Using Virtualenv

ATOM - Austin's Thing of the Month

Simplify your python project dependency management.

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What does it do?

Creates isolated environments for your python dependencies.

- Have you ever had project A need version 0.75 of libX and project B need version 0.82 of the same library?
- Solving mixed dependencies on complex projects gets messy fast.
- Works on windows, though this presentation is Unix-ish.

Getting Started

Installing with easy_install:

```
sudo easy_install virtualenv
```

Using it:

```
virtualenv <envname>
virtualenv project1
virtualenv --relocatable relocatable-project
virtualenv --no-site-packages isolated-project
```

What do you get?

```
project1/
-- bin
-- include
   +-- python2.6 -> /usr/include/python2.6
+-- lib
    +-- python2.6
         -- config -> /usr/lib/python2.6/config
         -- distutils
         -- encodings -> /usr/lib/python2.6/encodings
         -- lib-dynload -> /usr/lib/python2.6/lib-dynload
        +-- site-packages
```

What is in bin/?

A few helper scripts and any package executables go here:

```
activate{,.csh,.fish}
activate_this.py
easy_install
pip
python
```

On windows it is: activate.bat and deactivate.bat

How to use it.

Activate!

```
project1/bin/activate
```

Work!

```
pip install django #NO SUDO!!!!
```

Deactivate!

deactivate

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Install

```
sudo easy_install virtualenvwrapper
# prep your environment
export WORKON_HOME=~/python-environments
mkdir -p $WORKON_HOME
ln -s $WORKON_HOME ~/.virtualenvs
source /usr/local/bin/virtualenvwrapper.sh
```

Put the source line in your shell startup file.

What does this provide?

- Common environment installation location
- Tab Completion and Hooks
- Convenient shortcuts
 - mkvirtualenv Creates environment
 - workon Activates
 - •lssitepackages Show packages

References

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