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Setup



- Python 2.7.x
- Python 3.6.x is fine too, but as most libraries are still in 2.7.x, this class will focus on that
- O Virtual environments
- pip (package management)
- A terminal (Mac terminal or iTerm2 are fine)
- A text editor of your choice
- IDEs like Eclipse, IDLE, PyCharm are fine too but I'll be teaching basics with plain text

Python 2.7.x



- On Mac, you should have this already preinstalled
- Test it out with

\$ python --version Python 2.7.10

\$ python
>>> print "Hello, World!"

Python 3.x.x



On Mac, you would need to install this from http://python.org

```
$ python3 --version Python 3.5.1
```

SyntaxError: Missing parentheses in call to 'print' >>> print("Hello, World!")
Hello, World!

pip



- Python package management
- Registry of packages on PyPi
- Verify you have pip installed:

```
$ pip --version pip 9.0.1 from /usr/local/lib/...
```

\$ pip --help
\$ pip freeze # or pip list
\$ pip show <pkg-name>

Virtual Environments



- An absolute, non-negotiable, must have for any type of serious development work
- Avoids versioning nightmare
- No more having eight versions of a package on your laptop
 - \$ pip install virtualenv
 - \$ pip install virtualenvwrapper

virtualenvwrapper (installing)



- This is a really, really nice way to manage
- Edit shell startup file (I use ~/.bash_profile):

```
# for virtualenvwrapper
export WORKON_HOME=$HOME/.virtualenvs
export PROJECT_HOME=$HOME/Code
source /usr/local/bin/virtualenvwrapper.sh
```

Then run:

\$ source ~/.bash_profile \$ workon

virtualenvwrapper (creating)



\$ python

>>> import requests
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ImportError: No module named requests

\$ mkvirtualenv test (test)\$ pip install requests (test)\$ python >>> import requests >>> requests.get("http://google.com") <Response [200]> >>> exit()

virtualenvwrapper (deleting)



```
(test)$ pip freeze # show installed packages
(test)$ which python # what do we see here?
(test)$ deactivate
$ which python
$ workon test
(test)$ deactivate
$ rmvirtualenv test
$ workon test
ERROR: Environment 'test' does not exist. Create
it with 'mkvirtualenv test'.
```

Lab 0: Using a virtualenv



- Create a new virtualenv
- Install the Fabric SSH automation library for Python
- Install the boto v3 library for AWS automation
- Verify you can import them in a terminal
- Q: Which versions of each did you install?
- Q: Where is this virtualenv located on disk?
- Delete the virtual environment