How to create virtual environment using pip and install the required libraries?

To create a new virtual environment using pip and install the packages listed in a requirements.txt file, follow these steps:

Step 1: Install virtualenv (if not already installed)

If you don't have virtualenv installed, you can install it using pip. Open your terminal or command prompt and run the following command:

1 pip install virtualenv

Step 2: Create a new virtual environment

Once virtualenv is installed, you can create a new virtual environment. Navigate to the directory where you want to create the virtual environment and run the following command:

1 virtualenv venv

Here, venv is the name of the virtual environment. You can use any name you prefer.

Step 3: Activate the virtual environment

To start using the virtual environment, you need to activate it. The activation steps differ depending on your operating system:

For Windows:

1 venv\Scripts\activate

For macOS and Linux:

1 source venv/bin/activate

Step 4: Install packages from requirements.txt

Now that your virtual environment is active, you can install the packages listed in the requirements.txt file. Make sure the requirements.txt file is present in your current working directory or provide the full path to the file.

1 pip install -r requirements.txt

This command will install all the packages specified in the requirements.txt file into your virtual environment.

Step 5: Deactivate the virtual environment (optional)

When you're done working in the virtual environment and want to switch back to your system's global Python environment, you can deactivate the virtual environment:

1 deactivate

That's it! You've now created a new virtual environment using pip and installed the packages from the requirements.txt file into it. You can activate and deactivate the virtual environment whenever you need to work on your project.