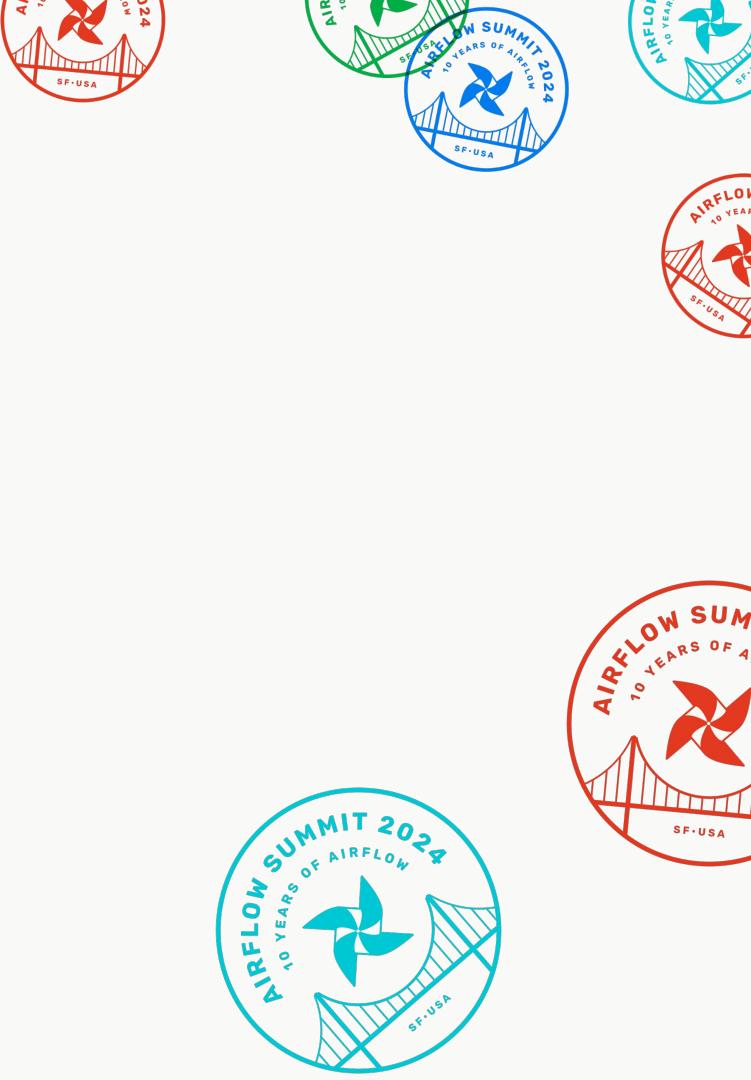


The Silent Symphony

Keeping Airflow's CI/CD and Dev Tools
in Tune





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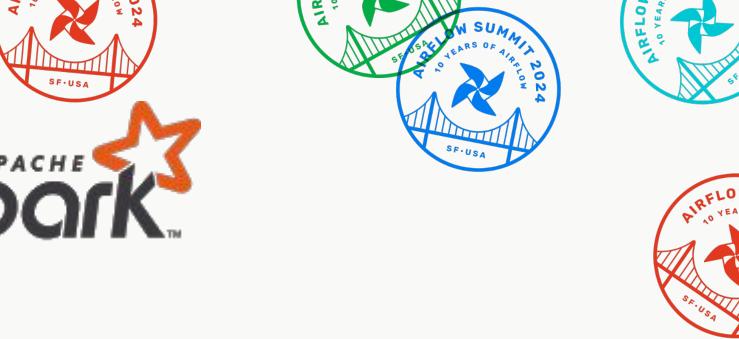
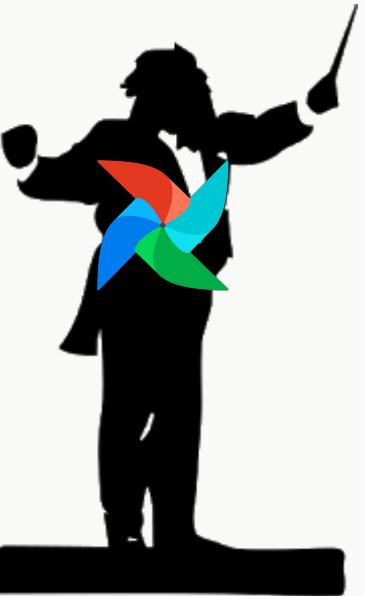
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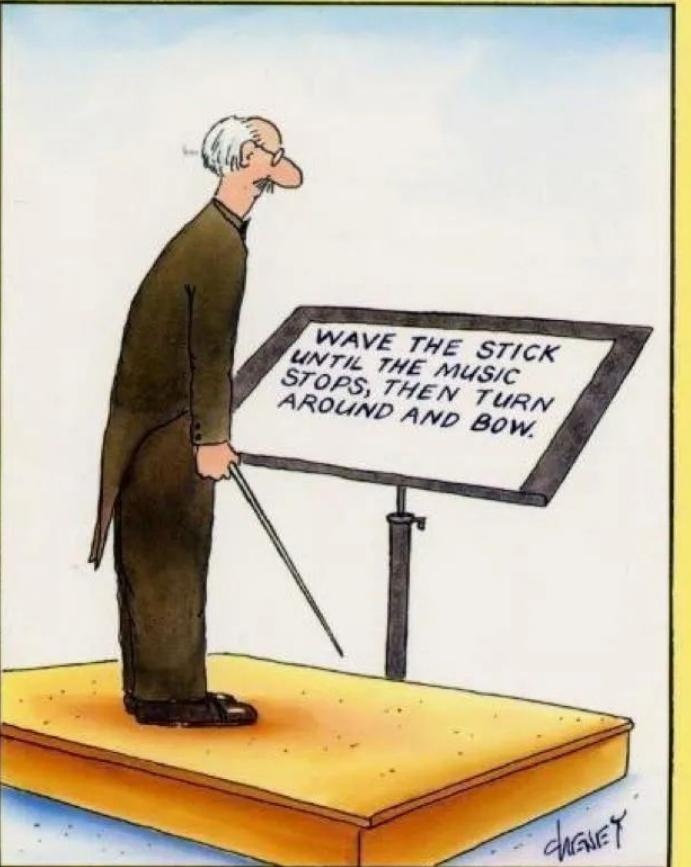


Agenda

- Airflow and orchestra
- Behind the scenes
- Unsung heroes for Airflow staying in tune
- Learnings for other projects

Airflow as Orchestrator







Airflow complexity

- Airflow Core (UI, Scheduler, Workers, Triggerers)
- 90+ providers (790+ dependencies)
- Container images
- Helm chart
- Python client

Orchestra







Soundcheck Auto-Tuner

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What makes things work (semi) smoothly

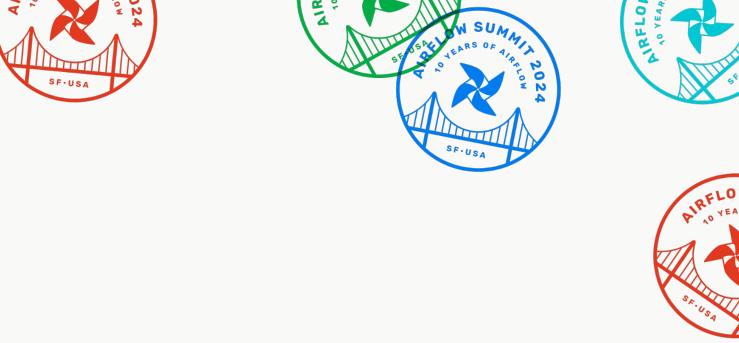


All checks have passed

85 successful and 7 skipped checks

[Hide all checks](#)

- ✓ Build Images / Build Info (pull_request_target) Successful in 46s [Details](#)
- ✓ Tests / Build info (pull_request) Successful in 1m [Details](#)
- ✓ Build Images / Build CI images / Build CI linux/amd64 image3.8:3ddd343ab11e78840262809... [Details](#)
- ✓ Tests / Basic tests / Breeze unit tests (pull_request) Successful in 1m [Details](#)
- ✓ Build Images / Build CI images / Build CI linux/amd64 image3.9:3ddd343ab11e78840262809... [Details](#)
- ✓ Build Images / Build CI images / Build CI linux/amd64 image3.10:3ddd343ab11e7884026280... [Details](#)



In the background: CI/CD

- static checks (pre-commits)
- documentation build
- testing:
 - units of code
 - integrations
 - upgrades
 - system tests
 - end-to-end tests
 - building artifacts (packages/images/charts)
 - backwards compatibility checks
 - lowest dependencies
- reproducible installation for users
- future-compatibility for dependencies

- ✓ Build info
 - ✓ Basic tests
 - ✓ Build CI images in-workflow
 - ✓ Wait for CI images
 - ✓ Additional CI image checks
 - ✓ Generate constraints
 - ✓ Static checks, mypy, docs
 - ✓ Provider checks
 - ✓ Helm tests
 - ✓ Postgres tests
 - ✓ MySQL tests
 - ✓ Sqlite tests
 - ✓ Non-DB tests
 - ✓ Special tests
 - ✓ Integration Tests
 - ✓ Build PROD images in-workflow
 - ✓ Wait for PROD images
 - ✓ Additional PROD image tests
 - ✓ Kubernetes tests
 - ✓ Finalize tests

Fix logic to cancel the external job if the TaskInstance is not in a ... #97889

Summary

Triggered via push 2 hours ago Status Success Total duration 1h 8m 38s Artifacts 35

Breeze unit tests

React WWW tests

Test OpenAPI client

Static checks: basic checks only

Test git clone on Windows

Upgrade checks

Test Airflow release commands

Build CI images in-workflow

Build CI linux/amd64 image3.8...

Build CI linux/amd64 image3.9...

Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...

Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...

Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...

Wait for CI Images

Additional CI image checks

Push CI Early3.8 image cache

Push CI Early3.9 image cache

Push CI Early3.10 image cache

Push CI Early3.11 image cache

Push CI Early3.12 image cache

Push PROD \${{ inputs.cache-type }}

Check that image builds quickly

Build CI linux/arm64 image3.8...

Build CI linux/arm64 image3.9...

Build CI linux/arm64 image3.1...

Build CI linux/arm64 image3.1...

Build CI linux/arm64 image3.1...

Generate constraints

Generate constraints 3.8 3.9 3...

Static checks, mypy, docs

Static checks

MyPy checks (airflow)

MyPy checks (providers)

MyPy checks (docs)

MyPy checks (dev)

Build documentation (docs-o...)

Build documentation (sSPELL...

Provider checks

clyml on: push

Artifacts

Produced during runtime

Name

Helm artifacts

constraints

prod-packages

python-client-packages

test-summarized-warnings

test-warnings-All-InProgressDisabled-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8

test-warnings-All-LatestBoto-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8

test-warnings-All-Pendulum2-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8

test-warnings-All-Pydantic-Removed-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8

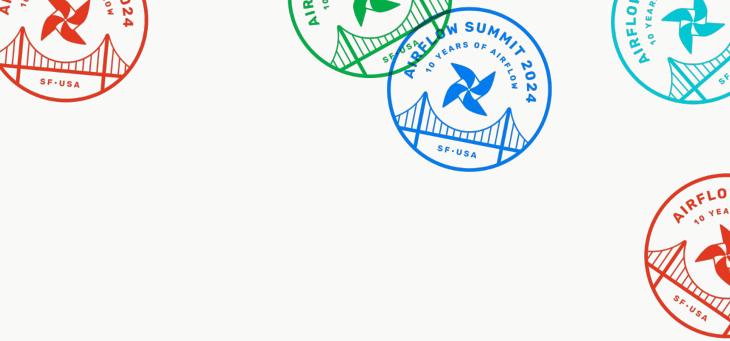
test-warnings-All-Pydantic-V1-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8



Unsung heroes: dev tools

- Make it easy to develop project
- Airflow has more than 3000 contributors
- Contributors vs Maintainers
- CI/CD to keep things in check
- Role of dev tools
 - help contributors to contribute
 - help maintainers to release

Dev Tools vs. CI





Two sides of the same coin

- CI / CD runs all the checks
- What happens when it fails?
- Reproducing the failures locally
- “Works for me” syndrome
- common test execution platform (790 dependencies)
- testing everything
 - Airflow, Providers, Container image, Chart, Client, Release process

Pre-commits





Pre-commits AKA static-checks

- leverage .git pre-commit hooks in a very efficient way
- can be installed with `pre-commit install`
- we have 130+ (!) pre-commits
- classic static checks (ruff and friends)
- maintaining single source of truth
- generating documentation and licences
- updating versions automatically
- preventing common mistakes ("first line of defence")
- automates a LOT of stuff

Local Venv



Why venv ?

- Pros
 - Finally standards compliant (as of early 2024)
 - Easy to setup and connect to IDE
 - Easy to run and debug tests
 - Integration with build front-ends (hatch, poetry, ...)
 - Anyone can use their own tooling
 - Pretty standard across multiple Python projects
- Cons
 - Providers (and 790 dependencies)
 - Various platform support (MacOS/Linux X86/ARM)
 - The “works for me” syndrome
 - Lack of reproducibility with CI

AIRFLOW
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File Edit View Navigate Code Refactor Build Run Tools Git Window Help

airflow > tests > listeners > test_listeners.py

pytest in test_listeners.py

Project

- airflow ~/code/airflow
 - .build
 - .devcontainer
 - .github
 - .idea
 - .kube
 - 3rd-party-licenses
 - airflow
 - chart
 - clients
 - constraints
 - contributing-docs
 - dags
 - dev
 - dir
 - dist
 - docker-context-files
 - docker_tests
 - docs
 - empty
 - files
 - generated
 - helm_tests
 - hooks
 - kubernetes_tests
 - logs

test_listeners.py x install_os_dependencies.sh install_mysql.sh apprise.py provider.yaml build

```
def test_listener_gets_calls(create_task_instance, session=None):
    lm = get_listener_manager()
    lm.add_listener(full_listener)

    ti = create_task_instance(session=session, state=TaskInstanceState.QUEUED)
    # Using ti.run() instead of ti._run_raw_task() to capture state change to RUNNING
    # that only happens on 'check_and_change_state_before_execution()' that is called before
    # `run()` calls `_run_raw_task()`
    ti.run()

    assert len(full_listener.state) == 2
    assert full_listener.state == [TaskInstanceState.RUNNING, TaskInstanceState.SUCCESS]

#provide_session ▲ Maciej Obuchowski +2
def test_multiple_listeners(create_task_instance, session=None):
    lm = get_listener_manager()
    lm.add_listener(full_listener)
    lm.add_listener(lifecycle_listener)
    class_based_listener = class_listener.ClassBasedListener()
    lm.add_listener(class_based_listener)

    job = Job()
    job_runner = MockJobRunner(job=job)
    with contextlib.suppress(NotImplementedError):
        # suppress NotImplementedErrors: just for lifecycle
        run_job(job=job, execute_callable=job_runner._execute)

    assert full_listener.started_component is job
    assert lifecycle_listener.started_component is job
```

Run pytest in test_listeners.py

Test Results

- tests
- listeners
- test_listeners
 - test_listener_gets_calls
 - test_multiple_listeners
 - test_listener_gets_only_subscribed_calls
 - test_listener_throws_exceptions
 - test_listener_captures_failed_taskinstances
 - test_listener_captures_inrunning_taskinstances

Tests passed: 7 (a minute ago)

5 sec 356 ms

5 sec 356 ms

5 sec 356 ms

106 ms

11ms

36ms

38ms

45ms

5 sec 81ms

5 sec 356 ms

5 sec 356 ms

5 sec 356 ms

==== test session starts =====

collecting ... collected 7 items

test_listeners.py::test_listener_gets_calls

test_listeners.py::test_multiple_listeners

test_listeners.py::test_listener_gets_only_subscribed_calls

airflow@localhost:12322 password 3:39 LF UTF-8 4 spaces fix-apprise-mypy-checks ① 2153 of 4200M

Breeze



```
-0% [jarek:~/code/airflow] [apache-airflow] fix-apprise-mypy-checks(+14/-8)+ ± breeze --help
```

Usage: `breeze [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...`

Execution mode

<code>--python</code>	<code>-p</code> Python major/minor version used in Airflow image for images. (>3.8< 3.9 3.10 3.11 3.12) [default: 3.8]
<code>--integration</code>	Integration(s) to enable when running (can be more than one). (all all-testable cassandra celery kafka kerberos mongo openlineage otel pinot qdrant statsd trino)
<code>--standalone-dag-processor</code>	Run standalone dag processor for start-airflow.
<code>--database-isolation</code>	Run airflow in database isolation mode.

Docker Compose selection and cleanup

<code>--project-name</code>	Name of the docker-compose project to bring down. The `docker-compose` is for legacy breeze project name and you can use `breeze down --project-name docker-compose` to stop all containers belonging to it. (breeze pre-commit docker-compose) [default: breeze]
<code>--docker-host</code>	Optional - docker host to use when running docker commands. When set, the `--builder` option is ignored when building images. (TEXT)

Database

<code>--backend</code>	<code>-b</code> Database backend to use. If 'none' is selected, breeze starts with invalid DB configuration and no database and any attempts to connect to Airflow DB will fail. (sqlite mysql >postgres< none) [default: sqlite]
<code>--postgres-version</code>	<code>-P</code> Version of Postgres used. (>12< 13 14 15 16) [default: 12]
<code>--mysql-version</code>	<code>-M</code> Version of MySQL used. (>8.0< 8.4) [default: 8.0]
<code>--db-reset</code>	<code>-d</code> Reset DB when entering the container.

Build CI image (before entering shell)

<code>--github-repository</code>	<code>-g</code> GitHub repository used to pull, push run images. (TEXT) [default: apache/airflow]
<code>--builder</code>	Buildx builder used to perform `docker buildx build` commands. (TEXT) [default: autodetect]
<code>--use-uv/--no-use-uv</code>	Use uv instead of pip as packaging tool to build the image. [default: use-uv]
<code>--uv-http-timeout</code>	Timeout for requests that UV makes (only used in case of UV builds). (INTEGER RANGE) [default: 300; x>=1]

Other options

<code>--forward-credentials</code>	<code>-f</code> Forward local credentials to container when running.
<code>--max-time</code>	Maximum time that the command should take - if it takes longer, the command will fail. (INTEGER RANGE)

Common options

<code>--answer</code>	<code>-a</code> Force answer to questions. (y n q yes no quit)
<code>--dry-run</code>	<code>-D</code> If dry-run is set, commands are only printed, not executed.
<code>--verbose</code>	<code>-v</code> Print verbose information about performed steps.
<code>--help</code>	<code>-h</code> Show this message and exit.

Developer commands

<code>start-airflow</code>	Enter breeze environment and starts all Airflow components in the tmux session. Compile assets if contents of www directory changed.
<code>static-checks</code>	Run static checks.
<code>build-docs</code>	Build documents.
<code>down</code>	Stop running breeze environment.
<code>shell</code>	Enter breeze environment. this is the default command use when no other is selected.
<code>exec</code>	Joins the interactive shell of running airflow container.
<code>compile-www-assets</code>	Compiles www assets.
<code>cleanup</code>	Cleans the cache of parameters, docker cache and optionally built CI/PROD images.

Testing commands

<code>testing</code>	Tools that developers can use to run tests
<code>k8s</code>	Tools that developers use to run Kubernetes tests



Why breeze ?

- Python (dev/breeze) Docker-compose wrapper
- Avoids “works for me” syndrome
- CI Container image with ALL dependencies
- Easy to reproduce test / check runtime environment
- Same on CI and local dev
- Automate release manager’s job
- Base security checks (SBOMS/dependency analysis)



Breeze start-airflow

```
breeze start-airflow --load-example-dags --load-default-connections
```

```
/bin/bash
/usr/bin/zsh 190x45
airflow triggerer
root@f811ceafab8:/opt/airflow# airflow triggerer
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [174] [INFO] Starting gunicorn 22.0.0
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [174] [INFO] Listening at: http://[::]:8794 (174)
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [174] [INFO] Using worker: sync
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [175] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 175
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [177] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 177
[2024-05-13T08:54:08.794+0000] {triggerer_job_runner.py:180} INFO - Setting up TriggererHandle
rWrapper with handler <FileTaskHandler (NOTSET)>
[2024-05-13T08:54:08.795+0000] {triggerer_job_runner.py:236} INFO - Setting up logging queue l
istener with handlers [<RedirectStdHandler <stderr> (NOTSET)>, <TriggererHandlerWrapper (NOTSE
T)>]
[2024-05-13T08:54:08.800+0000] {triggerer_job_runner.py:337} INFO - Starting the triggerer

Running the Gunicorn Server with:
Workers: 4 sync
Host: 0.0.0.0:8080
Timeout: 120
Logfiles: -
Access Logformat:
=====
/usr/local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/flask_limiter/extension.py:337 UserWarning: Using the i
n-memory storage for tracking rate limits as no storage was explicitly specified. This is not
recommended for production use. See: https://flask-limiter.readthedocs.io#configuring-a-storag
e-backend for documentation about configuring the storage backend.
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.853+0000] {override.py:1829} INFO - Created Permission View: can delete o
n SLA Misses
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.857+0000] {override.py:1880} INFO - Added Permission can delete on SLA Mi
sses to role Admin
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.861+0000] {override.py:1829} INFO - Created Permission View: can edit on
SLA Misses
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.863+0000] {override.py:1880} INFO - Added Permission can edit on SLA Mi
sses to role Admin
[2024-05-13 08:54:13 +0000] [173] [INFO] Starting gunicorn 22.0.0
[Airflow] 0>Main*
```

DAGS

DAG	Owner	Runs	Schedule	Last Run	Next Run
conditional_dataset_and_time_based_timetable	airflow	0/0	Dataset or 0 1 * * ?	2024-05-06 0	
consume_1_and_2_with_dataset_expressions	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 2 datasets
consume_1_or_2_with_dataset_expressions	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 3 datasets
consume_1_or_2_and_3_with_dataset_expressions	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 2 datasets
dataset_consumes_1	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	On 03/05/24
dataset_consumes_1_and_2	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 2 datasets
dataset_consumes_1_never_scheduled	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 2 datasets
dataset_consumes_unknown_never_scheduled	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 2 datasets
dataset_scheduled	airflow	0/0	Dataset	0	0 of 2 datasets



So, it just works, right ?



August 29, 2024 – September 5, 2024

Period: 1 week ▾

Overview

132 Active pull requests

74 Active issues

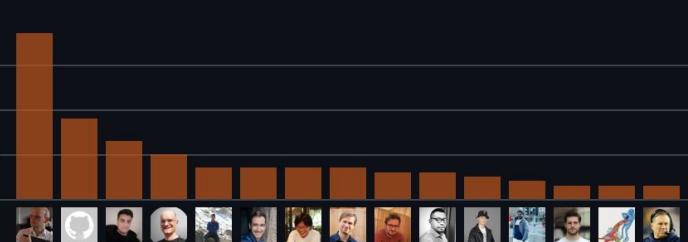
99
Merged pull requests

33
Open pull requests

42
Closed issues

32
New issues

Excluding merges, **58 authors** have pushed **76 commits** to main and **153 commits** to all branches. On main, **410 files** have changed and there have been **41,539 additions** and **5,319 deletions**.





Used by 11.8k



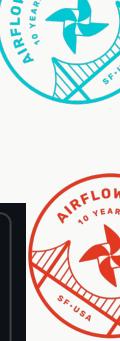
+ 11,753

Contributors 3,029



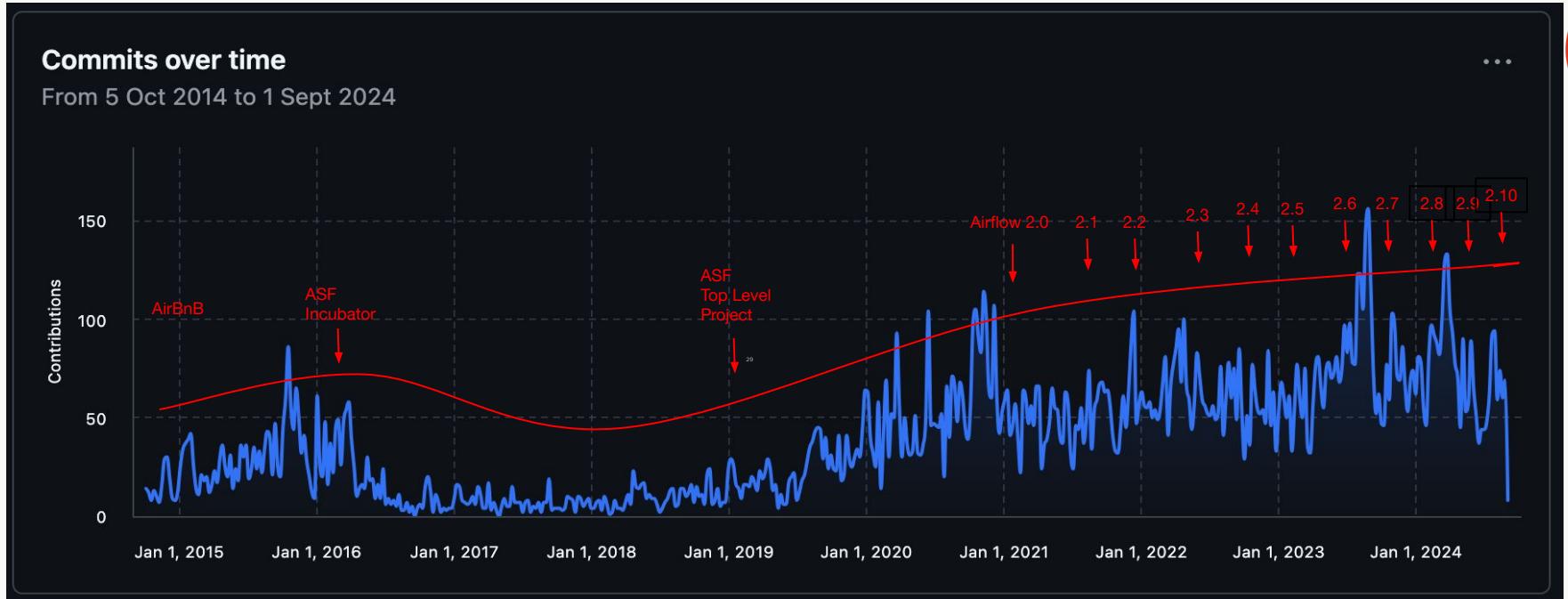
+ 3,015 contributors

Airflow 2 timeline



Commits over time

From 5 Oct 2014 to 1 Sept 2024



10th Anniversary this year



Good properties of CI/dev tooling

- As little flakes as possible
- Fast feedback time
- 100% reproducible locally
- As little build time as possible
- Canary warnings



What's changing?

- New version of dependencies breaking things
- Refactors
- Growing number of tests
- Flaky tests
- New types of tests and rules
- Security hardening (reproducible builds)



 **DAYS
SINCE LAST
ACCIDENT**

A large, white rectangular sign is mounted on two brown wooden posts. The sign features a small black-bordered square containing a blue circle with a black outline and a black dot in the center at the top left. To the right of this icon, the words "DAYS SINCE LAST ACCIDENT" are written in large, bold, red capital letters. The sign is positioned in a desolate, yellowish-brown landscape. In the background, there are several grey, dilapidated buildings and a long, dark grey train. The sky above is a bright green with scattered white clouds.



Few days ago in a galaxy not far away ...

Canary build

← Tests
✖ Tests #106665

Summary

Jobs

✓ Build info

✓ Basic tests

✓ Build CI images in-workflow

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✓ Static checks, mypy, docs

✖ Provider checks

- ✓ Provider packages wheel build a...
- ✓ Provider packages sdist build an...
- ✗ Compat 2.8.4:P3.8 provider check
- ✗ Compat 2.9.3:P3.8 provider check
- ✗ Compat 2.10.1:P3.8 provider che...

✓ Helm tests

✖ Postgres tests

- ✗ DB:Postgres:12:3.8: API Always ...
- ✗ DB:Postgres:13:3.9: API Always ...
- ✗ DB:Postgres:14:3.10: API Always ...
- ✗ DB:Postgres:15:3.11: API Always ...



```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/opt/airflow/airflow/models/dagbag.py", line 352, in parse
    loader.exec_module(new_module)
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap_external>", line 850, in exec_module
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 228, in _call_with_frames_removed
  File "/opt/airflow/tests/system/providers/common/in/example_file_transfer_local_to_s3.py", line 35, in <module>
    TEMP_FILE_PATH = ObjectStoragePath("file:///tmp")
  File "/usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/upath/implementations/cloud.py", line 30, in __init__
    raise ValueError("non key-like path provided (bucket/container missing)")
ValueError: non key-like path provided (bucket/container missing)
```



Dependencies constraints-no-providers updated for Python 3.8

```
82c82
< filelock==3.15.4
---
> filelock==3.16.0
140c140
< platformdirs==4.2.2
---
> platformdirs==4.3.1
193c193
< universal_pathlib==0.2.3
---
> universal_pathlib==0.2.4
100-100
```

 fsspec / universal_pathlib

Code Issues 25 Pull requests 2 Actions Projects Security

Universal-pathlib 0.2.4 breaks Airflow ObjectStoragePath object for local filesystem paths #276

Closed potiuk opened this issue 20 hours ago · 7 comments

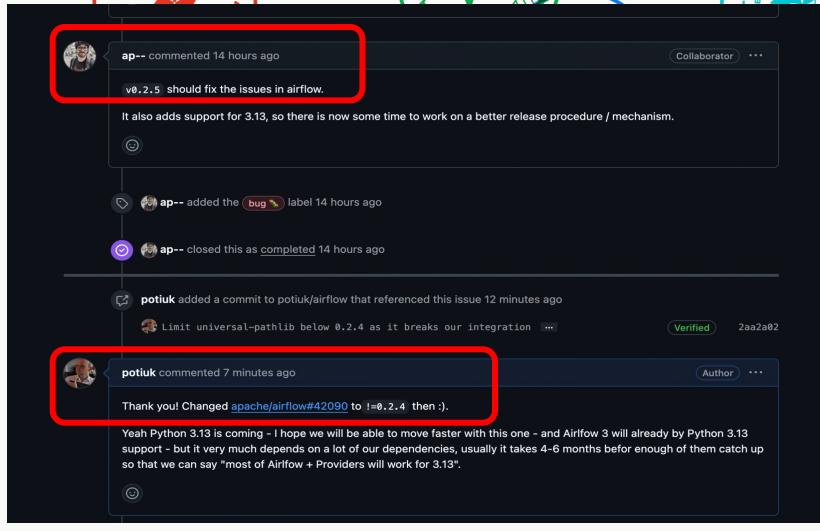
potiuk commented 20 hours ago · edited

The universal_pathlib==0.2.4 raises an early import error about missing container/bucket when "file:///tmp" local file path object is created for Airflow ObjectStoragePath which derives from CloudPath.

Assignees
No one assigned

Labels
bug



 Collaborator

app-- commented 14 hours ago
v0.2.5 should fix the issues in airflow.
It also adds support for 3.13, so there is now some time to work on a better release procedure / mechanism.

ap-- added the bug label 14 hours ago

ap-- closed this as completed 14 hours ago

potiuk added a commit to potiuk/airflow that referenced this issue 12 minutes ago
Limit universal-pathlib below 0.2.4 as it breaks our integration

potiuk commented 7 minutes ago
Thank you! Changed apache/airflow#42090 to !=0.2.4 then :).

Yeah Python 3.13 is coming - I hope we will be able to move faster with this one - and Airflow 3 will already by Python 3.13 support - but it very much depends on a lot of our dependencies, usually it takes 4-6 months before enough of them catch up so that we can say "most of Airflow + Providers will work for 3.13".



 Edit < > Code

Exclude universal-pathlib 0.2.4 as it breaks our integration #42090

I1 Open potiuk wants to merge 1 commit into apache:main from potiuk:workaround-universal-pathlib-0.2.4-incompatibility

Conversation 2 Commits 1 Checks 89 Files changed 1

Changes from all commits File filter Conversations Jump to ... 0 / 1 files viewed Review in codespace Review changes

hatch_build.py

```
@@ -494,7 +494,9 @@  
494     # See https://github.com/apache/airflow/pull/31693  
495     # We should also remove "3rd-party-licenses/LICENSE-  
496     unicodescsv.txt" file when we remove this dependency  
496     "unicodescsv==0.14.1",  
497     "universal-pathlib==0.2.2",  
498     # Universal Pathlib 0.2.4 adds extra validation for Paths  
499     # and our integration with local file paths  
500     # Does not work with it Tracked in  
501     https://github.com/fsspec/universal_pathlib/issues/276  
502     "universal-pathlib==0.2.2 !=0.2.4",  
503     # Werkzeug 3 breaks Flask-Login 0.6.2 - also connexion
```



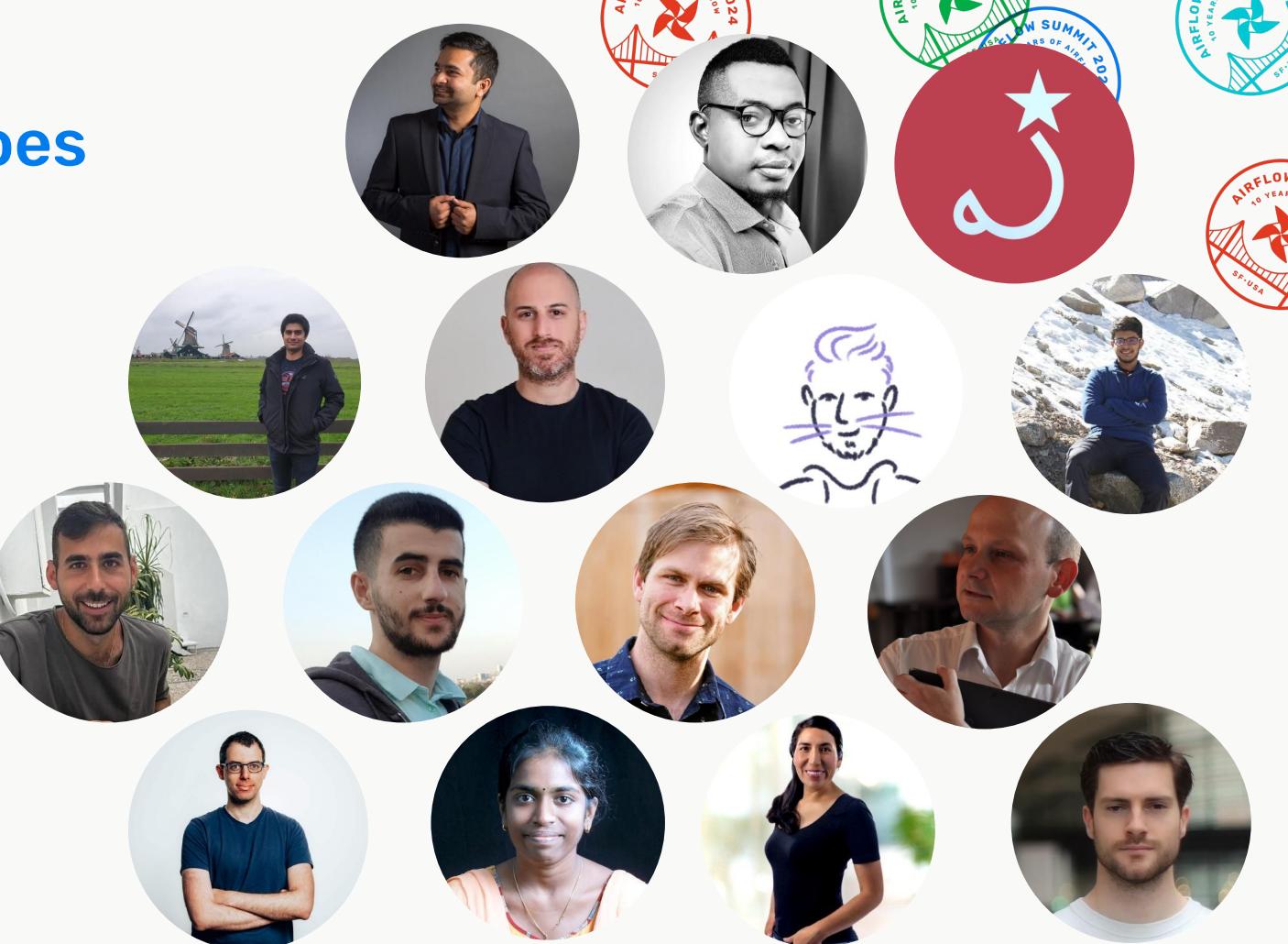
Why is this important ?

Nature of the job

- Low bus factor (~1.2 now)
- Very few people get involved
- Good reason (it should **just** work)
- Unfamiliar tooling
- Taking things for granted
- Complaints are often, gratitude is very rare
- Overall - it's an extremely ungrateful job, easy to burn-out

Unsung heroes

- Amogh Desai
- Andrey Anshin
- Ash Berlin-Taylor
- Bowrna Prabhakaran
- Bugra Ozturk
- Edith Puella
- Elad Kalif
- Ephraim Anierobi
- Hussein Awala
- Jarek Potiuk
- Jed Cunningham
- Kaxil Naik
- Pierre Jeambrun
- Rom Sharon
- Shahar Epstein
- ... and more ...





Security implications

- Security comes with dependencies
- With complex projects it becomes “full time” job
- Supply chain improvements



Learnings for other projects

- Combine CI/Dev tooling
- Make dev tooling/CI priority
- Encourage passionate contributors



Takeaways

- Learn from other projects
- Apply “no broken window” policy
- Make the world a bit “better” with every change

Q&A



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