



Maintaining your code and tests

Because you are never finished

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- Can be easily installed using *pip* and enabled with *pytest --xxx*.



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----- coverage: platform win32, python 3.6.6-final-0 -----
Name                               Stmts  Miss  Cover   Missing
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example_scripts\__init__.py         0      0   100%
example_scripts\downsampler.py      91     69    24%    39-103, 141-172, 215-217, 222-225, 228-231, 263-273
example_scripts\galaxy.py           58     21    64%    51-52, 149, 168-169, 206-219, 245-254
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TOTAL                               149     90    40%
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main_code()
if flag: # pragma: no cover
    do_action()
    do_another_action()
main_code_continued()
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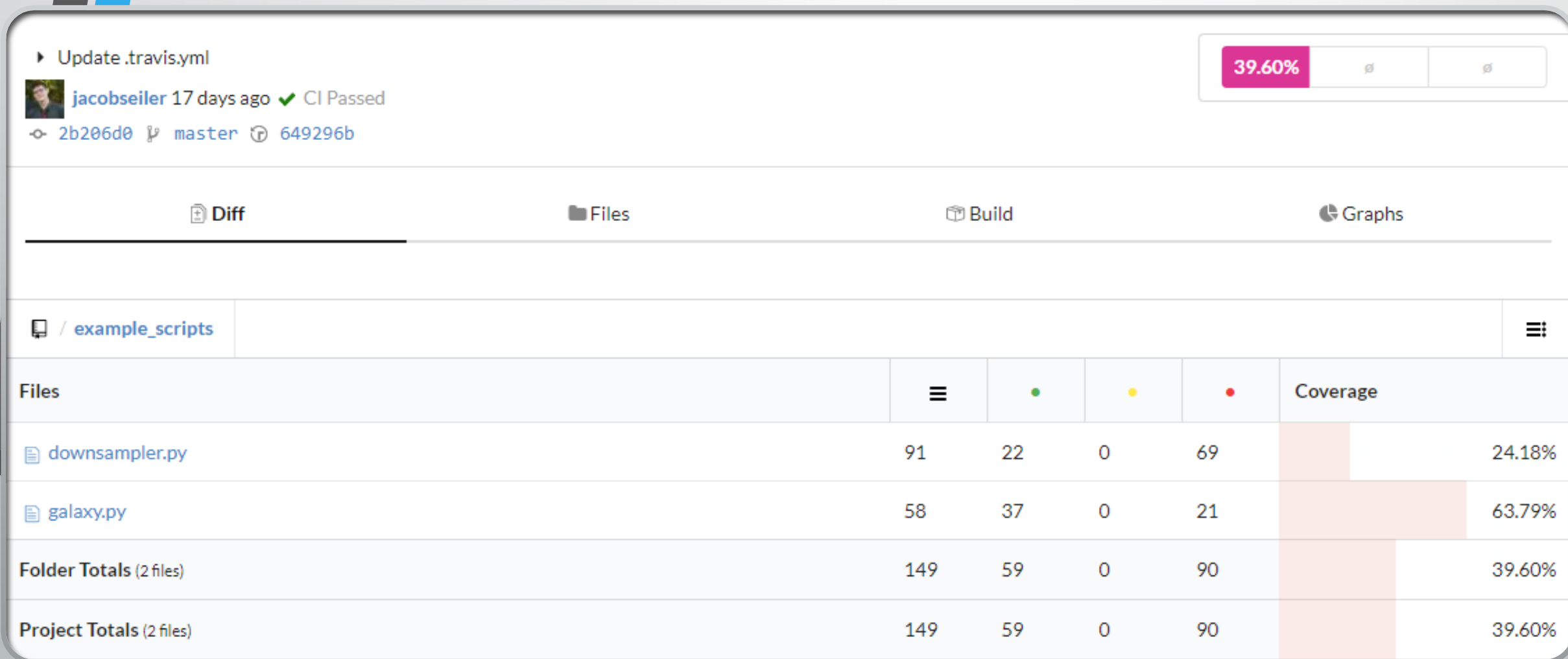
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Listing all repositories sort by **most recent commit**



PRISM

Latest commit 2 days ago by 1313e

79.27%

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e13Tools

Latest commit 3 days ago by 1313e

100.00%

< 100.00% >



software-testing

Latest commit 17 days ago by jacobseiler

39.60%



mpi4pyd

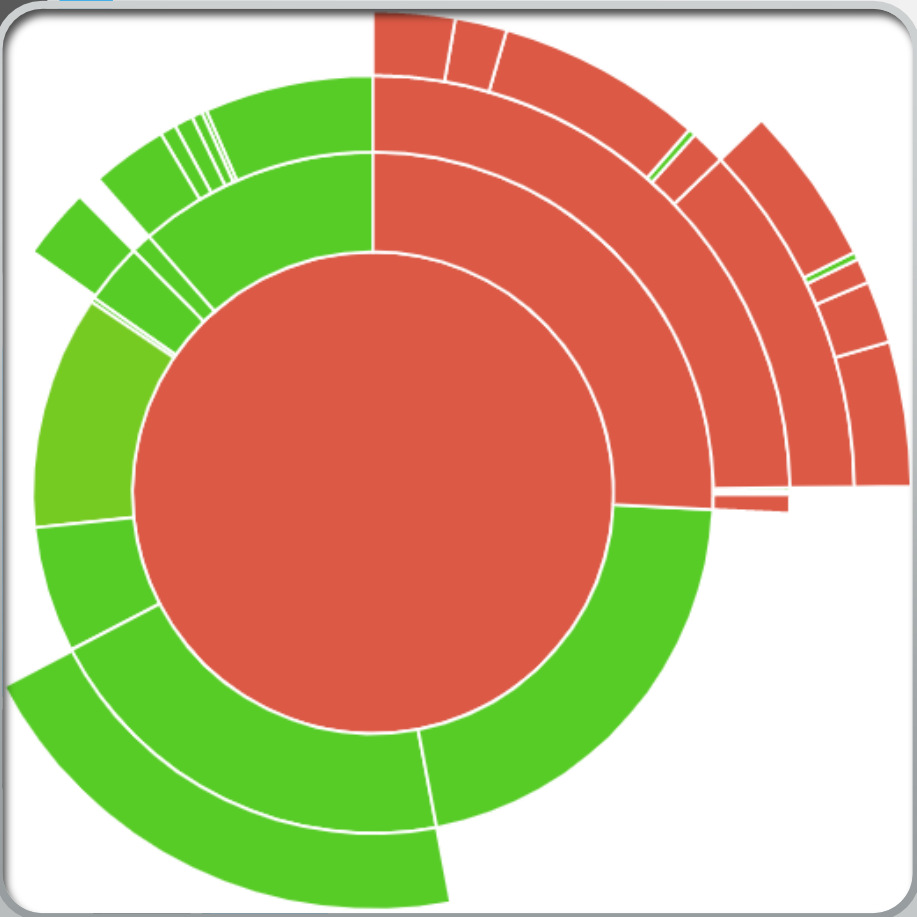
Latest commit 3 months ago by 1313e

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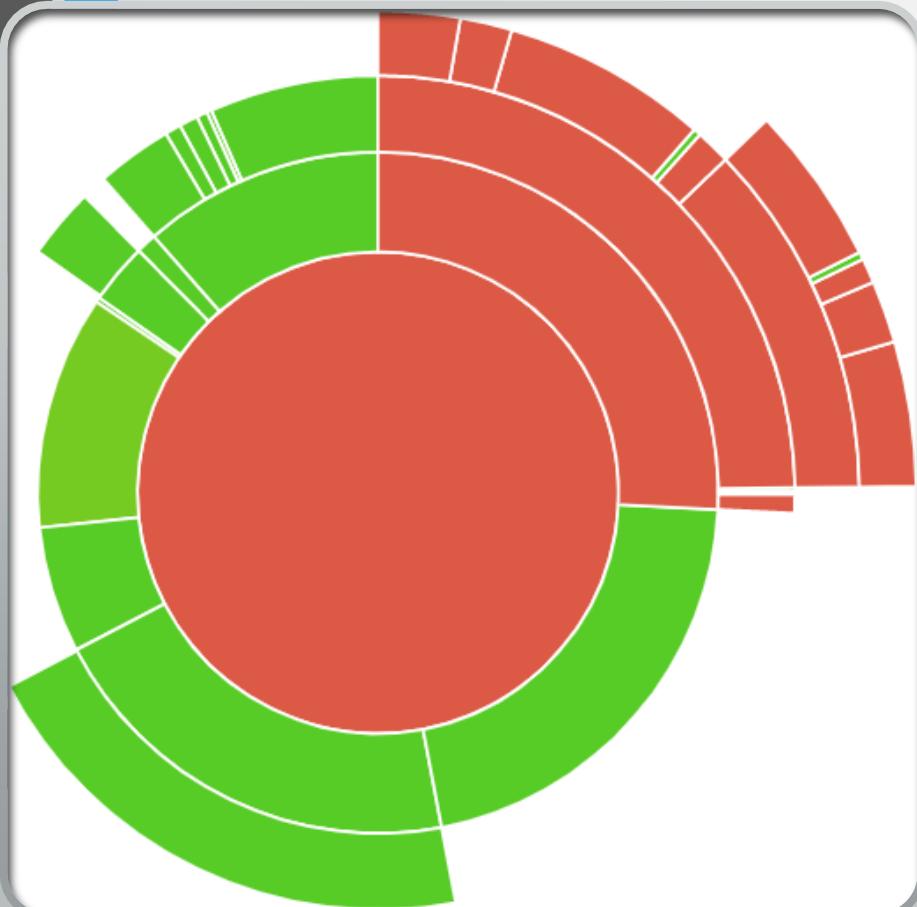
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	[WIP #27] Added a details option that gives the details overview of an emulator iteration. 1313e 12 days ago dev a9c4a4d ✓ CI Passed	 85.16% < 20.93% > (-2.55%)
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	[WIP #27] Fixed that the options menu sometimes did not open in the center of the GUI. 1313e 13 days ago dev 04f1ac8	 87.40% < 9.68% > 0
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	[WIP #27] Made some modifications to the way figures are saved. 1313e 14 days ago dev 60d677c ✓ CI Passed	 87.71% < 6.78% > (-0.31%)
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	[WIP #27] More improvements to the Projection GUI. 1313e 14 days ago dev 46ad99c ✓ CI Passed	 88.21% < 20.15% > (-2.90%)
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Coverage TL;DR

1. `"pip install pytest-cov";`
2. Add arguments `"--cov --cov-report=term-missing"` to pytest (or to `"addopts"`);
3. Optionally add `"--cov-branch"` for branch coverage;
4. Activate repo on CodeCov to start monitoring coverage.