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Here's a step-by-step guide to setting up a Python project using a virtual environment and running a server. This documentation covers each command, its purpose, and how to execute it.

Setting Up a Python Project with Virtual Environment

1. Clone the Repository

First, clone the repository containing the project you want to work on. Open your terminal or command prompt and run the following command:

```
bash

git clone <repository-url>
```

Replace `<repository-url>` with the URL of the repository you want to clone.

2. Create a Virtual Environment

A virtual environment is a self-contained directory that contains a Python installation for a particular version of Python, plus several additional packages. To create one, follow these steps:

Install `virtualenv`

If you haven't installed `virtualenv`, you can do so using `pip`:

```
bash

pip install virtualenv
```

Create the Virtual Environment

Next, create a virtual environment. You can name it whatever you like; in this example, we will call it `my_env`.

```
bash

virtualenv my_env
```

This command creates a directory named `my_env` that contains a standalone Python installation.

3. Activate the Virtual Environment

Before installing any dependencies, activate the virtual environment. The command varies depending on your operating system.

- **On Windows:**

```
bash
```

```
my_env\Scripts\activate
```

- **On macOS/Linux:**

```
bash

source my_env/bin/activate
```

After activation, you will see the virtual environment name (e.g., `(my_env)`) in your terminal prompt, indicating that the virtual environment is active.

4. Install Required Packages

Most Python projects have a `requirements.txt` file that lists the necessary packages. To install the required packages, run:

```
bash

pip install -r requirements.txt
```

This command reads the `requirements.txt` file and installs all the specified packages.

5. Run the Project

Once the dependencies are installed, you can run the project. If you are using a Django project, you typically run the server with the following command:

```
bash

py manage.py runserver
```

This command starts the development server. By default, it runs on `http://127.0.0.1:8000/`. You can visit this URL in your web browser to see the running application.