

STEP 1 — Go to the py2cfg repo folder

This must be the folder that contains:

```
pyproject.toml  
py2cfg/  
README.md
```

Example:

```
cd ~/Downloads/py2cfg
```

STEP 2 — Create a virtual environment (inside repo)

```
python3 -m venv .venv
```

Activate it:

```
source .venv/bin/activate
```

You should now see:

```
(.venv)
```

STEP 3 — Remove any installed version (important)

```
pip uninstall -y py2cfg
```

This prevents Python from accidentally using the global version.

STEP 4 — Install YOUR local repo in editable mode

This is the key step:

```
pip install -e .
```

The `-e` means:

"Use THIS folder as the package source"

So when you edit files, Python immediately uses your changes.

STEP 5 — Confirm it's using YOUR code

Run:

```
python -c "import py2cfg; print(py2cfg.__file__)"
```

It should print something like:

```
/Users/yourname/Downloads/py2cfg/py2cfg/__init__.py
```

If it shows anything in `/Library/Frameworks/...`, then it's still using the wrong one.

STEP 6 — Now run your tool

Inside the activated venv:

```
py2cfg test.py --outfile test_cfg
```

Now it will use YOUR modified `builder.py`.