

# Setup Virtual Environment

It seems like Python 3.11 is installed on your system. If you want to install Python 3.10, you might need to compile it from source or use a tool like `pyenv` to manage multiple Python versions.

## Using `pyenv` to Install Python 3.10

`pyenv` is a simple, powerful, and cross-platform tool for managing multiple versions of Python on a single machine. Here's how you might use it to install Python 3.10:

1. **Install Dependencies:** Install dependencies for building Python:

```
sudo apt-get install -y build-essential libssl-dev zlib1g-dev libbz2-dev \
libreadline-dev libsqlite3-dev wget curl llvm libncurses5-dev libncursesw5-dev \
xz-utils tk-dev libffi-dev liblzma-dev python3-openssl git
```

2. **Install `pyenv`:** Install `pyenv` using `pyenv-installer`:

```
curl <https://pyenv.run> | bash
```

3. **Configure Shell:** Add `pyenv` to your shell's profile script:

```
echo 'export PATH="$HOME/.pyenv/bin:$PATH"' >> ~/.bashrc
echo 'eval "$(pyenv init --path)"' >> ~/.bashrc
echo 'eval "$(pyenv virtualenv-init -)"' >> ~/.bashrc
```

Then, restart your shell or run `source ~/.bashrc`.

4. **Install Python 3.10:** Install Python 3.10 using `pyenv`:

```
pyenv install 3.10.0
```

5. **Set Python 3.10 as Default:** Optionally, set Python 3.10 as the default version for your user:

```
pyenv global 3.10.0
```

6. **Check Python Version:** Verify the Python version:

```
python --version
```

## Note:

- **Using Different Python Versions:** With `pyenv`, you can switch between Python versions easily and even set directory-specific Python versions.
- **Virtual Environments:** You can also manage virtual environments with `pyenv`.
- **System Python:** This will not affect the system Python used by your OS; it's user-specific.

This method allows you to use Python 3.10 without affecting the system Python version and without needing superuser (root) access. If you have any questions or run into issues, feel free to ask!

The error message you're seeing is due to PEP 668, which prevents `pip` from modifying system-managed environments in Python 3.11 and later. To install `frappe-bench`, you can use a virtual environment or `pipx` as suggested in the error message. Below are the steps for both methods:

## Method 1: Using a Virtual Environment

1. **Create a Virtual Environment:** Choose a directory where you want to create a virtual environment and run:

```
python3 -m venv frappe_env
// to use a specific version:
python3.10 -m venv frappe_env310
```

2. **Activate the Virtual Environment:**

```
source frappe_env/bin/activate
```

3. **Install `frappe-bench`:** Now, you should be able to install `frappe-bench` using `pip` without encountering the PEP 668 error:

```
pip3 install frappe-bench
```

4. **Use `frappe-bench`:** You can now use `frappe-bench` commands. Ensure the virtual environment is activated whenever you use them.
5. **Deactivate the Environment:** When done, deactivate the virtual environment:

```
deactivate
```

## Method 2: Using `pipx`

1. **Install `pipx`:** You might need to use `pip` with `-user` to install `pipx` in your user space:

```
python3 -m pip install --user pipx
```

2. **Ensure Path:** Ensure `~/local/bin` is in your PATH. You might add the following line to your `.bashrc` or `.bash_profile` (or other relevant shell initialization file):  
And then apply the changes:

Or replace

`.bashrc` with your shell initialization file.

```
export PATH=$PATH:~/local/bin
```

```
source ~/.bashrc
```

3. **Install `frappe-bench` with `pipx`:**

```
pipx install frappe-bench
```

4. **Use `frappe-bench`:** You can now use `frappe-bench` commands directly from the terminal.

Choose the method that suits your needs best. If you're planning to do development with `frappe-bench`, the virtual environment method might be preferable. If you just need to run `frappe-bench` commands and want to avoid managing the environment, `pipx` might be more convenient.

