

Python Venv

Definition :

- It is used to create isolated workspace to install & manage specific packages & dependencies for a project without affecting global python installation.

How it Works :

- It creates a copy of **python interpreter**.
- It creates a **Scripts/** directory with pip specifically for this folder
- It creates a separate **sites-package**.

Advantage :

- Isolation :
 - It separates and isolates the dependencies between the project.
 - It does not conflict with the global python dependencies.
- Easy To Share :
 - The project setup can be easily shared to different machine using the requirements.txt.
- Clean Uninstallation :
 - To remove all the dependencies for clean setup or to restart from scratch, the .venv folder can simply be deleted for a fresh start.
- Testing :
 - It is easy for testing multiple versions of dependencies to find the most compatible package version for our package.

Disadvantages :

- Storage Overload :

-- Since the interpreter is copied and the packages are loaded again into the venv it creates a storage overload.

- Manual Activation :

-- It needs to be manually activated every time unless specifically setup using code editors like VS Code.

How to create :

```
> python -m venv myvenv
> myvenv\Scripts\activate
(myvenv) C:\Users\UserName\Project >
> pip freeze > requirements.txt
> pip install requirements
> deactivate
```