PYTHON PACKAGE MANAGEMENT WITH PIP-TOOLS

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HOW PYTHON PACKAGE MANAGEMENT IS DONE TODAY

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

- pip
- virtualenv
- requirements.txt

PIN THE TOP-LEVEL DEPENDENCIES

```
django==1.8.18
djangorestframework==3.5.3
django-extensions==1.7.5
requests==2.18.3
```

requirements.txt

\$ pip install -r requirements.txt

ISSUE WITH THAT APPROACH IS THAT IT CAN BE NON-DETERMINISTIC

This is because you did not pin sub-dependencies

MOST COMMON SOLUTION FOR DETERMINISTIC BUILDS

\$ pip freeze > requirements.txt

```
certifi==2017.7.27.1
chardet==3.0.4
Django==1.8.18
django-extensions==1.7.5
djangorestframework==3.5.3
idna==2.5
requests==2.18.3
six==1.10.0
```

requirements.txt

urllib3==1.22

ISSUE WITH THAT APPROACH IS THAT YOU NOW HAVE TOP-LEVEL DEPENDENCIES MIXED WITH SUB-DEPENDENCIES

This will make you life much harder to deal with upgrades/removals of dependencies

THE SOLUTION: PIP-TOOLS

\$ pip install pip-tools

pip-tools = pip-compile + pip-sync

CREATE A REQUIREMENTS.IN

Only include top-level dependencies

```
# requirements.in
```

```
django==1.8.18
djangorestframework==3.5.3
django-extensions==1.7.5
requests==2.18.3
```

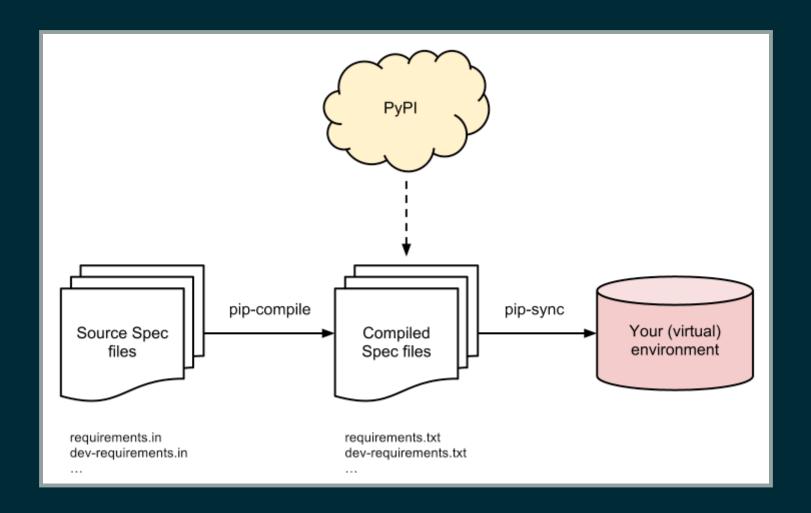
\$ pip-compile requirements.in

```
# This file is autogenerated by pip-compile
 To update, run:
#
#
     pip-compile --output-file requirements.txt requirements.in
#
certifi==2017.7.27.1 # via requests
chardet==3.0.4
                # via requests
django-extensions==1.7.5
django==1.8.18
djangorestframework==3.5.3
idna==2.5
                         # via requests
requests==2.18.3
six = 1.10.0
                         # via django-extensions
urllib3==1.22
                         # via requests
```

PIP-SYNC

pip-sync ensures that your virtualenv is synced with your requirements.txt and removes everything else. This is important so you don't accidentally have other packages in your virtualenv that may have forgotten to be uninstalled.

\$ pip-sync requirements.txt



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