How to Test and Deploy a Python Web App

An Opinionated Tour of Testing Tools



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This talk will not be

- a deep dive into any one area of testing
- a debate on which style, framework or methodology is better

This talk will be

- Opinionated
- A list of what tools are available
- A collection of resources available
- Useful (hopefully)

Tenki - A Weather Service





Flask Web site & API that returns the weather https://github.com/bear/tenki



OpenWeatherMap http://openweathermap.org/api



PyOWM - Python wrapper for the OpenWeatherMap API https://github.com/csparpa/pyowm

Python Web App Testing Path



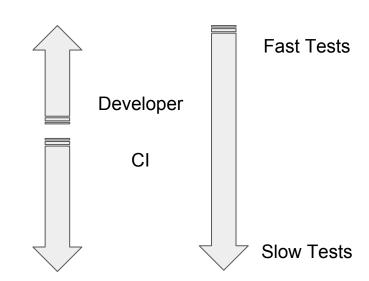
Developer Testing

Component Testing

Integration Testing

Acceptance Testing

System Testing





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```
import sys
from flask.ext.script import Manager, Server
from flask.ext.script.commands import Command, ShowUrls, Clean
from tenki import create_app
def test(marker="not web and not integration"):
    test_args = ['--strict', '--verbose', '--tb=long', 'tests', '-m', marker]
    import pytest
    errno = pytest.main(test_args)
    sys.exit(errno)
class Test(Command):
    def run(self):
        self.test_suite = True
        test()
class Integration(Command):
    def run(self):
        self.test_suite = True
        test(marker="integration")
class WebTests(Command):
    def run(self):
        self.test_suite = True
        test(marker="web")
app = create_app('tenki.settings.%sConfig' % env.capitalize())
manager = Manager(app)
manager.add_command("test", Test())
manager.add_command("integration", Integration())
manager.add_command("webtest", WebTests())
```

pyenv -- https://pypi.python.org/pypi/pyenv



```
bear@opus ~/circleci/tenki
$ pyenv virtualenv 2.7.10 tenki27
New python executable in /usr/local/var/pyenv/versions/2.
7/envs/tenki27/bin/python2.7
bear@opus ~/circleci/tenki
$ pyenv local tenki27
pyenv-virtualenv: deactivate
pyenv-virtualenv: activate tenki
(tenki27)
bear@opus ~/circleci/tenki
$ git clone git@github.com:bear/tenki.git .
(tenki27)
bear@opus ~/circleci/python_testing/tenki (master %)
$ make update-all
```

pytest -- http://pytest.org/latest/



- runs on Posix/Windows, Python 2.6-3.5, PyPy
- Mature testing framework that has no boilerplate,
- Doesn't require special syntax for assertions,
- Tests can be written as xUnit classes or as functions,
- pytest can run tests written using nose, unittest, and doctest.
- Marking test functions with attributes,
- Skip and xfail

git pre-commit -- https://pypi.python.org/pypi/git-pre-commit-hook



built-in plugins for:

- validate json files
- validate Python-code with flake8
- validate Python-code with frosted
- validate .rst files with restructuredtext_lint
- validate .ini files with confignarser
- validate .yaml files with PyYAML
- validate .xml files with xml.etree.ElementTree
- check filesize



setup.cfg

```
[check-manifest]
ignore =
  violations.flake8.txt
[flake8]
ignore = E111, E124, E126, E201, E202, E221, E241, E302, E501
[pytest]
markers =
  web: tests that require chrome webdriver
  integration: tests that require mocking or external services
```

Component Testing



Docker Compose

- nginx
- uwsgi
- robcherry/docker-chromedriver:latest

```
uwsgi:
    build: .
    dockerfile: docker-uwsgi
web:
    build: .
    dockerfile: docker-nginx
    links:
        - uwsgi
    expose:
        - 8000
    ports:
        - "8000:8000"
chromedriver:
    image: robcherry/docker-chromedriver:latest
    links:
        - web
    ports:
        - "4444:4444"
    environment:
        CHROMEDRIVER_WHITELISTED_IPS: ""
```

```
docker-build:
   docker-compose build
   docker-compose pull
   docker-compose rm -f
docker-start:
   docker-compose up -d
webtest: docker-start
   $(eval DRIVER_IP := $(shell ./wait_for_ip.sh))
   DOCKER_IP=$(DOCKER_IP) python manage.py webtest
   docker-compose stop
```

```
upstream app {
   server uwsgi:8001;
server {
                8000 default_server;
   listen
   server_name
               utf-8;
   charset
   location / {
       uwsgi_pass app;
       include /etc/nginx/uwsgi_params;
```

```
# bundle application as a tarball
BDATE=`date +%Y%m%d` git archive -o tenki_${BDATE}.tar.gz branch
```



```
# start uwsgi service
uwsgi --socket :8001 --chdir /opt/tenki --module uwsgi-app --callable
application
#!/usr/bin/env python
# uwsgi-app.py
import os
from tenki import create_app
env = os.environ.get('TENKI_ENV', 'prod')
application = create_app('tenki.settings.%sConfig' % env.capitalize())
if __name__ == "__main__":
    application.run()
```

Deploy



Google Cloud and AppEngine

https://circleci.com/docs/deploy-google-app-engine

gcloud -q preview app deploy app.yaml --promote --version=staging

Resources



Tox -- Run tests using different Python versions
Coverage.py -- Measure code coverage during test runs
Mock -- Replace code with mock objects
Locust.io -- Load testing

https://pages.18f.gov/testing-cookbook/python/ http://docs.python-guide.org/en/latest/writing/tests/ https://pythonhosted.org/testing/

Review



Created a Developer environment that enforced good patterns

lint, unit tests, pre-commit checks, local testing

Created a component/integration test environment using Docker

This allows us to have developer and QA tests be identical

Created a Makefile to coordinate start, stop and test runs

Again, allows us to have the identical paths for Dev, QA, CI, CD

Hopefully learned something new!

Questions?



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Example Repo

https://github.com/bear/tenki/