

Step 1: Create and Activate Virtual Environment (if not already)

1. sudo apt update -y

```
adypuatharv@atharva-VirtualBox:~$ sudo apt upgrade -y
[sudo] password for adypuatharv:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
Calculating upgrade... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  libgl1-amber-dri libglapi-mesa libllvm17t64 python3-netifaces
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following NEW packages will be installed:
  libllvm20 linux-headers-6.14.0-35-generic linux-hwe-6.14-headers-6.14.0-35 linux-hwe-6
  linux-image-6.14.0-35-generic linux-modules-6.14.0-35-generic linux-modules-extra-6.14
  linux-tools-6.14.0-35-generic mesa-libgallium
The following packages have been kept back:
  libgl1-amber-dri libglapi-mesa
```

2. sudo apt install python3-pip python3.12-venv -y

```
atharv@atharv:~$ sudo apt install python3-pip python3.12-venv -y
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
  libdrm-nouveau2 libdrm-radeon1 libgl1-amber-dri libglapi-mesa libllvm17t64 libxcb-dri2-0
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
The following additional packages will be installed:
  build-essential bzip2 cpp cpp-13 cpp-13-x86-64-linux-gnu cpp-x86-64-linux-gnu dpkg-dev fakeroot g++ g++-13 g++-13-x86-64-linux-gnu g++-x86-64-linux-gnu
  gcc gcc-13 gcc-13-base gcc-13-x86-64-linux-gnu gcc-x86-64-linux-gnu javascript-common libalgorithm-diff-perl libalgorithm-diff-xs-perl
  libalgorithm-merge-perl libasan3 libasan8 libatomic1 libc-dev-bin libc-devtools libc6-dev libc6-i386 libcrypt-dev libde265-0 libdpkg-perl libexpat1-dev
  libfakeroot libfile-fontlock-perl libgcc-13-dev libgd3 libheif-plugin-aomdec libheif-plugin-aomenc libheif-plugin-libde265 libheif1 libhwloc-dev libisl23
  libit1 libjs-jquery libjs-sphinxdoc libjs-underscore libltdb0 libmpc3 libpython3-dev libpython3.12-dev libquadmath0 libstdc++-13-dev libtsan2 libubsan1
  linux-libc-dev lto-disabled-list make manpages-dev python3-dev python3-pip-whl python3-setuptools-whl python3-wheel python3.12-dev python3.12-venv
  rpcsvc-proto zlib1g-dev
Suggested packages:
  bzip2-doc cpp-doc gcc-13-locales cpp-13-doc debian-keyring g++-multilib g++-13-multilib gcc-13-doc gcc-multilib autoconf automake libtool flex bison gdb
  gcc-doc gcc-13-multilib gdb-x86-64-linux-gnu apache2 | lighttpd | httpd glibc-doc bzip2 libgd-tools libheif-plugin-x265 libheif-plugin-ffmpegdec
  libheif-plugin-jpegdec libheif-plugin-jpegenc libheif-plugin-j2kdec libheif-plugin-j2kenc libheif-plugin-rav1e libheif-plugin-svtenc libstdc++-13-doc
  make-doc
```

The command I ran earlier had already been executed, which is why it's showing only partially. Normally, it takes some time to complete.

3. python3 -m venv airflow_env

```
atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ python3 -m venv airflow_env
atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$
```

source airflow_env/bin/activate

```
atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ source airflow_env/bin/activate
(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$
```

```

atharv@Atharv:~$ source airflow_env/bin/activate
(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~$ pip install --upgrade pip
Requirement already satisfied: pip in ./airflow_env/lib/python3.12/site-packages (24.0)
Collecting pip
  Downloading pip-25.3-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (4.7 kB)
  Downloading pip-25.3-py3-none-any.whl (1.8 MB)
    1.8/1.8 MB 475.7 kB/s eta 0:00:00
Installing collected packages: pip
  Attempting uninstall: pip
    Found existing installation: pip 24.0
    Uninstalling pip-24.0:
      Successfully uninstalled pip-24.0
Successfully installed pip-25.3
(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~$ pip install "apache-airflow==2.9.2" --constraint "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/apache/airflow/constraints-2.9.2/constraints-3.10.txt"
Collecting apache-airflow==2.9.2
  Downloading apache_airflow-2.9.2-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (43 kB)
Collecting alembic<2.0,>=1.13.1 (from apache-airflow==2.9.2)
  Downloading alembic-1.13.1-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (7.4 kB)
Collecting argcomplete>=1.10 (from apache-airflow==2.9.2)
  Downloading argcomplete-3.3.0-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (16 kB)
Collecting asgiref (from apache-airflow==2.9.2)
  Using cached asgiref-3.8.1-py3-none-any.whl.metadata (9.3 kB)

```

Step 2: Install Apache Airflow (Stable Version with Dependencies)

You need to add the `~/airflow_env/bin` to your PATH permanently.

```
echo 'export PATH="$HOME/airflow_env/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.bashrc
```

```
source ~/.bashrc
```

Step 4: Set Airflow Home Directory (Optional but Recommended)

By default, Airflow creates files in `~/airflow`. You can choose a custom directory.

```
echo 'export AIRFLOW_HOME=~/airflow' >> ~/.bashrc
```

```
source ~/.bashrc
```

```

(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ export AIRFLOW_HOME=~/airflow
export AIRFLOW__CORE__LOAD_EXAMPLES=False
(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ |

```

Step 5: Initialize Airflow Database

```
airflow db init
```

All the commands are run in a in taken in a single screenshot

```

(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ airflow db init
Usage: airflow db [-h] COMMAND ...

Database operations

Positional Arguments:
  COMMAND
  check                Check if the database can be reached
  check-migrations     Check if migration have finished
  clean                Purge old records in metastore tables
  downgrade            Downgrade the schema of the metadata database.
  drop-archived        Drop archived tables created through the db clean com
  export-archived      Export archived data from the archive tables
  migrate             Migrates the metadata database to the latest version
  reset               Burn down and rebuild the metadata database
  shell               Runs a shell to access the database

Options:
  -h, --help          show this help message and exit

airflow db command error: argument COMMAND: invalid choice: 'init' (choose
archived', 'migrate', 'reset', 'shell'), see help above.
(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ |

```

Step 6: Create Airflow Admin User

airflow users create \

--username admin \

--firstname Admin \

--lastname User \

--role Admin \

--email admin@example.com

It will ask for password → set a secure one.

```

(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ airflow users create \
--username admin \
--firstname Atharv \
--lastname Jagtap \
--role Admin \
--email atharv@example.com
Usage: airflow [-h] GROUP_OR_COMMAND ...

Positional Arguments:
  GROUP_OR_COMMAND

Groups
  assets          Manage assets
  backfill        Manage backfills
  config          View configuration
  connections     Manage connections
  dags            Manage DAGs
  db              Database operations
  db-manager      Manage externally connected database managers
  jobs            Manage jobs
  pools           Manage pools
  providers       Display providers

```

The above screenshot shows that the database exit because I have already runned this code first now when we run the second time it shows admin exist in the db

Step 7: Create folders for DAGs

```
mkdir -p ~/airflow/dags
```

Airflow will automatically look for DAGs in ~/airflow/dags.

Step 8 : Create a simple DAG

1. Open a text editor and create a file: nano ~/airflow/dags/etl_dag.py

2. Paste the following **example DAG code**:

```
from datetime import datetime

from airflow import DAG

from airflow.operators.python import PythonOperator

# Example ETL functions

def extract():
    print("Extracting data...")

def transform():
    print("Transforming data...")

def load():
    print("Loading data...")

# Define DAG

with DAG(
    'etl_dag',
    start_date=datetime(2025, 11, 7),
    schedule_interval='@daily',
    catchup=False,
    description='A simple ETL DAG with dependencies'
) as dag:

# Define tasks

    extract_task = PythonOperator(
        task_id='extract',
        python_callable=extract
    )

    transform_task = PythonOperator(
        task_id='transform',
```



```

(airflow_env) atharv@Atharv:~/airflow$ airflow scheduler
Please confirm database initialize (or wait 4 seconds to skip it). Are you sure? [y/N]
y
2025-11-07T13:51:15.882464Z [info] ] Context impl SQLiteImpl. [alembic.runtime.migration] loc=migration.py:211
2025-11-07T13:51:15.882692Z [info] ] Will assume non-transactional DDL. [alembic.runtime.migration] loc=migration.py:214
2025-11-07T13:51:15.883314Z [info] ] Creating Airflow database tables from the ORM [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:684
2025-11-07T13:51:15.883448Z [info] ] Creating context [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:689
2025-11-07T13:51:15.884218Z [info] ] Binding engine [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:691
2025-11-07T13:51:15.884345Z [info] ] Pool status: NullPool [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:693
2025-11-07T13:51:16.133044Z [info] ] Creating metadata [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:695
2025-11-07T13:51:16.133044Z [info] ] Getting alembic config [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:698
2025-11-07T13:51:16.133782Z [info] ] Stamping migration head [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:705
2025-11-07T13:51:16.135666Z [info] ] Context impl SQLiteImpl. [alembic.runtime.migration] loc=migration.py:211
2025-11-07T13:51:16.135905Z [info] ] Will assume non-transactional DDL. [alembic.runtime.migration] loc=migration.py:214
2025-11-07T13:51:16.158897Z [info] ] Running stamp_revision -> cc92b33c6709 [alembic.runtime.migration] loc=migration.py:622
2025-11-07T13:51:16.163203Z [info] ] Airflow database tables created [airflow.utils.db] loc=db.py:708
DB initialize done
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2025-11-07T13:51:16.398345Z [info] ] Starting log server on http://[::]:8793 [airflow.utils.serve_logs.core] loc=core.py:50
2025-11-07T13:51:16.418524Z [info] ] Starting the scheduler [airflow.jobs.scheduler_job_runner.SchedulerJobRunner] loc=scheduler_job_runner.py:10
2025-11-07T13:51:16.421309Z [info] ] Loaded executor: :LocalExecutor: [airflow.executors.executor_loader] loc=executor_loader.py:281
2025-11-07T13:51:16.426873Z [info] ] Adopting or resetting orphaned tasks for active dag runs [airflow.jobs.scheduler_job_runner.SchedulerJobRunner] loc=
scheduler_job_runner.py:2276
WARNING: ASGI app factory detected. Using it, but please consider setting the --factory flag explicitly.
INFO: Started server process [6759]
INFO: Waiting for application startup.
INFO: Application startup complete.
INFO: Uvicorn running on http://:8793 (Press CTRL+C to quit)

```

Login in using username and password

The screenshot shows the Apache Airflow web interface in a browser. The top navigation bar includes links for DAGs, Cluster Activity, Datasets, Security, Browse, Admin, and Docs. A warning message at the top states: "Do not use SQLite as metadata DB in production - it should only be used for dev/testing. We recommend using Postgres or MySQL. Click here for more information." Below this, another warning says: "Do not use the SequentialExecutor in production. Click here for more information." The main section is titled "DAGs" and features a table of DAGs. The table has columns for DAG name, Owner, Runs, Schedule, Last Run, Next Run, and Recent Tasks. The DAGs listed include "Params Trigger UI", "Params UI tutorial", "Sample DAG with Display Name", "conditional_dataset_and_time_based_timetable", "consume_1_and_2_with_dataset_expressions", and "consume_1_or_2_with_dataset_expressions". The "conditional_dataset_and_time_based_timetable" DAG is highlighted, showing a schedule of "Dataset or 8 1 * * 3" and a last run of "2025-11-05, 01:00:00".

The above dag with name etl_dag is the dag which we created now using the code

| DAG Name | Type | Status | Schedule | Last Run | Next Run |
|--|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------|
| conditional_dataset_and_time_based_timetable | airflow | Dataset or 0 1 * * * | 2025-11-05, 01:00:00 | | |
| consume_1_and_2_with_dataset_expressions | airflow | Dataset | 1 of 2 datasets updated | | |
| consume_1_or_2_with_dataset_expressions | airflow | Dataset | 1 of 2 datasets updated | | |
| consume_1_or_both_2_and_3_with_dataset_expressions | airflow | Dataset | 1 of 3 datasets updated | | |
| dataset_consumes_1 | airflow | Dataset | On s3:dag1/output_1.txt | | |
| dataset_consumes_1_and_2 | airflow | Dataset | 1 of 2 datasets updated | | |
| dataset_consumes_1_never_scheduled | airflow | Dataset | 1 of 2 datasets updated | | |
| dataset_consumes_unknown_never_scheduled | airflow | Dataset | 0 of 2 datasets updated | | |
| dataset_produces_1 | airflow | @daily | 2025-11-07, 09:42:12 | 2025-11-07, 00:00:00 | |
| dataset_produces_2 | airflow | None | | | |
| etl_dag | airflow | @daily | 2025-11-08, 00:00:00 | | |
| example_bash_decorator | airflow | None | | | |

The below Screenshot represents the detail of the dag

| Category | Value |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| DAG Summary | |
| Total Tasks | 3 |
| PythonOperators | 3 |
| DAG Details | |
| Dag display name | etl_dag |
| Dag id | etl_dag |
| Description | A simple ETL DAG with dependencies |
| Fileloc | /home/ubuntu/airflow/dags/etl_dag.py |
| Has import errors | false |

The below screenshot represents the graph of the dag



