Testing Python Applications with nose

"nose extends unittest to make testing easier" https://nose.readthedocs.org/en/latest/

Installing nose

```
sudo easy install nose
```

Running tests with nose

```
nosetests
nosetests -v
nosetests --with-doctest
```

Which tests does nose detect automatically?

All tests identified by nose have 'test' or 'Test' at a word boundary or following a - or _) and lives in a module that also matches that expression will be run as a test.

The test finder examines Python files and directories that match this pattern. Packages in the current directory are always examined.

Selecting which tests to run

```
nosetests only_test_this.py
nosetests test.module
nosetests another.test:TestCase.test_method
nosetests a.test:TestCase
nosetests /path/to/test/file.py:test function
```

Running nose from Python

```
(e.g. in a setup script)
import nose
nose.main()
```

Writing a nose configuration file

```
Create .noserc in your home directory containing:
[nosetests]
verbosity=3
with-doctest=1
```

Calculating Test Coverage

```
sudo easy_install coverage
nosetests --with-coverage
nosetests --with-coverage --cover-html
cd cover
firefox index.html
```

Assertions in nose tools

assert almost equal assert is none assert not in assert almost equals assert is not assert not is instance assert_dict_contains subset assert is not none assert not regexp matches assert dict equal assert items equal assert raises assert_raises regexp assert equal assert less assert equals assert less equal assert regexp matches assert false assert list equal assert sequence equal assert multi line equal assert set equal assert greater assert greater equal assert_not_almost_equal assert_true assert not almost equals assert in assert tuple equal assert is assert not equal assert is instance assert not equals

Assertions in unittest.TestCase

assertAlmostEqual
assertAlmostEquals
assertDictContainsSubset
assertDictEqual
assertEqual
assertEquals
assertFalse
assertGreater
assertGreaterEqual
assertIn
assertIs
assertIsInstance

assertIsNone
assertIsNot
assertIsNotNone
assertItemsEqual
assertLess
assertLessEqual
assertListEqual
assertMultiLineEqual
assertNotAlmostEqual
assertNotAlmostEquals
assertNotEqual
assertNotEqual

assertNotIn
assertNotIsInstance
assertNotRegexpMatches
assertRaises
assertRaisesRegexp
assertRegexpMatches
assertSequenceEqual
assertSetEqual
assertTrue
assertTupleEqual