

(Pre-)Commit to Better Code

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Bio

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-  Master's degree in computer science from Georgia Tech

Prerequisites

- Comfort writing Python code and working with Git on the command line using basic commands (e.g., `clone`, `status`, `diff`, `add`, `commit`, and `push`)
- Have Python and Git installed on your computer, as well as a text editor for writing code (e.g., [Visual Studio Code](#))
- Fork and clone this repository: github.com/stefmolin/pre-commit-workshop
- Open up these slides in your browser and use the arrow keys to follow along: stefaniemolin.com/pre-commit-workshop

Agenda

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2. Creating a Pre-Commit Hook

Setting Up Pre-Commit Hooks

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How to enable pre-commit hooks

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- `pre-commit` installs its own script as the pre-commit hook executable for your repository.
- The installed pre-commit hook then runs `pre-commit`, which in turn runs any checks you specify using a YAML file.*

*Check out my "[A Behind-the-Scenes Look at How Pre-Commit Works](#)" article for more information.

Setup

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4. Work on your code as usual.

Package installation with `pip`

```
$ python3 -m pip install pre-commit
```

Package installation with `uv`

```
$ uv tool install pre-commit --with pre-commit-uv
```

* It's also possible to use `uv add --dev pre-commit` to install as a development dependency; however, you will then need to prefix each call to `pre-commit` with `uv run`, which will make it harder to follow along with the workshop. Installing it this way also rewrites `pre-commit` to use `uv`, which will speed things up.

Basic configuration

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Defined in `.pre-commit-config.yaml` at the repository root:

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3     rev: v5.0.0
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The `repos` section lists the repositories to use:

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This represents the configuration for a single repository:

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Basic configuration

The URL of the repository to clone:

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Git hook installation

While the `.pre-commit-config.yaml` file lives in version control, each contributor must run this locally:

```
$ pre-commit install  
pre-commit installed at .git/hooks/pre-commit
```

Add the configuration to version control

The `check-yaml` hook we included will make sure that the `.pre-commit-config.yaml` file (and any other YAML files in this repository) is valid YAML. Try committing it:

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$ git add .pre-commit-config.yaml
$ git commit -m "Add pre-commit config"
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Exercise

There are more hooks provided by the repository that we are currently using. Take a moment to look through their documentation, and add some additional hooks to the setup that are relevant to your work. Be sure to commit your changes.

github.com/pre-commit/pre-commit-hooks

Example solution

Adding these two hooks ensures that your scripts are actually executable:

```
repos:
  - repo: https://github.com/pre-commit/pre-commit-hooks
    rev: v5.0.0
    hooks:
      + - id: check-executables-have-shebangs
      + - id: check-shebang-scripts-are-executable
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Let's add `ruff` to lint and format our Python code, since it is "10-100x faster than existing linters (like Flake8) and formatters (like Black),"* and speed very is important with pre-commit hooks.

* Source: [ruff homepage](#) as of June 16, 2024

Adding ruff to .pre-commit-config.yaml

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The `ruff` pre-commit hook is in a separate repository:

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Use `args` to pass command line arguments to the hook:

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This once again triggers an update to the environment used for running the checks:

```
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$ git commit -m "Add ruff pre-commit hooks"
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All hooks that were added or modified hooks need to be updated in the environment:

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This will be slower the first time, but the environment persists until modification:

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Testing the `ruff` pre-commit hooks

Create a new file called `example.py` with the following contents, and try to commit it:

```
import re

def my_function(a):
    """My function."""
    pass
```

The commit fails

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The commit fails

No TOML or YAML files to check:

```
check toml.....(no files to check)Skipped
check yaml.....(no files to check)Skipped
fix end of files.....Passed
trim trailing whitespace.....Passed
ruff-check.....Failed
- hook id: ruff-check
- exit code: 1
- files were modified by this hook
```

Fixed 1 error:

- example.py:
 1 × F401 (unused-import)

Found 1 error (1 fixed, 0 remaining).

```
ruff-format.....Failed
```

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No issues with these checks:

```
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ruff modified a file, which is an automatic failure:

```
check yaml.....(no files to check)Skipped
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ruff-format.....Failed
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ruff found an unused import when linting:

```
fix end of files.....Passed
trim trailing whitespace.....Passed
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ruff summarizes its findings (sometimes we have to fix it):

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The commit fails

ruff also made a change while formatting the file:

```
ruff-check.....Failed
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Verify the changes before trying again

```
$ git diff example.py
diff --git a/example.py b/example.py
index ebb29eb..ad4c89e 100644
--- a/example.py
+++ b/example.py
@@ -1,5 +1,3 @@
-import re
-
def my_function(a):
    """My function."""
    pass
```

The commit succeeds now

```
$ git add example.py
$ git commit -m "Add example.py"
check toml.....(no files to check)Skipped
check yaml.....(no files to check)Skipped
fix end of files.....Passed
trim trailing whitespace.....Passed
ruff.....Passed
ruff-format.....Passed
[example 79b0f28] Add example.py
  1 file changed, 3 insertions(+)
  create mode 100644 example.py
```

Exercise

Look at the setup information for the `numpydoc-validation` hook at numpydoc.readthedocs.io/en/stable/validation.html, and add it to your configuration. Be sure to commit your changes.

Tip: You can run the following to check for any formatting errors:

```
$ pre-commit validate-config .pre-commit-config.yaml
```

Example solution

Adding the `numpydoc-validation` hook:

```
- repo: https://github.com/numpy/numpydoc
  rev: v1.8.0
  hooks:
    - id: numpydoc-validation
```

Running hooks on demand

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Running hooks on demand

Run all hooks on staged changes:

```
$ pre-commit run  
$ pre-commit run --files example.py  
$ pre-commit run numpydoc-validation --all-files
```

Running hooks on demand

Run all hooks on `example.py`:

```
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Run only the `numpydoc-validation` hook on all files:

```
$ pre-commit run  
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```

Validating docstrings

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Validating docstrings

Run `numpydoc-validation` hook on `example.py`:

```
$ pre-commit run numpydoc-validation --files example.py
numpydoc-validation.....Failed
- hook id: numpydoc-validation
- exit code: 1

+-----+-----+
| item | check | description |
+=====+=====+
| example | GL08 | The object missing docstring |
+-----+
| example.my_function | ES01 | No extended summary found |
+-----+
| example.my_function | PR01 | Param {'a'} not documented |
+-----+
| example.my_function | SA01 | See Also section not found |
+-----+
```

Output abbreviated.

Validating docstrings

`example.py` fails the docstring checks:

```
$ pre-commit run numpydoc-validation --files example.py
numpydoc-validation.....Failed
- hook id: numpydoc-validation
- exit code: 1

+-----+-----+
| item | check | description |
+=====+=====+
| example | GL08 | The object missing docstring |
+-----+
| example.my_function | ES01 | No extended summary found |
+-----+
| example.my_function | PR01 | Param {'a'} not documented |
+-----+
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+-----+
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Validating docstrings

Without any additional configuration, all numpydoc checks are run:

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For behavior that you only want to happen when the tool is run as a pre-commit hook (we want the issues fixed automatically here, but perhaps when we run `ruff` on our own, we just want it to report on what it would have changed):

```
- repo: https://github.com/astral-sh/ruff-pre-commit
  rev: v0.11.12
  hooks:
    - id: ruff-check
      args: [--fix, --exit-non-zero-on-fix, --show-fixes]
    - id: ruff-format
```

Modifying hook behavior with a configuration file

For settings that should be applied for every invocation of the tool:

```
# pyproject.toml (the tool must support this file)
[tool.ruff]
line-length = 88

[tool.ruff.format]
indent-style = "space"
quote-style = "single"

[tool.ruff.lint]
select = [
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ignore = [
    "E501", # line-too-long
]
```

Exercise

Configure the `numpydoc-validation` hook to ignore the checks ES01, EX01, SA01, and SS06. Then, address any issues in `example.py` so that it passes the checks.

numpydoc.readthedocs.io/en/stable/validation.html

Example solution

First, specify which checks to report in the configuration file:

```
# pyproject.toml (this tool supports pyproject.toml)
[tool.numpydoc_validation]
checks = [
    "all", # report on all checks
    "ES01", # but don't require an extended summary
    "EX01", # or examples
    "SA01", # or a see also section
    "SS06", # and don't require the summary to fit on one line
]
```

Then, update the docstrings in `example.py`:

```
"""Utility functions."""

def my_function(a):
    """
    My function.

    Parameters
    -----
    a : int
        The value to use.
    """
    pass
```

Excluding files

The docstring checks are strict, but things like the test suite won't end up in our documentation, so we are creating extra work. Let's restrict when the docstring checks will run:

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  rev: v1.8.0
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Tip: Inclusive filtering on the file name is also supported with `files`. File type filtering is also available. See the [pre-commit documentation](#) for all supported options.

Keeping hooks up-to-date

Run `pre-commit autoupdate` to update all hooks to their latest versions (the `rev` key in the YAML):

```
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Warning: Make sure these new versions work with your setup by running `pre-commit run --all-files`.

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Creating a Pre-Commit Hook

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Toy example

Only allow committing one file at a time:

```
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    return 1 if there is a failure, 0 otherwise.
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    failure = len(filenames) > 1

    return 1 if failure else 0
```

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This hook removes metadata from images, and the check is implemented to run on a single file at once.

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Exercise

Come up with your own check. It doesn't matter if something already exists for your idea. If you can't think of anything, try creating a check that enforces a file naming convention that you follow.

Write your code in the `src/custom_hook/check.py` file, renaming both the directory and file as you see fit.

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2. Wrap your function in a CLI

We will use `argparse` for this example:

```
import argparse
from typing import Sequence

def main(argv: Sequence[str] | None = None) -> int:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(prog='your-hook')
    parser.add_argument(
        'filenames',
        nargs='*',
        help='Filenames to process.')
    )

    args = parser.parse_args(argv)

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At a minimum, we need to accept filenames:

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We can then parse the received arguments:

```
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Run your check(s) on each item in `args.filenames`:

```
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2. Wrap your function in a CLI

Return 1 if there were any failures, 0 otherwise:

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Create the `ArgumentParser`:

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from typing import Sequence

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Process each file, storing the outcomes (these are Boolean values):

```
def main(argv: Sequence[str] | None = None) -> int:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(prog='exif-stripper')
    parser.add_argument(
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    args = parser.parse_args(argv)

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    ]
    return int(any(results))
```

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Aggregate the results, returning 1 if there were any failures, 0 otherwise:

```
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Exercise

Create a CLI for the check function you created in the previous exercise. Add an optional command line argument to modify how your check behaves.

You can put this in the same file from the previous exercise or in another file in the same directory (e.g., `src/custom_hook/cli.py`).

Example solution

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Example solution

Here, we continue with the hook requiring filenames of a certain length:

```
import argparse
from typing import Sequence

from .validate_filename import validate_filename

def main(argv: Sequence[str] | None = None) -> int:
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser(
        prog='validate-filename'
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        'filenames',
        nargs='*',
        help='Filenames to process.',
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        '--min-len',
```

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Example solution

Most of this is identical to the example:

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But, this time we add the minimum length as an optional argument:

```
    parser.add_argument(
        'filenames',
        nargs='*',
        help='Filenames to process.',
    )
    parser.add_argument(
        '--min-len',
        default=3,
        type=int,
        help='Minimum length for a filename.',
    )

args = parser.parse_args(argv)

results = [
    validate_filename(filename, args.min_len)
    for filename in args.filenames]
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Example solution

When we run the checks on each file, we also pass it in:

```
        help='Filenames to process.',  
    )  
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    '--min-len',  
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    help='Minimum length for a filename.',  
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Contents of `src/filename_validation/cli.py`

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Package example with `exif-stripper`

Let's look at the file structure for a Python package:

```
exif-stripper
├── .pre-commit-config.yaml
├── .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
├── LICENSE
├── README.md
├── pyproject.toml
└── src
    └── exif_stripper
        ├── __init__.py
        └── cli.py
└── tests
    └── test_cli.py
```

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Package example with `exif-stripper`

For this example, the repository name is `exif-stripper`:

```
exif-stripper
├── .pre-commit-config.yaml
├── .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
├── LICENSE
├── README.md
├── pyproject.toml
└── src
    └── exif_stripper
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Package example with `exif-stripper`

Configuration file to have `pre-commit` run hooks on the code:

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└── .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
├── LICENSE
├── README.md
├── pyproject.toml
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Package example with `exif-stripper`

Configuration file for the hook (for the `strip-exif` hook, here):

```
exif-stripper
├── .pre-commit-config.yaml
└── .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
LICENSE
README.md
pyproject.toml
src
└── exif_stripper
    ├── __init__.py
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tests
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```

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Package example with `exif-stripper`

Important files for any codebase:

```
exif-stripper
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├── .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
├── LICENSE
├── README.md
├── pyproject.toml
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Package example with `exif-stripper`

This package uses the `src` layout:

```
exif-stripper
├── .pre-commit-config.yaml
├── .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
├── LICENSE
├── README.md
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Package example with `exif-stripper`

Tests for the logic to make this easier to maintain:

```
exif-stripper
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├── pyproject.toml
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Package example with `exif-stripper`

The `pyproject.toml` file is used to install this:

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pyproject.toml

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pyproject.toml

This is a template `pyproject.toml` file:

```
[project]
name = "custom-hook"
version = "0.1.0"
authors = [{name = "TODO", email = "TODO@TODO"},]
description = "A pre-commit hook created during the workshop."
readme = "README.md"

requires-python = ">=3.10"
dependencies = [] # TODO: declare any dependencies

# TODO: update `your-script-name` with the name of your choice
# TODO: update `pkg.module:function` to point to your function
scripts.your-script-name = "pkg.module:function"

[dependency-groups]
dev = [
```

pyproject.toml

Name your distribution (likely the name of your repository):

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```

pyproject.toml

Provide a version (can also be done **dynamically**):

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[dependency-groups]
dev = [
```

pyproject.toml

Provide information about your project:

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pyproject.toml

Include all dependencies required to use your hook here:

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[dependency-groups]
dev = [
    "pre-commit", # so you can run hooks on the command-line
```

pyproject.toml

Optional dependencies for development of the hook go here, instead:

```
requires-python = ">=3.10"
dependencies = [] # TODO: declare any dependencies

# TODO: update `your-script-name` with the name of your choice
# TODO: update `pkg.module:function` to point to your function
scripts.your-script-name = "pkg.module:function"

[dependency-groups]
dev = [
    "pre-commit", # so you can run hooks on the codebase
    # "pytest", # remember to add tests for your hook
]

[build-system]
requires = ["hatchling"]
build-backend = "hatchling.build"
```

pyproject.toml

Build dependencies will be installed by the build front end (e.g., pip):

```
requires-python = ">=3.10"
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    "pre-commit", # so you can run hooks on the codebase
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]

[build-system]
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build-backend = "hatchling.build"
```

pyproject.toml

Create an executable for calling your hook's CLI:

```
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]

[build-system]
```

Example of specifying the entry point

When the `exif_stripper` package is installed, an entry point (executable) called, `exif-stripper`, is created automatically, which, when run, calls the `main()` function in the `exif_stripper.cli` module:

```
scripts.exif-stripper = "exif_stripper.cli:main"
```

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Exercise

Using the provided template, populate the `pyproject.toml` file for your hook from the previous exercise. Be sure to create an entry point that will hit the CLI.

Confirm that you can install it: `pip install -e .` or `uv sync`. Note that you will need to declare any dependencies outside the standard library and create any files referenced in the `pyproject.toml`, such as `README.md`.

Example solution

Replace the existing [project] section with the following:

```
[project]
name = "filename-validation"
version = "0.1.0"
authors = [
    {name = "Stefanie Molin", email = "email@example.com"},
]
description = "Validates that filenames meet criteria."
readme = "README.md"

requires-python = ">=3.10"
dependencies = []

scripts.validate-filename = "filename_validation.cli:main"
```

Example solution

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4. Configure it as a hook

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4. Configure it as a hook

Configuration goes in `.pre-commit-hooks.yaml` as a list of hooks:

```
- id: strip-exif
  name: strip EXIF metadata
  description: This hook strips image metadata.
  entry: exif-stripper
  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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The hook ID (we can use this to run just this hook):

```
- id: strip-exif
  name: strip EXIF metadata
  description: This hook strips image metadata.
  entry: exif-stripper
  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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4. Configure it as a hook

Display name for the hook when the checks are run:

```
- id: strip-exif
  name: strip EXIF metadata
  description: This hook strips image metadata.
  entry: exif-stripper
  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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4. Configure it as a hook

(Optional) Description of what your hook does:

```
- id: strip-exif
  name: strip EXIF metadata
  description: This hook strips image metadata.
  entry: exif-stripper
  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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The entry point or executable to run, which can also include arguments:

```
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  description: This hook strips image metadata.
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  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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4. Configure it as a hook

The language your hook is written in (so `pre-commit` can install it):

```
- id: strip-exif
  name: strip EXIF metadata
  description: This hook strips image metadata.
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  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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(Optional) Restrict this hook to only run on certain file types:

```
- id: strip-exif
  name: strip EXIF metadata
  description: This hook strips image metadata.
  entry: exif-stripper
  language: python
  types: [image]
```

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Exercise

Create a `.pre-commit-hooks.yaml` file for configuring your hook from the previous exercise. Note that, by default, hooks will run in parallel, if you need to run in serial, specify `require_serial: true`. Be sure to consult pre-commit.com/#creating-new-hooks for a listing of the configuration options.

Tip: You can run the following to check for any formatting errors:

```
$ pre-commit validate-manifest .pre-commit-hooks.yaml
```

Example solution

Continuing the example from previous exercises, we can use the following as our `.pre-commit-hooks.yaml` file for the hook to validate the length of the filename:

```
- id: validate-filename
  name: validate-filename
  description: This hook checks filename length.
  entry: validate-filename
  language: python
```

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- Run `pre-commit try-repo.` (pre-commit.com/#developing-hooks-interactively)
- Add your new hook to the `.pre-commit-config.yaml` file in another repository, and set the `rev` value to the most recent commit hash. Then, you can run your hook with `pre-commit run`.

Exercise

Test that your hook is properly configured.

Example solution

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Example solution

Start by creating a file that will fail the check:

```
$ touch x.py
$ pre-commit try-repo . --files x.py
[INFO] Initializing environment for ...
=====
Using config:
=====
repos:
- repo: .
  rev: e11041f74c8a0f074f0633138506dce2efe9c5e7
  hooks:
    - id: validate-filename
=====
[INFO] Installing environment for ...
[INFO] Once installed this environment will be reused.
[INFO] This may take a few minutes...
validate-filename.....Failed
```

Example solution

Run `pre-commit try-repo` passing in the file:

```
$ touch x.py
$ pre-commit try-repo . --files x.py
[INFO] Initializing environment for ...
=====
Using config:
=====
repos:
- repo: .
  rev: e11041f74c8a0f074f0633138506dce2efe9c5e7
  hooks:
    - id: validate-filename
=====
[INFO] Installing environment for ...
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```

Example solution

Now, `pre-commit` will generate a configuration for us:

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$ touch x.py
$ pre-commit try-repo . --files x.py
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=====
Using config:
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repos:
- repo: .
  rev: e11041f74c8a0f074f0633138506dce2efe9c5e7
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```

Example solution

Think of this as the `.pre-commit-config.yaml` file that will be used:

```
$ touch x.py
$ pre-commit try-repo . --files x.py
[INFO] Initializing environment for ...
=====
Using config:
=====
repos:
- repo: .
  rev: e11041f74c8a0f074f0633138506dce2efe9c5e7
  hooks:
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- hook id: validate-filename
```

Example solution

The `repo` points to the path we passed to `pre-commit try-repo`:

```
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=====
Using config:
=====
repos:
- repo: .
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=====
[INFO] Installing environment for ...
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Example solution

The `rev` is set to the most recent commit hash:

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```

Example solution

The hooks are pulled out of `.pre-commit-hooks.yaml`:

```
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=====
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=====
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  hooks:
    - id: validate-filename
=====

[INFO] Installing environment for ...
[INFO] Once installed this environment will be reused.
[INFO] This may take a few minutes...
validate-filename.....Failed
- hook id: validate-filename
- exit code: 1
```

Example solution

Just like before, `pre-commit` will need to set up the environment:

Using config:

```
=====
repos:
- repo: .
  rev: e11041f74c8a0f074f0633138506dce2efe9c5e7
  hooks:
    - id: validate-filename
=====

[INFO] Installing environment for ...
[INFO] Once installed this environment will be reused.
[INFO] This may take a few minutes...
validate-filename.....Failed
- hook id: validate-filename
- exit code: 1
```

Name too short (min_len=3): x.py

Example solution

As expected, `x.py` fails the `validate-filename` check:

Using config:

```
=====
repos:
- repo: .
  rev: e11041f74c8a0f074f0633138506dce2efe9c5e7
  hooks:
    - id: validate-filename
=====

[INFO] Installing environment for ...
[INFO] Once installed this environment will be reused.
[INFO] This may take a few minutes...
validate-filename.....Failed
- hook id: validate-filename
- exit code: 1

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```

Maintaining your hook

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- Use `pre-commit` to run your hooks in your CI/CD workflows.

Tip: See the [references slide](#) at the end for some examples.

Document your hook

Make it easy for people to get started with your hook by including a setup snippet in your `README`. If you have command line arguments and/or support configuration files, mention some common configurations. Note that you should create tags so people don't have to use commit hashes.

Usage

Add the following to your `.pre-commit-config.yaml` file:

```
- repo: https://github.com/stefmolin/exif-stripper
  rev: 0.3.0
  hooks:
    - id: strip-exif
```



Source: [stefmolin/exif-stripper](https://github.com/stefmolin/exif-stripper)

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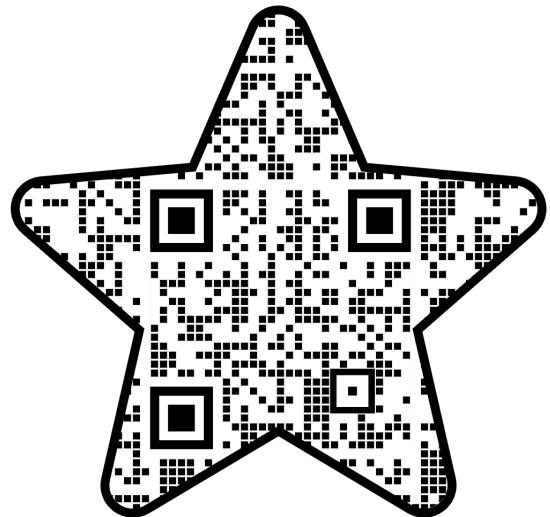
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- Hooks can be written in any language supported by `pre-commit` (see the list at pre-commit.com/#supported-languages).

References

- Pre-commit articles on my website, including
 - How to Set Up Pre-Commit Hooks
 - Pre-Commit Hook Creation Guide
- Official documentation: [pre-commit.com](#)
 - [.pre-commit-config.yaml](#)
 - [.pre-commit-hooks.yaml](#)
 - [CLI reference](#)
- Example of a published pre-commit hook: [exif-stripper](#)
 - Test suite using [pytest](#): [test_cli.py](#)
 - Testing workflow with GitHub Actions: [ci.yml](#)
- Example of finding and parsing configuration files like [pyproject.toml](#) (from the [numpydoc-validation](#) hook)
- Python Packaging User Guide: Publishing package distribution releases using GitHub Actions CI/CD workflows

Thank you!

I hope you enjoyed the workshop. You can follow my work on these platforms:



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