latter only.

initializing a basic server and index

We need to perform a couple of steps to get an index where we can upload and test packages:

- start a background devpi-server at `http://localhost:3141`
- configure the client-side tool devpi to connect to the newly started server
- create and login a user, using as defaults your current login name and an empty password
- create an index and directly use it.

So let's first initialize devpi-server:

```
$ devpi-init
INFO NOCTX Loading node info from /tmp/home/.devpi/server/.nodeinfo
INFO NOCTX generated uuid: 446e22e0db5e41a5989fd671e98ec30b
INFO NOCTX wrote nodeinfo to: /tmp/home/.devpi/server/.nodeinfo
INFO NOCTX DB: Creating schema
INFO [Wtx-1] setting password for user 'root'
INFO [Wtx-1] created user 'root'
INFO [Wtx-1] created root user
INFO [Wtx-1] created root/pypi index
INFO [Wtx-1] fswriter0: committed at 0
```

To start devpi-server in the background we use supervisor as an example. First we create a configuration file for it:

```
$ devpi-gen-config
It is highly recommended to use a configuration file for devpi-server, see --config
wrote gen-config/nginx-devpi-lockdown.conf
wrote gen-config/crontab
wrote gen-config/net.devpi.plist
wrote gen-config/launchd-macos.txt
```

```
wrote gen-config/nginx-devpi.conf
wrote gen-config/nginx-devpi-caching.conf
wrote gen-config/supervisor-devpi.conf
wrote gen-config/supervisord.conf
wrote gen-config/devpi.service
wrote gen-config/windows-service.txt
```

Then we start supervisord using a config which includes the generated file, see [Quickstart: install on server/laptop](#) for more details:

```
$ supervisord -c gen-config/supervisord.conf
```

Then we point the devpi client to it:

```
$ devpi use http://localhost:3141
using server: http://localhost:3141/ (not logged in)
no current index: type 'devpi use -l' to discover indices
venv for install/set commands: /tmp/docenv
only setting venv pip cfg, no global configuration changed
/tmp/docenv/pip.conf: no config file exists
always-set-cfg: no
```

Then we **add** our own “testuser”:

```
$ devpi user -c testuser password=123
user created: testuser
```

Then we login:

```
$ devpi login testuser --password=123
logged in 'testuser', credentials valid for 10.00 hours
```

And create a “dev” **index**, telling it to use the root/pypi cache as a base so that all of pypi.org will appear on that index:

```
$ devpi index -c dev bases=root/pypi
http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev?no_projects=:
type=stage
bases=root/pypi
volatile=True
acl_upload=testuser
acl_toxresult_upload=:ANONYMOUS:
mirror_whitelist=
mirror_whitelist_inheritance=intersection
```

Finally we use the new index:

```
$ devpi use testuser/dev
current devpi index: http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev (logged in as testuser)
supported features: server-keyvalue-parsing
venv for install/set commands: /tmp/docenv
only setting venv pip cfg, no global configuration changed
/tmp/docenv/pip.conf: no config file exists
always-set-cfg: no
```

We are now ready to go for uploading and testing packages.

devpi install: installing a package

We can now use the devpi command line client to trigger a `pip install` of a pypi package from our already running server:

```
$ devpi install pytest
--> . $ /tmp/docenv/bin/pip --version
--> . $ /tmp/docenv/bin/pip install -U pytest [PIP_INDEX_URL=URL('http://****:3141/testuser/dev')]
Looking in indexes: http://testuser:****@localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+simple/
Collecting pytest
  Downloading http://localhost:3141/root/pypi/%2Bf/1d8/81c6124e08ff0/pytest-7.4.2-py3-none-any.whl (330kB)
Collecting iniconfig (from pytest)
  Downloading http://localhost:3141/root/pypi/%2Bf/b6a/85871a79d2e3b/iniconfig-2.0.0-py3-none-any.whl (5.9kB)
Requirement already satisfied: packaging in /tmp/docenv/lib/python3.8/site-packages (20.0)
Collecting pluggy<2.0,>=0.12 (from pytest)
  Downloading http://localhost:3141/root/pypi/%2Bf/d89/c696a773f8bd3/pluggy-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl (26kB)
Collecting exceptiongroup>=1.0.0rc8 (from pytest)
  Downloading http://localhost:3141/root/pypi/%2Bf/343/280667a4585d1/exceptiongroup-1.1.3-py3-none-any.whl (16kB)
Requirement already satisfied: tomli>=1.0.0 in /tmp/docenv/lib/python3.8/site-packages (2.0.1)
Installing collected packages: pluggy, iniconfig, exceptiongroup, pytest
Successfully installed exceptiongroup-1.1.3 iniconfig-2.0.0 pluggy-1.3.0 pytest-7.4.2
```

The `devpi install` command configured a `pip` call, using the pypi-compatible `+simple/` page of the `testuser/dev` index for finding and downloading packages. The `pip` executable was searched for in `/tmp/docenv/bin/` and found.

Let's check that `pytest` was installed correctly:

```
$ py.test --version
pytest 7.4.2
```

You may invoke the `devpi install` command a second time which will even work when you are offline.

devpi upload: uploading one or more packages

We are going to use devpi command line tool facilities for performing uploads (you can also [setup.py](#)).

Let's verify we are logged in to the correct index:

```
$ devpi use
current devpi index: http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev (logged in as testuser)
supported features: server-keyvalue-parsing
venv for install/set commands: /tmp/docenv
only setting venv pip cfg, no global configuration changed
/tmp/docenv/pip.conf: no config file exists
always-set-cfg: no
```

Now go to the directory of a setup.py file of one of your projects (we assume it is named example) and upload your package to our testuser/dev index:

```
example $ devpi upload
using workdir /tmp/devpi0
pre-build: cleaning dist
--> . $ /tmp/docenv/bin/python -m build
built: dist/example-1.0.tar.gz 1kb
built: dist/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl 1kb
file_upload of example-1.0.tar.gz to http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/
file_upload of example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl to http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/
```

There are three triggered actions:

- detection of a VCS (git/hg/svn/bazaar) repository, leading to copying all versioned files to work dir. If you are not using mercurial, the copy-step is skipped and the upload operates on your source tree.
- registering the example release as defined in setup.py to our current index
- building and uploading a gztar formatted release file from the workdir to the current index (as part of the setup.py invocation under the hood).

We can now install the freshly uploaded package:

```
$ devpi install example
--> . $ /tmp/docenv/bin/pip --version
--> . $ /tmp/docenv/bin/pip install -U example [PIP_INDEX_URL=URL('http://****@localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+simple/')]
Looking in indexes: http://testuser:****@localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+simple/
Collecting example
  Downloading http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/%2Bf%0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl (1.0 MB)
Installing collected packages: example
Successfully installed example-1.0
```

This installed your just uploaded package from the testuser/dev index where we previously uploaded the package.

Note:

devpi upload allows to simultaneously upload multiple different formats of your release files sdist.zip or bdist_egg. The default is sdist.tgz.

devpi test: testing an uploaded package

If you have a package which uses `tox` for testing you may now invoke:

```
$ devpi test --tox-args="-q" example # package needs to contain tox.ini
using workdir /tmp/devpi-test0
only universal wheels supported, found example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl
received http://testuser:****@localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba,
unpacking /tmp/devpi-test0/downloads/example-1.0.tar.gz to /tmp/devpi-test0/tar
--> . $ /home/devpi/devpi/bin/tox --installpkg /tmp/devpi-test0/downloads/examp
===== test session starts =====
platform darwin -- Python 3.8.12, pytest-7.4.2, pluggy-1.3.0
cachedir: .tox/py/.pytest_cache
rootdir: /private/tmp/devpi-test0/targz/example-1.0
collected 1 item

test_example.py . [100%]

===== 1 passed in 0.01s =====
py: OK (10.57 seconds)
congratulations :) (10.85 seconds)
posting tox result data to http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba
successfully posted tox result data
```



Here is what happened:

- devpi got the latest available version of example from the current index
- it unpacked it to a temp dir, found the tox.ini and then invoked tox, pointing it to our example-1.0.tar.gz, forcing all installations to go through our current testuser/dev/+si and instructing it to create a json report.
- after all tests ran, we send the toxreport.json to the devpi server where it will be attached to our release file.

We can verify that the test status was recorded via:

```
$ devpi list example
http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl
```

New in version 2.6.

With `--index` you can get the release from another index. Full URLs to another devpi-server supported.

Note:

Since version 2.2.0 testing of universal wheels is supported if there also is an `sdist` which contains necessary `tox.ini` and tests files. Wheels typically don't contain them as they are a pure install package.

devpi **push**: staging a release to another index

Once you are happy with a release file you can push it either to another devpi-managed index or to an outside pypi index server.

Let's create another staging index:

```
$ devpi index -c staging volatile=False
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging?no_projects=:
  type=stage
  bases=
  volatile=False
  acl_upload=testuser
  acl_toxresult_upload=:ANONYMOUS:
  mirror_whitelist=
  mirror_whitelist_inheritance=intersection
```

We created a non-volatile index which means that one can not overwrite or delete release files. See [Volatile Indexes](#) for more info on this setting.

We can now push the `example-1.0.tar.gz` from above to our staging index:

```
$ devpi push example==1.0 testuser/staging
200 register example 1.0 -> testuser/staging
200 store_releasefile testuser/staging/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
200 store_toxresult testuser/staging/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
200 store_releasefile testuser/staging/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl
```

This will determine all files on our `testuser/dev` index belonging to the specified `example==1.0` and copy them to the `testuser/staging` index.

devpi push: releasing to an external index

Let's check again our current index:

```
$ devpi use
current devpi index: http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev (logged in as testuser)
supported features: server-keyvalue-parsing
venv for install/set commands: /tmp/docenv
only setting venv pip cfg, no global configuration changed
/tmp/docenv/pip.conf: no config file exists
always-set-cfg: no
```

Let's now use our testuser/staging index:

```
$ devpi use testuser/staging
current devpi index: http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging (logged in as testuser)
supported features: server-keyvalue-parsing
venv for install/set commands: /tmp/docenv
only setting venv pip cfg, no global configuration changed
/tmp/docenv/pip.conf: no config file exists
always-set-cfg: no
```

and check the test result status again:

```
$ devpi list example
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-noi
```

Good, the test result status is still available after the push from the last step.

We may now decide to push this release to an external pypi-style index which we have configured in our `.pypirc` file:

```
$ devpi push example-1.0 pypi:testrun
no pypirc file found at: /tmp/home/.pypirc
```

this will push all release files of the `example-1.0` release to the external testrun index server. The configuration for the external index server is found in the `pypi` section in your `.pypirc`.

index inheritance re-configuration

At this point we have the `example-1.0` release and release file on both the `testuser/dev` and `testuser/staging` indices. If we rather want to always use staging packages in our development, we can reconfigure the inheritance bases for `testuser/dev`:

```
$ devpi index testuser/dev bases=testuser/staging
/testuser/dev bases=testuser/staging
http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev?no_projects=:
type=stage
bases=testuser/staging
volatile=True
```



```

acl_upload=testuser
acl_toxresult_upload=:ANONYMOUS:
mirror_whitelist=
mirror_whitelist_inheritance=intersection

```

If we now switch back to using testuser/dev:

```

$ devpi use testuser/dev
current devpi index: http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev (logged in as testuser)
supported features: server-keyvalue-parsing
venv for install/set commands: /tmp/docenv
only setting venv pip cfg, no global configuration changed
/tmp/docenv/pip.conf: no config file exists
always-set-cfg: no

```

and look at our example release files:

```

$ devpi list example
http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl

```

we'll see that example-1.0.tar.gz is contained in both indices. Let's remove the testuser/dev release:

```

$ devpi remove -y example
About to remove the following releases and distributions
version: 1.0
- http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
- http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl
- http://localhost:3141/testuser/dev/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
Are you sure (yes/no)? yes (autoset from -y option)

```



If you don't specify the -y option you will be asked to confirm the delete operation interactive

The example-1.0 release remains accessible through testuser/dev because it inherits all releases from the testuser/staging base:

```

$ devpi list example
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging/+f/853/34ff3d48c83ba/example-1.0.tar.gz
http://localhost:3141/testuser/staging/+f/0b1/6414c21b576b1/example-1.0-py3-none-any.whl

```

Now shutdown supervisord which was started at the beginning of this tutorial:

```

$ supervisorctl -c gen-config/supervisord.conf shutdown
Shut down

```


running devpi-server permanently

If you want to configure a permanent devpi-server install, you can go to [Quickstart: permanen](#)