

# Checking Your Setup Script for Errors

There's a lot to keep track of. Distutils comes with a built-in validation command that checks that all the required metadata is present in your setup script. For example, if you forget to include the `version` parameter, Distutils will remind you.

```
c:\Users\pilgrim\chardet> c:\python31\python.exe setup.py check
running check
warning: check: missing required meta-data: version
```



Once you include a `version` parameter (and all the other required bits of metadata), the `check` command will look like this:

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