

Manifest: `__manifest__.py`

The manifest file serves to declare a python package as an Odoo module and to specify module metadata.

It is a file called `__manifest__.py` and contains a single Python dictionary, where each key specifies module metadata.

```
{
    'name': "A Module",
    'version': '1.0',
    'depends': ['base'],
    'author': "Author Name",
    'category': 'Category',
    'description': """
    Description text
    """,
    # data files always loaded at installation
    'data': [
        'views/mymodule_view.xml',
    ],
    # data files containing optionally loaded demonstration data
    'demo': [
        'demo/demo_data.xml',
    ],
}
```

Available manifest fields are:

`name` (`str`, required) - the human-readable name of the module

`version` (`str`) - this module's version, 1.0, 1.0.1

`description` (`str`) - extended description for the module, in reStructuredText

`author` (`str`) - name of the module author

`website` (`str`) - website URL for the module author

`license` (`str`, defaults: `LGPL-3`) - distribution license for the module. Possible values:

- `GPL-2`
- `GPL-2 or any later version`
- `GPL-3`

- GPL-3 or any later version
- AGPL-3
- LGPL-3
- Other OSI approved licence
- OEEL-1 (Odoo Enterprise Edition License v1.0)
- OPL-1 (Odoo Proprietary License v1.0)
- Other proprietary

`category (str, default: Uncategorized)` - classification category within Odoo, rough business domain for the module.

`depends (list(str))` - Odoo modules which must be loaded before this one, either because this module uses features they create or because it alters resources they define.

`data (list(str))` - List of data files which must always be installed or updated with the module. A list of paths from the module root directory

`demo (list(str))` - List of data files which are only installed or updated in *demonstration mode*

`auto_install (bool or list(str), default: False)` - If `True`, this module will automatically be installed if all of its dependencies are installed.

`external_dependencies (dict(key=list(str)))` - A dictionary containing python and/or binary dependencies.

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{
    'Python': ['idap']
}
```

`application (bool, default: False)` - Whether the module should be considered as a fully-fledged application (`True`) or is just a technical module (`False`) that provides some extra functionality to an existing application module.

`assets (dict)` - A definition of how all static files are loaded in various assets bundles.

`installable (bool default: True)` - Whether a user should be able to install the module from the Web UI or not.

`maintainer (str)` - Person or entity in charge of the maintenance of this module, by default it is assumed that the author is the maintainer.

`{pre_init, post_init, uninstall}_hook (str)`

Hooks for module installation/uninstallation, their value should be a string representing the name of a function defined inside the module's `__init__.py`.

`pre_init_hook` - takes a cursor as its only argument, this function is executed prior to the module's installation.

`post_init_hook` - takes a cursor and a registry as its arguments, this function is executed right after the module's installation.

`uninstall_hook` - takes a cursor and a registry as its arguments, this function is executed after the module's uninstallation.

These hooks should only be used when setup/cleanup required for this module is either extremely difficult or impossible through the api.