Conda user cheat sheet



Take a conda test drive at bit.ly/tryconda

For full documentation of any command, type the command followed by --help conda create --help

TIP: Many options after two dashes (--) have shortcuts.

conda create --help or conda create -h

Managing conda and anaconda

conda info	Verify conda is installed, check version #
conda update conda	Update conda package and environment manager to current version
conda update anaconda	Update the anaconda meta package (the library of packages ready to install with conda command)

Managing environments

conda info --envs or conda info -e Get a list of all my environments, active environment shown with *

conda create --name snowflakes biopython Create an environment and install program(s)

conda create -n snowflakes biopython

TIP: To avoid dependency conflicts, install all programs in the environment (snowflakes) at the same time.

TIP: Environments install by default into the envs directory in your conda directory. You can specify a different path; see **conda create --help** for details.

source activate snowflakes (Linux, OS X)
activate snowflakes (Windows)

Activate the new environment to use it

TIP: Activate prepends the path to the snowflakes environment.

conda create -n flowers --clone snowflakes Make exact copy of an environment

conda remove -n flowers --all Delete an environment

conda env export > puppies.yml
Save current environment to a file
conda env create -f puppies.yml
Load environment from a file

Managing Python

conda search --full-name python Check versions of Python available to install

conda search -f python

conda create -n snakes python=3.4 Install different version of Python in new environment

source activate snakes (Linux, OS X)
activate snakes (Windows)

Switch to the new environment that has a different version of Python

TIP: Activate prepends the path to the snakes environment.

Managing .condarc configuration

conda configget	Get all keys and values from my .condarc file
conda configget channels	Get value of the key channels from .condarc file
conda configadd channels pandas	Add a new value to channels so conda looks for packages in this location

Managing packages, including Python

conda list

View list of packages and versions installed in

active environment

conda search beautiful-soup Search for a package to see if it is available to

conda install

conda install -n bunnies beautiful-soup Install a new package

NOTE: If you do not include the name of the new environment (**-n bunnies**) it will install in the current

active environment.

TIP: To view list of all packages available through conda install, visit http://docs.continuum.io/anaconda/pkg-docs

conda update beautiful-soupUpdate a package in the current environment

conda search --override-channels -c pandas bottleneck Search for a package in a

specific location (the pandas channel on

Anaconda.org)

NOTE: Or go to Anaconda.org in the browser and search by package name. This will show the specific channel (owner) through which it is available.

conda install -c pandas bottleneck Install a package from a specific channel

conda search --override-channels -c defaults beautiful-soup Search for a package to see if it is available from the Anaconda repository

source activate bunnies (Linux, OS X) Activate the environment where you want to

activate bunnies (Windows)

pip install see

Activate the environment where you want to install a package and install it with pip (included

with Anaconda and Miniconda)

conda install iopro accelerate

Install commercial Continuum packages

conda skeleton pypi pyinstrument

conda build pyinstrument

Build a Conda package from a Python Package Index

(PyPI) Package

Remove packages, environments, or channels

conda remove --name bunnies beautiful-soup Remove one package from any named environment

conda remove beautiful-soup Remove one package from the active

environment

conda remove --name bunnies beautiful-soup astroid Remove multiple packages from

any environment

conda remove --name snakes --all Remove an environment

More resources

Free community support https://groups.google.com/a/continuum.io/forum/#!forum/anaconda

Online documentation http://conda.pydata.org/docs/

Paid support options http://continuum.io/support

Continuum onsite training courses https://www.continuum.io/training

Continuum consulting services http://continuum.io/consulting/