**14 December 2024 at 10:55**

**You said:**

I am on Msys2 and accessing python from windows path. I could create virtual environment in Msys2: D:\Programs\Msys2\home\j1304\venv313 by command py -3.13 -m venv /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313. But my pip package is still trying to acces windows user home folder and I get error like this when trying to install pip-review package:  
  
$ pip install pip-review --upgrade Collecting pip-review Using cached pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl ERROR: Could not install packages due to an OSError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: 'C:\\users\\j1304\\appdata\\local\\pip\\cache\\wheels\\10\\0b\\a1\\30b16f072a51bb4e918ddd616761581099abbe28f12e23f5bd\\pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl' Check the permissions.

**Copilot said:**

It sounds like you're encountering a permissions issue because pip is trying to access your Windows user home folder. Here are a few steps you can try to resolve this:

1. **Run Command Prompt as Administrator**:
   * Open Command Prompt with administrative privileges. Right-click on the Command Prompt icon and select "Run as administrator".
   * Then try running your pip install command again.
2. **Change the Cache Directory**:
   * You can specify a different cache directory for pip that has the necessary permissions. Use the --cache-dir option:
   * pip install pip-review --upgrade --cache-dir /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip
3. **Modify Python Folder Permissions**:
   * Ensure that the Python installation folder and the cache directory have the correct permissions. You can modify the security settings to grant full control to your user account.
4. **Use the --user Option**:
   * Install the package in the user site-packages directory, which doesn't require administrative permissions:
   * pip install pip-review --upgrade --user
5. **Check Antivirus and Firewall Settings**:
   * Sometimes, security software can block the installation process. Temporarily disable your antivirus or firewall to see if it resolves the issue.
6. **Virtual Environment Permissions**:
   * Ensure that the virtual environment itself has the correct permissions. You might need to adjust the permissions of the venv313 directory.

Try these steps and see if they help resolve the issue. If you continue to face problems, let me know, and we can explore further solutions!

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**14 December 2024 at 10:56**

**You said:**

My question is since I have activated virtual environment in Msys2 and can see (venv313) before prompt why pip is not working in that and trying to access something which is outside virtual environment?

**Copilot said:**

It seems like pip is not recognizing the virtual environment correctly and is defaulting to the global environment settings. This can happen due to a few reasons:

1. **Path Issues**:
   * Ensure that the PATH environment variable is correctly set to include the virtual environment's bin directory. You can check this by running:
   * echo $PATH
   * The path should include something like /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin.
2. **Pip Configuration**:
   * Sometimes, pip might be using a configuration file that points to the global environment. Check if there's a pip.conf or pip.ini file in your system that might be overriding the settings. You can find these files in:
     + /etc/pip.conf
     + ~/.pip/pip.conf
     + ~/.config/pip/pip.conf
3. **Virtual Environment Activation**:
   * Ensure that the virtual environment is activated correctly. You should see (venv313) before your prompt. If not, activate it using:
   * source /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/activate
4. **Check Python Executable**:
   * Verify that the Python executable being used is from the virtual environment. Run:
   * which python
   * It should point to /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/python.
5. **Permissions**:
   * Ensure that the virtual environment directory and its contents have the correct permissions. You can adjust permissions using:
   * chmod -R 755 /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
6. **Recreate Virtual Environment**:
   * If the issue persists, try recreating the virtual environment to ensure there are no configuration issues:
   * rm -rf /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
   * py -3.13 -m venv /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
   * source /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/activate

These steps should help ensure that pip operates within the virtual environment. If the problem continues, it might be worth checking for any specific issues related to MSYS2 and virtual environments on platforms like GitHub

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. Let me know if you need further assistance!

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**14 December 2024 at 10:58**

**You said:**

See my path variable in Msys2. Python313 of windows is way below my Msys2 path in priority:  
  
$ echo $PATH | grep -i python313 /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/Lib/scripts:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/bin:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/share:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/lib:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/include:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/local:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/libexec:/d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.local/share:/home/j1304/venv313/Scripts:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/bin:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/share:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/lib:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/include:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/local:/d/Programs/Msys2/ucrt64/libexec:/d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.local/share:/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin:/opt/bin:/c/Windows/system32:/c/Windows:/c/Windows/System32/Wbem:/c/Windows/System32/WindowsPowerShell/v1.0:/c/Windows/System32/OpenSSH:/d/Programs/Python313/Scripts:/d/Programs/Python313:/c/Users/j1304/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Launcher:/d/BuildTools/VC/Tools/MSVC/14.42.34433/bin/Hostx64/x64:/d/BuildTools/Windows Kits/10/bin/10.0.26100.0/x64:/d/BuildTools/Windows Kits/10/bin/10.0.26100.0/x64/ucrt :/ucrt64/bin:/ucrt64/share:/ucrt64/lib:/ucrt64/include:/ucrt64/local:/ucrt64/libexec:/c/Windows/system32:/c/Windows:/c/Windows/System32/Wbem:/c/Windows/System32/WindowsPowerShell/v1.0:/c/Windows/System32/OpenSSH:/d/Programs/Python:/d/Programs/Python/Scripts:/d/Programs/Python313:/d/Programs/Python313/Scripts:/c/Users/j1304/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Launcher:/c/Users/j1304/AppData/Local/Microsoft/WindowsApps:/d/Programs/gvim:/d/Programs/java/bin:/d/Programs/rustup/bin:/d/Programs/maven/bin:/d/Programs/ant/bin:/usr/bin/site\_perl:/usr/bin/vendor\_perl:/usr/bin/core\_perl

**Copilot said:**

Thanks for sharing your PATH variable. It looks like the virtual environment paths are correctly prioritized. However, pip might still be defaulting to the global environment due to some other configuration or environment issue. Here are a few more things to check:

1. **Check pip Executable**:
   * Ensure that the pip executable being used is from the virtual environment. Run:
   * which pip
   * It should point to /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/pip or a similar path within your virtual environment.
2. **Check Python Executable**:
   * Similarly, verify that the Python executable is from the virtual environment:
   * which python
   * It should point to /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/python.
3. **Virtual Environment Activation**:
   * Make sure the virtual environment is activated correctly. You should see (venv313) before your prompt. If not, activate it using:
   * source /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/activate
4. **Pip Configuration Files**:
   * Check for any pip configuration files that might be overriding the settings. Look for pip.conf or pip.ini in the following locations:
     + /etc/pip.conf
     + ~/.pip/pip.conf
     + ~/.config/pip/pip.conf
   * Ensure these files do not contain settings that point to the global environment.
5. **Environment Variables**:
   * Check if any environment variables are set that might be affecting pip. Specifically, look for PIP\_CONFIG\_FILE or PIP\_CACHE\_DIR:
   * env | grep PIP
6. **Recreate Virtual Environment**:
   * If the issue persists, try recreating the virtual environment to ensure there are no configuration issues:
   * rm -rf /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
   * py -3.13 -m venv /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
   * source /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/activate

These steps should help ensure that pip operates within the virtual environment. If the problem continues, it might be worth checking for any specific issues related to MSYS2 and virtual environments on platforms like GitHub or Stack Overflow. Let me know if you need further assistance!

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**14 December 2024 at 11:00**

**You said:**

Here is the problem:  
  
It should point to /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/python. It points to Msys2's native python package which is 3.12 and I want 3.13 in Msys2 which is presently not upgraded. So I used py command to create virtual environment in Msys2 for Python 3.13. What is the way out?

**Copilot said:**

Got it. Since MSYS2's native Python package is 3.12 and you want to use Python 3.13, you can create and use a virtual environment with Python 3.13 by ensuring the correct paths and configurations. Here’s a step-by-step approach:

1. **Create the Virtual Environment**:
   * Use the py command to create a virtual environment with Python 3.13:
   * py -3.13 -m venv /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
2. **Activate the Virtual Environment**:
   * Activate the virtual environment:
   * source /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/activate
3. **Verify the Python Version**:
   * Ensure that the Python executable within the virtual environment is Python 3.13:
   * which python
   * It should point to /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/python.
4. **Check Pip Configuration**:
   * Ensure that pip is using the virtual environment's configuration. Run:
   * which pip
   * It should point to /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/bin/pip.
5. **Install Packages**:
   * Now, you should be able to install packages using pip within the virtual environment:
   * pip install pip-review --upgrade
6. **Set Environment Variables (if needed)**:
   * If pip still tries to access the global environment, you can explicitly set the PIP\_CONFIG\_FILE environment variable to ensure it uses the virtual environment's configuration:
   * export PIP\_CONFIG\_FILE=/d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/pip.conf

By following these steps, you should be able to use Python 3.13 within your MSYS2 environment without conflicts. If you encounter any further issues, feel free to ask!

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**14 December 2024 at 11:04**

**You said:**

See messages below. I tried everything you told above:  
  
$ which python /home/j1304/venv313/Scripts/python (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS ~ $ which pip /home/j1304/venv313/Scripts/pip (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS ~ $ pip install pip-review --upgrade Collecting pip-review Using cached pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl ERROR: Could not install packages due to an OSError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: 'C:\\users\\j1304\\appdata\\local\\pip\\cache\\wheels\\10\\0b\\a1\\30b16f072a51bb4e918ddd616761581099abbe28f12e23f5bd\\pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl' Check the permissions. (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS ~ $ python -m pip install pip-review --upgrade Collecting pip-review Using cached pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl ERROR: Could not install packages due to an OSError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: 'C:\\users\\j1304\\appdata\\local\\pip\\cache\\wheels\\10\\0b\\a1\\30b16f072a51bb4e918ddd616761581099abbe28f12e23f5bd\\pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl' Check the permissions. (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS ~ $ export PIP\_CONFIG\_FILE=/d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313/pip.conf (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS ~ $ python -m pip install pip-review --upgrade Collecting pip-review Using cached pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl ERROR: Could not install packages due to an OSError: [Errno 13] Permission denied: 'C:\\users\\j1304\\appdata\\local\\pip\\cache\\wheels\\10\\0b\\a1\\30b16f072a51bb4e918ddd616761581099abbe28f12e23f5bd\\pip\_review-1.3.0-py3-none-any.whl' Check the permissions.

**Copilot said:**

Thanks for sharing the details. It looks like pip is still trying to use the cache directory in your Windows user home folder, which is causing the permission issues. Here are a few more steps you can try to resolve this:

1. **Specify a Different Cache Directory**:
   * You can explicitly set a different cache directory for pip that has the necessary permissions. Use the --cache-dir option:
   * pip install pip-review --upgrade --cache-dir /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip
2. **Set Environment Variable for Cache Directory**:
   * Set the PIP\_CACHE\_DIR environment variable to point to a directory within your MSYS2 environment:
   * export PIP\_CACHE\_DIR=/d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip
3. **Check and Modify Permissions**:
   * Ensure that the cache directory and the virtual environment directory have the correct permissions:
   * mkdir -p /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip
   * chmod -R 755 /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip
   * chmod -R 755 /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/venv313
4. **Use the --user Option**:
   * Install the package in the user site-packages directory, which doesn't require administrative permissions:
   * pip install pip-review --upgrade --user
5. **Check for Existing Pip Configuration Files**:
   * Ensure there are no pip configuration files that might be overriding the settings. Look for pip.conf or pip.ini in the following locations and ensure they do not contain settings that point to the global environment:
     + /etc/pip.conf
     + ~/.pip/pip.conf
     + ~/.config/pip/pip.conf

By specifying a different cache directory and ensuring the correct permissions, you should be able to resolve the permission issues. Let me know if this helps or if you need further assistance!

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**14 December 2024 at 11:11**

**You said:**

pip install pip-review --upgrade --cache-dir /d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip did the trick.  
  
I set export PIP\_CACHE\_DIR=/d/Programs/Msys2/home/j1304/.cache/pip in .bash\_profile in Msys2 and sourced that using source command.

**Copilot said:**

That's great to hear! 🎉 Setting the PIP\_CACHE\_DIR environment variable in your .bash\_profile and sourcing it was a smart move. This should ensure that pip uses the correct cache directory in the future.

If you have any more questions or run into any other issues, feel free to ask. Happy coding! 😊

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