

Learn to use Click (Why? So you can use decorators to mark your functions as commands SO YOUR FUNCTIONS BECOME COMMANDS – \*\*\*COMMANDS THAT ARE CALLED AT THE COMMAND LINE! COOL!)

Make a directory

Create a virtual environment in that directory

Virtualenv creates isolated python environments for python libraries

Virtualenv makes an env directory & puts a special copy of the python executable in env/bin

python3-venv is the ubuntu equivalent of Python3 venv which is similar to virtualenv

Install setuptools which is a tool that not only builds application packages but also uploads & installs them nb works v well with virtualenv & pip

Activate the virtual environment

Now let's create a proper python package

So, make a setup.py

Specify package name, version, module to be installed, dependencies like click itself, entry points.

What are entry points? Code objects derived from setuptools that register something with a specific key in one package that another package can query for. Entry points are registered under console-scripts in setup.py as a list that setuptools can use. These console scripts are instructions to setup tools to associate some other metadata with our python package, used internally to create cli's,\*\*\* or to use other libraries

Within console scripts create a command line executable that points to our module and the cli function

Now make the cli module a function\*\*\*that starts as

```
def cli():  
    do some other stuff e.g., print("Hello World")
```

& this together with setup.py is sufficient to install the python package

Python loads source code file (module)

Python defines special variables

Python defines `_name_`

In the case where this is the main program, i.e., the file run by a user at a prompt, then `_name_` is set to `'_main_'` and blocks A & B will both be run when running `my_code.py` from the command line. However, only block A runs if I have imported a module, e.g., `that_guys_code.py` with an import statement because `_name_` is set to `'_that_guys_code_'` rather than `'_main_'` & what gets called is code contained within that other module

```
<Block A>  
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    main()  
<Block B>
```

The top line e.g., `if __name__ == '__main__':` is the interpreters '*where am I?*' test to determine if it is running on the code it is looking at (parsing), or if it is actually 'peeking' into another file. It only allows the `main()` to run if `main()` is the primary entry point but if a module has been imported then it doesn't because the entry point is within the module import and calls on functions & classes, will be made on the other module. This gives the programmer flexibility to make code behave differently if called externally