

2.19.2 Supported nose Idioms

- setup and teardown at module/class/method level
- SkipTest exceptions and markers
- setup/teardown decorators
- `__test__` attribute on modules/classes/functions
- general usage of nose utilities

2.19.3 Unsupported idioms / known issues

- unittest-style `setUp`, `tearDown`, `setUpClass`, `tearDownClass` are recognized only on `unittest.TestCase` classes but not on plain classes. `nose` supports these methods also on plain classes but `pytest` deliberately does not. As `nose` and `pytest` already both support `setup_class`, `teardown_class`, `setup_method`, `teardown_method` it doesn't seem useful to duplicate the unittest-API like `nose` does. If you however rather think `pytest` should support the unittest-spelling on plain classes please post [to this issue](#).
- `nose` imports test modules with the same import path (e.g. `tests.test_mode`) but different file system paths (e.g. `tests/test_mode.py` and `other/tests/test_mode.py`) by extending `sys.path/import` semantics. `pytest` does not do that but there is discussion in [#268](#) for adding some support. Note that `nose2` choose to avoid this `sys.path/import` hackery.

If you place a `conftest.py` file in the root directory of your project (as determined by `pytest`) `pytest` will run tests “nose style” against the code below that directory by adding it to your `sys.path` instead of running against your installed code.

You may find yourself wanting to do this if you ran `python setup.py install` to set up your project, as opposed to `python setup.py develop` or any of the package manager equivalents. Installing with `develop` in a virtual environment like `tox` is recommended over this pattern.

- nose-style doctests are not collected and executed correctly, also doctest fixtures don't work.
- no nose-configuration is recognized.
- `yield`-based methods are unsupported as of `pytest 4.1.0`. They are fundamentally incompatible with `pytest` because they don't support fixtures properly since collection and test execution are separated.

Here is a table comparing the default supported naming conventions for both `nose` and `pytest`.

Convention	nose	pytest
Ⓜ test*.py	✓	
Ⓜ test_*.py	✓	✓
Ⓜ *_test.py		✓
Ⓜ *_tests.py		
Ⓒ *(unittest.TestCase)	✓	✓
Ⓜ test_*	✓	✓
Ⓒ Test*		✓
Ⓜ test_*		✓
Ⓣ test_*		✓

Symbols are described below