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Pipenv is a production-ready tool that aims to bring the best of all packaging worlds to the Python world. It harnesses Pipfile, pip, and virtualenv into one single command.

It features very pretty terminal colors.

Story Informed

Pipenv: Python Dev Workflow for Humans

pypi v2018.11.14 license MIT python 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 3.7 Say Thanks!

Pipenv is a tool that aims to bring the best of all packaging worlds (bundler, composer, npm, cargo, yarn, etc.) to the Python world. *Windows is a first-class citizen, in our world*.

It automatically creates and manages a virtualenv for your projects, as well as adds/removes packages from your Pipfile as you install/uninstall packages. It also generates the ever-important Pipfile.lock, which is used to produce deterministic builds.

Pipenv is primarily meant to provide users and developers of applications with an easy method to setup a working environment. For the distinction between libraries and applications and the usage of setup.py vs Pipfile to define dependencies, see * Pipfile vs setup.py.

```
Type Pipenv Screencast for more information.

from Kenneth Reitz

// GXMpI // hello exit

maya==0.3.2

- dateparser [required: Any, installed: 0.6.0]
```

Timeline: Python Packaging

(In the wrong order and omitting bits to suit my narrative.)

Problems We Need to Solve

- We need to distribute python libraries
- We need to find and install libraries (we have newsgroups!)
- We need to specify dependencies for a project (we don't know we need to do this yet)
- We clobber packages in the system (we don't know this is a bad thing yet)
- We need to use the latest and greatest versions of dependencies (sensibly)
- We need to stay sane

distutils

In the beginning there was setup.py

```
from distutils.core import setup
setup(name="my_package", version="1.0", ...)
```

- \$ python setup.py install
- For packaging libraries, not so good for apps
- No dependency management
- Installs into python's site-packages

Lots of Attempts to Improve

- setuptools, easy_install, eggs, wheels, many more
- Iterations and refinements on the contents of libraries
- Gave us the notion of dependencies and library versions (e.g. django <= 2.0.1)</p>
- Didn't solve lots of projects with different versions of same libraries

pip

Built on setuptools work to give us way to download and install packages

pip bonus: uninstall

```
$ pip uninstall django pytz
Uninstalling Django-1.11.16:
  Would remove:
    /usr/bin/django-admin
    /usr/bin/django-admin.py
    /usr/lib/python3.7/site-packages/Django-1.11.16.dist-info/*
    /usr/lib/python3.7/site-packages/django/*
Proceed (y/n)? y
  Successfully uninstalled Django-1.11.16
Uninstalling pytz-2018.7:
  Would remove:
    /usr/lib/python3.7/site-packages/pytz-2018.7.dist-info/*
    /usr/lib/python3.7/site-packages/pytz/*
Proceed (y/n)? y
  Successfully uninstalled pytz-2018.7
```

pip requirements.txt

Gave us way to specify dependencies in a project (woo!)

```
Django==1.11.16
pytz==2018.7
```

```
$ pip install -r requirements.txt
Collecting Django==1.11.16 (from -r /tmp/requirements.txt (line 1))
   Using cached https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/44/e7/872bbf76aa16b7a061698d75325dac023285db33db4bda8ba8fe5d3bb356/Django-1.11.16-py2.py3-none-any.whl
Collecting pytz==2018.7 (from -r /tmp/requirements.txt (line 2))
   Using cached https://files.pythonhosted.org/packages/f8/0e/2365ddc010afb3d79147f1dd544e5ee24bf4ece58ab99b16fbb465ce6dc0/pytz-2018.7-py2.py3-none-any.whl
Installing collected packages: pytz, Django
Successfully installed Django-1.11.16 pytz-2018.7
```

So far

- We've solved distributing python libraries
- We've solved finding and installing libraries
- We've solved specifying dependencies for a project
- We're still clobbering packages in the system
 - Workaround: build a separate python per project (boo)

virtualenv

Exploited a neat trick: python looks for its libraries relative to the python binary. Could create symlinks from a copy of python back to system, creating an independent python install

```
$ python -m venv /tmp/myenv
$ find /tmp/myenv
/tmp/myenv/bin/python3.7
/tmp/myenv/lib/python3.7/site-packages/
$ . /tmp/myenv/bin/activate
$ which python
/tmp/myenv/bin/python
$ pip list
pip 10.0.1
setuptools 39.0.1
```

So far

- We've solved distributing python libraries
- We've solved finding and installing libraries
- We've solved specifying dependencies for a project
- We've solved clobbering system python

Done? Python development is perfect?

Kinda

- requirements.txtalittlefiddlytomanage
 - django==2.0.1 is better than django>1.0 or even django
 - How do we update? e.g. pip-tools partially solves
- Each project has to figure out how to manage virtualenvs
 - Some impose patterns which are hard for some people to work with
- Security is opt in

pipenv (finally!)

- Computer science solution: Add another layer of abstraction
- Handles pip and virtualenv for you
- Handles both high level dependencies (Pipfile) and specific versions (Pipfile.lock)
- More secure by default
- Nice little snake emoji
- And more!

```
$ pipenv install Flask
Creating a Pipfile for this project...
Installing Flask...
Adding Flask to Pipfile's [packages]...

✓ Installation Succeeded
Pipfile.lock not found, creating...
Locking [dev-packages] dependencies...

✓ Success!
Updated Pipfile.lock (662286)!
Installing dependencies from Pipfile.lock (662286)...
```

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Pipfile

```
[[source]]
name = "pypi"
url = "https://pypi.org/simple"
verify_ssl = true
[dev-packages]
[packages]
flask = "*"
[requires]
python_version = "3.7"
```

Pipfile.lock

```
"_meta": {
    "hash": {
        "sha256": "a82b674d67d29678775ff6b773de1686a9593749ec14483b0d8e05131b662286"
    "pipfile-spec": 6,
    "requires": {
        "python_version": "3.7"
    "sources": [
            "name": "pypi",
            "url": "https://pypi.org/simple",
            "verify_ssl": true
},
"default": {
    "click": {
        "hashes": [
             "sha256:2335065e6395b9e67ca716de5f7526736bfa6ceead690adf616d925bdc622b13",
        "version": "==7.0"
    },
"flask": { ... },
},
"develop": {}
```

Bonus: Security Checks

```
$ pipenv check
Checking PEP 508 requirements...
Passed!
Checking installed package safety...
All good!
```

Bonus: .env

\$ env | grep SECRET

DB_SECRET_PASSWORD=sekret

```
$ cat .env
DB_SECRET_PASSWORD=sekret
$ pipenv shell --fancy
Loading .env environment variables...
Creating a virtualenv for this project...
Pipfile: /Users/michael/Dropbox/2018/Presentations/2018-11_PyLadies_Dublin_pipenv/demos/flask/Pipfile
Using /usr/local/bin/python3 (3.7.1) to create virtualenv...
✓ Complete
Using base prefix '/usr/local/Cellar/python/3.7.1/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/3.7'
New python executable in /Users/michael/.local/share/virtualenvs/flask-xL7FF9jX/bin/python3.7
Also creating executable in /Users/michael/.local/share/virtualenvs/flask-xL7FF9jX/bin/python
Installing setuptools, pip, wheel...
done.
Running virtualenv with interpreter /usr/local/bin/python3
Virtualenv location: /Users/michael/.local/share/virtualenvs/flask-xL7FF9jX
Launching subshell in virtual environment...
```

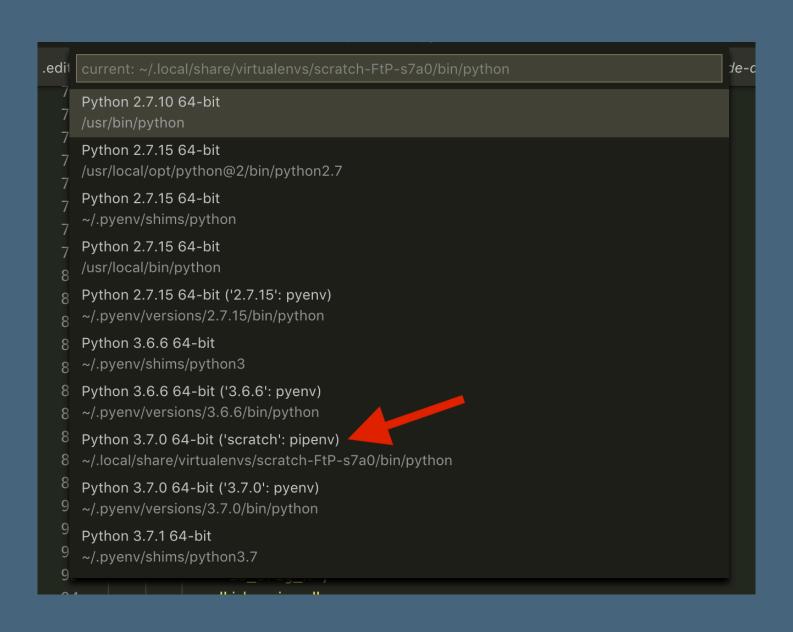
Bonus: pyenv

Free yourself from the tyranny of system python installs!

```
$ echo $PYENV_ROOT
/Users/michael/.pyenv
$ ls $PYENV_ROOT/versions/
                              3.7.0
2.7.15
              3.6.6
                                             3.7.1
$ pipenv install --python 3.6 flask
Creating a virtualenv for this project...
Pipfile: /private/tmp/old/Pipfile
Using /Users/michael/.pyenv/versions/3.6.6/bin/python3 (3.6.6) to create virtualenv...
✓ Complete
Updated Pipfile.lock (8a3288)!
Installing dependencies from Pipfile.lock (8a3288)...
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To activate this project's virtualenv, run pipenv shell.
Alternatively, run a command inside the virtualenv with pipenv run.
```

Bonus: Native Visual Studio Code Support

Autodetects Pipfile and loads correct virtualenv



Bonus: Stores Virtualenvs Outside of Source

- Keeps your source directory small
- Don't save 100s MB in your Dropbox

Links

- This Talk https://github.com/micktwomey/ 2018-11PyLadiesDublin_pipenv
- pipenv https://pipenv.readthedocs.io/en/latest/
- python packaging guide https://packaging.python.org/
- pyenv https://github.com/pyenv/pyenv
- Hitchiker's Guide to Python https://docs.python-guide.org/