# How to Improve the Python Development Experience for Millions of Ubuntu Users



#### Disclaimer

#### Vim vs Emacs

### Python developer survey 2022

# Independence

# Building blocks

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# Python

#### What is even Python?

What about pip, venv and friends?

# Python on Ubuntu

version	code name	python	go	debhelper	support	eol
16.04	xenial xerus	3.5	?	9	04/2021	04/2026
18.04	bionic beaver	3.6	?	11	04/2023	04/2028
20.04	focal fossa	3.8	1.13 + 1.14	12	04/2025	04/2030
22.04	jammy jellyfish	3.10	?	13	04/2027	04/2032
24.04	noble numbat	3.12	?	13	04/2029	?

and of standard

https://jugmac00.github.io/blog/ubuntu-versions-cheat-sheet/

#### Word of caution

#### Askubuntu

https://askubuntu.com/questions/tagged/python



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Can't start terminal in any way, or TTY, after installing Python 3.12 on Ubuntu 20.04 [duplicate]

Asked 26 days ago Modified 26 days ago Viewed 53 times

https://askubuntu.com/q/1508787/846261



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# How to replace python3.10 with python3.12 in ubuntu 22.04 [duplicate]

Asked 4 months ago Modified 4 months ago Viewed 13k times

This error occurred in addition to the below error when I changed the python3 version:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "/usr/bin/apt-listchanges", line 29, in <module>
    import apt_pkg
ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'apt_pkg'
```

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#### What is Python on Ubuntu?

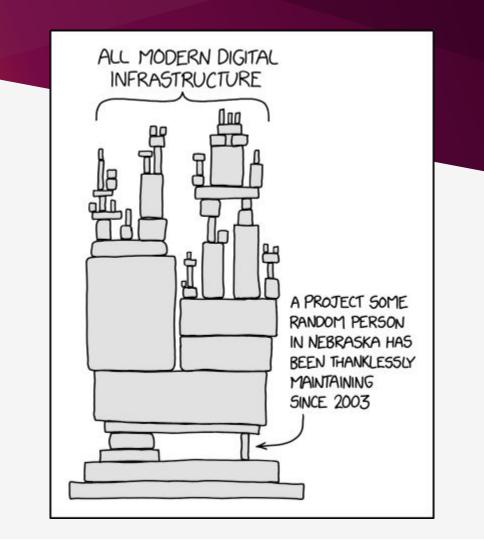
### ... but not all of Python

### ... but more than Python

#### Pitfalls of system packages

# Many ways

# deadsnakes ppa



#### Compile from source

https://devguide.python.org/getting-started/setup-building/

#### pyenv

https://github.com/pyenv/pyenv

#### hatch

https://github.com/pyenv/pyenv

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https://rye-up.com/

#### Conda

https://docs.conda.io/en/latest/

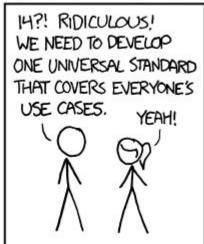
# Which is the right way?

# Exploding numbers

# Maybe a new way?

#### HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE: (SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC.)

SITUATION: THERE ARE 14 COMPETING STANDARDS.



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SITUATION: THERE ARE 15 COMPETING STANDARDS.

https://xkcd.com/927

## Tools

#### sudo pip install broken-system

#### ask Ubuntu



**Q** Questions

Tags

pip error on Ubuntu: externally-managedenvironment × This environment is externally managed



Had the same error on my Ubuntu 23.04. I tried pip install {package\_name} --break-system-packages It worked for me. Hope it helps. Thank you.

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#### To install or not install

tox / nox / hatch / pre-commit

# pipx

pipx -> tox -> precommit -> flake8

# The essential question

#### The future

# Thank you!



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