
validate-pyproject Documentation

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validate-pyproject is a command line tool and Python library for validating `pyproject.toml` files based on JSON Schema, and includes checks for [PEP 517](#), [PEP 518](#) and [PEP 621](#).

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1.1 validate-pyproject

Automated checks on `pyproject.toml` powered by JSON Schema definitions

Important: This project is **experimental** and under active development. Issue reports and contributions are very welcome.

1.1.1 Description

With the approval of [PEP 517](#) and [PEP 518](#), the Python community shifted towards a strong focus on standardisation for packaging software, which allows more freedom when choosing tools during development and make sure packages created using different technologies can interoperate without the need for custom installation procedures.

This shift became even more clear when [PEP 621](#) was also approved, as a standardised way of specifying project metadata and dependencies.

`validate-pyproject` was born in this context, with the mission of validating `pyproject.toml` files, and make sure they are compliant with the standards and PEPs. Behind the scenes, `validate-pyproject` relies on [JSON Schema](#) files, which, in turn, are also a standardised way of checking if a given data structure complies with a certain specification.

1.1.2 Usage

The easiest way of using `validate-pyproject` is via CLI. To get started, you need to install the package, which can be easily done using `pipx`:

```
$ pipx install 'validate-pyproject[all]'
```

Now you can use `validate-pyproject` as a command line tool:

```
# in your terminal
$ validate-pyproject --help
$ validate-pyproject path/to/your/pyproject.toml
```

You can also use `validate-pyproject` in your Python scripts or projects:

```
# in your python code
from validate_pyproject import api, errors

# let's assume that you have access to a `loads` function
# responsible for parsing a string representing the TOML file
# (you can check the `toml` or `tomli` projects for that)
pyproject_as_dict = loads(pyproject_toml_str)

# now we can use validate-pyproject
validator = api.Validator()

try:
    validator(pyproject_as_dict)
except errors.ValidationError as ex:
    print(f"Invalid Document: {ex.message}")
```

To do so, don't forget to add it to your [virtual environment](#) or specify it as a [project](#) or [library dependency](#).

Note: When you install `validate-pyproject[all]`, the packages `tomli`, `packaging` and `trove-classifiers` will be automatically pulled as dependencies. `tomli` is a lightweight parser for TOML, while `packaging` and `trove-classifiers` are used to validate aspects of [PEP 621](#).

If you are only interested in using the Python API and wants to keep the dependencies minimal, you can also install `validate-pyproject` (without the `[all]` extra dependencies group).

If you don't install `trove-classifiers`, `validate-pyproject` will try to download a list of valid classifiers directly from PyPI (to prevent that, set the environment variable `NO_NETWORK` or `VALIDATE_PYPROJECT_NO_NETWORK`).

On the other hand, if `validate-pyproject` cannot find a copy of `packaging` in your environment, the validation will fail.

More details about `validate-pyproject` and its Python API can be found in [our docs](#), which includes a description of the [used JSON schemas](#), instructions for using it in a [pre-compiled way](#) and information about extending the validation with your own [plugins](#).

Tip: If you consider contributing to this project, have a look on our [contribution guides](#).

1.1.3 Plugins

The `validate-pyproject-schema-store` plugin has a vendored copy of `pyproject.toml` related [SchemaStore](#) entries. You can even install this using the `[store]` extra:

```
$ pipx install 'validate-pyproject[all,store]'
```

Some of the tools in [SchemaStore](#) also have integrated `validate-pyproject` plugins, like `cibuildwheel` and `scikit-build-core`. However, unless you want to pin an exact version of those tools, the [SchemaStore](#) copy is lighter weight than installing the entire package.

If you want to write a custom plugin for your tool, please consider also contributing a copy to [SchemaStore](#).

1.1.4 pre-commit

`validate-pyproject` can be installed as a pre-commit hook:

```
---
repos:
- repo: https://github.com/abravalheri/validate-pyproject
  rev: <insert current version here>
  hooks:
  - id: validate-pyproject
    # Optional extra validations from SchemaStore:
    additional_dependencies: ["validate-pyproject-schema-store[all]"]
```

By default, this pre-commit hook will only validate the `pyproject.toml` file at the root of the project repository. You can customize that by defining a [custom regular expression pattern](#) using the `files` parameter.

You can also use `pre-commit autoupdate` to update to the latest stable version of `validate-pyproject` (recommended).

You can also use `validate-pyproject-schema-store` as a pre-commit hook, which allows pre-commit to pin and update that instead of `validate-pyproject` itself.

1.1.5 Note

This project and its sister project [ini2toml](#) were initially created in the context of [PyScaffold](#), with the purpose of helping migrating existing projects to [PEP 621](#)-style configuration when it is made available on `setuptools`. For details and usage information on [PyScaffold](#) see <https://pyscaffold.org/>.

1.2 Schemas

The following sections represent the schemas used in `validate-pyproject`. They were automatically rendered via [sphinx-jsonschema](#) for quick reference. In case of doubts or confusion, you can also have a look on the raw JSON files in `json-schemas`.

1.2.1 Data structure for `pyproject.toml` files

File format containing build-time configurations for the Python ecosystem. [PEP 517](#) initially defined a build-system independent format for source trees which was complemented by [PEP 518](#) to provide a way of specifying dependencies for building Python projects. Please notice the `project` table (as initially defined in [PEP 621](#)) is not included in this schema and should be considered separately.

https://packaging.python.org/en/latest/specifications/declaring-build-dependencies/		
type	<i>object</i>	
properties		
• build-system	Table used to store build-related data	
	type	<i>object</i>
	properties	
	• requires	List of dependencies in the PEP 508 format required to execute the build system. Please notice that the resulting dependency graph MUST NOT contain cycles
		type <i>array</i>
		items type <i>string</i>
	• build-backend	Python object that will be used to perform the build according to PEP 517
		type <i>string</i>
		format pep517-backend-reference
	• backend-path	List of directories to be prepended to <code>sys.path</code> when loading the back-end, and running its hooks
		type <i>array</i>
		items type <i>string</i>
	additionalProperties	False
• project	https://packaging.python.org/en/latest/specifications/pyproject-toml/	
• tool	type	<i>object</i>
additionalProperties	False	

1.2.2 Package metadata stored in the project table

Data structure for the `project` table inside `pyproject.toml` (as initially defined in [PEP 621](#))

https://packaging.python.org/en/latest/specifications/pyproject-toml/		
type	<i>object</i>	
properties		
• name	The name (primary identifier) of the project. MUST be statically defined.	
	type	<i>string</i>
	format	pep508-identifier
• version	The version of the project as supported by PEP 440 .	
	type	<i>string</i>
	format	pep440
• de- scrip- tion	The summary description of the project	
	type	<i>string</i>

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• readme	Full/detailed description of the project in the form of a README with meaning similar to the one defined in core metadata's Description				
	oneOf	Relative path to a text file (UTF-8) containing the full description of the project. If the file path ends in case-insensitive .md or .rst suffixes, then the content-type is respectively text/markdown or text/x-rst			
		type	string		
		type	object		
		allOf	anyOf	properties	
				• file	Relative path to a text file containing the full description of the project.
				type	string
				properties	
				• text	Full text describing the project.
				type	string
			properties		
			• content-type	Content-type (RFC 1341) of the full description (e.g. text/markdown). The charset parameter is assumed UTF-8 when not present.	
			type	string	
• requires-python	The Python version requirements of the project.				
	type	string			
	format	pep508-versionspec			
• license	Project license.				
	oneOf	properties			
		• file	Relative path to the file (UTF-8) which contains the license for the project.		
		type	string		
		properties			
		• text	The license of the project whose meaning is that of the License field from the core metadata.		
		type	string		
• authors	The people or organizations considered to be the ‘authors’ of the project. The exact meaning is open to interpretation (e.g. original or primary authors, current maintainers, or owners of the package).				
	type	array			
	items	Author or Maintainer			
• maintainers	The people or organizations considered to be the ‘maintainers’ of the project. Similarly to authors, the exact meaning is open to interpretation.				
	type	array			
	items	Author or Maintainer			
• keywords	List of keywords to assist searching for the distribution in a larger catalog.				
	type	array			
	items	type	string		
• classifiers	Trove classifiers which apply to the project.				
	type	array			
	items	PyPI classifier.			
		type	string		
		format	trove-classifier		
• urls	URLs associated with the project in the form label => value.				
	type	object			
	patternProperties				
	• ^.+ \$	type	string		

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		format	url
	additional-Properties	False	
• scripts	Instruct the installer to create command-line wrappers for the given entry points . <i>Entry-points</i>		
• gui-scripts	Instruct the installer to create GUI wrappers for the given entry points . The difference between <code>scripts</code> and <code>gui-scripts</code> is only relevant in Windows. <i>Entry-points</i>		
• entry-points	Instruct the installer to expose the given modules/functions via <code>entry-point</code> discovery mechanism (useful for plugins). More information available in the Python packaging guide . <code>patternProperties</code> <i>Entry-points</i> • <code>^.+</code>		
	additional-Properties	False	
• dependencies	Project (mandatory) dependencies. <code>type</code> <i>array</i> <code>items</code> <i>Dependency</i>		
• optional-depender	Optional dependency for the project <code>type</code> <i>object</i> <code>patternProperties</code> • <code>^.+</code> <code>type</code> <i>array</i> <code>items</code> <i>Dependency</i>		
	additional-Properties	False	
• dynamic	Specifies which fields are intentionally unspecified and expected to be dynamically provided by build tools <code>type</code> <i>array</i> <code>items</code> <i>enum</i> version, description, readme, requires-python, license, authors, maintainers, keywords, classifiers, urls, scripts, gui-scripts, entry-points, dependencies, optional-dependencies		
additional-Properties	False		
if	not	properties	version is listed in <code>dynamic</code> • dynamic
then	version should be statically defined in the <code>version</code> field		

Author or Maintainer

#/definitions/author	
type	<i>object</i>
properties	
• name	MUST be a valid email name, i.e. whatever can be put as a name, before an email, in RFC 822 .
	type <i>string</i>
• email	MUST be a valid email address
	type <i>string</i>
	format idn-email
additionalProperties	False

Entry-points

Entry-points are grouped together to indicate what sort of capabilities they provide. See the [packaging guides](#) and [setuptools docs](#) for more information.

#/definitions/entry-point-group	
type	<i>object</i>
patternProperties	
• ^,+\$.	Reference to a Python object. It is either in the form <code>importable.module</code> , or <code>importable.module:object.attr</code> .
	type <i>string</i>
	format python-entrypoint-reference
additionalProperties	False

Dependency

Project dependency specification according to PEP 508

#/definitions/dependency	
type	<i>string</i>
format	pep508

1.2.3 tool table

According to [PEP 518](#), tools can define their own configuration inside `pyproject.toml` by using custom subtables under `tool`.

In `validate-pyproject`, schemas for these subtables can be specified via [Plugins](#). The following subtables are defined by *built-in* plugins (i.e. plugins that are included in the default distribution of `validate-pyproject`):

tool.setuptools table

setuptools-specific configurations that can be set by users that require customization. These configurations are completely optional and probably can be skipped when creating simple packages. They are equivalent to some of the [Keywords](#) used by the `setup.py` file, and can be set via the `tool.setuptools` table. It considers only setuptools [parameters](#) that are not covered by [PEP 621](#); and intentionally excludes `dependency_links` and `setup_requires` (incompatible with modern workflows/standards).

https://setuptools.pypa.io/en/latest/userguide/pyproject_config.html			
type	<i>object</i>		
properties			
• platforms	type	<i>array</i>	
	items	type	<i>string</i>
• provides	Package and virtual package names contained within this package (not supported by pip)		
	type	<i>array</i>	
	items	type	<i>string</i>
		format	pep508-identifier
• obsoletes	Packages which this package renders obsolete (not supported by pip)		
	type	<i>array</i>	
	items	type	<i>string</i>
		format	pep508-identifier
• zip-safe	Whether the project can be safely installed and run from a zip file. OBSOLETE : only relevant for <code>pkg_resources</code> , <code>easy_install</code> and <code>setup.py install</code> in the context of eggs (DEPRECATED).		
	type	<i>boolean</i>	
• script-files	Legacy way of defining scripts (entry-points are preferred). Equivalent to the <code>script</code> keyword in <code>setup.py</code> (it was renamed to avoid confusion with entry-point based <code>project.scripts</code> defined in PEP 621). DISCOURAGED : generic script wrappers are tricky and may not work properly. Whenever possible, please use <code>project.scripts</code> instead.		
	type	<i>array</i>	
	items	type	<i>string</i>
• eager-resources	Resources that should be extracted together, if any of them is needed, or if any C extensions included in the project are imported. OBSOLETE : only relevant for <code>pkg_resources</code> , <code>easy_install</code> and <code>setup.py install</code> in the context of eggs (DEPRECATED).		
	type	<i>array</i>	
	items	type	<i>string</i>
• packages	Packages that should be included in the distribution. It can be given either as a list of package identifiers or as a dict-like structure with a single key <code>find</code> which corresponds to a dynamic call to <code>setuptools.config.expand.find_packages</code> function. The <code>find</code> key is associated with a nested dict-like structure that can contain <code>where</code> , <code>include</code> , <code>exclude</code> and <code>namespaces</code> keys, mimicking the keyword arguments of the associated function.		
	oneOf	<i>Array of Python package identifiers</i>	
		type	<i>array</i>
		items	<i>Valid package name</i>
		<i>'find:' directive</i>	
• package-dir	<i>dict</i> -like structure mapping from package names to directories where their code can be found. The empty string (as key) means that all packages are contained inside the given directory will be included in the distribution.		
	type	<i>object</i>	
	patternProperties		
		type	<i>string</i>
		• <i>^.*\$</i>	

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	additionalProp- erties	False		
• package- data	Mapping from package names to lists of glob patterns. Usually this option is not needed when using <code>include-package-data = true</code> For more information on how to include data files, check <code>setuptools</code> docs .			
	type	<i>object</i>		
	patternProperties			
	• ^.*\$	type	array	
		items	type	string
	additionalProp- erties	False		
• include- package- data	Automatically include any data files inside the package directories that are specified by <code>MANIFEST.in</code> For more information on how to include data files, check <code>setuptools</code> docs .			
	type	<i>boolean</i>		
• exclude- package- data	Mapping from package names to lists of glob patterns that should be excluded For more infor- mation on how to include data files, check <code>setuptools</code> docs .			
	type	<i>object</i>		
	patternProperties			
	• ^.*\$	type	array	
		items	type	string
	additionalProp- erties	False		
•	DEPRECATED: use implicit namespaces instead (PEP 420).			
namespace- packages	type	<i>array</i>		
	items	type	string	
		format	python-module-name	
• py- modules	Modules that <code>setuptools</code> will manipulate			
	type	<i>array</i>		
	items	type	string	
		format	python-module-name	
• data-files	dict-like structure where each key represents a directory and the value is a list of glob patterns that should be installed in them. DISCOURAGED: please notice this might not work as ex- pected with wheels. Whenever possible, consider using data files inside the package directories (or create a new namespace package that only contains data files). See data files support .			
	type	<i>object</i>		
	patternProperties			
	• ^.*\$	type	array	
		items	type	string
• cmdclass	Mapping of distutils-style command names to <code>setuptools.Command</code> subclasses which in turn should be represented by strings with a qualified class name (i.e., “dotted” form with module), e.g.:			
	<pre>cmdclass = {mycmd = "pkg.subpkg.module.CommandClass"}</pre>			
	The command class should be a directly defined at the top-level of the containing module (no class nesting).			
	type	<i>object</i>		
	patternProperties			
	• ^.*\$	type	string	
		format	python-qualified-identifier	
• license- files	PROVISIONAL: list of glob patterns for all license files being distributed. (likely to be- come standard with PEP 639). By default: <code>['LICEN[CS]E*', 'COPYING*', 'NOTICE*', 'AUTHORS*']</code>			

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• dynamic	type	array	
	items	type	string
	Instructions for loading PEP 621-related metadata dynamically		
	type	object	
	properties		
	• version	A version dynamically loaded via either the attr: or file: directives. Please make sure the given file or attribute respects PEP 440. Also ensure to set project.dynamic accordingly.	
	oneOf	<div> <div>attr: directive</div> <div>file: directive</div> </div>	
	• classifiers	file: directive	
	• descrip- tion	file: directive	
	• entry- points	file: directive	
	• depen- dencies	file: directive for dependencies	
	• optional- dependenci	type	object
		patternProperties	
		• .+	file: directive for dependencies
		additionalProp- erties	False
	• readme	type	object
		anyOf	file: directive
		type	object
		properties	
		• content- type	type string
		• file	#/definitions/file-directive/properties/file
		additionalProp- erties	False
	additionalProp- erties	False	

Valid package name

Valid package name (importable or [PEP 561](#)).

#/definitions/package-name			
type	<i>string</i>		
anyOf	type	<i>string</i>	
	format	python-module-name	
	type	<i>string</i>	
	format	pep561-stub-name	

‘file:’ directive

Value is read from a file (or list of files and then concatenated)

#/definitions/file-directive				
type	<i>object</i>			
properties				
• file	oneOf	type	<i>string</i>	
		type	<i>array</i>	
		items	type	<i>string</i>
additionalProperties	False			

‘file:’ directive for dependencies

allOf **BETA:** subset of the `requirements.txt` format without pip flags and options (one [PEP 508](#)-compliant string per line, lines that are blank or start with # are excluded). See [dynamic metadata](#).
‘file:’ directive

‘attr:’ directive

Value is read from a module attribute. Supports callables and iterables; unsupported types are cast via `str()`

#/definitions/attr-directive		
type	object	
properties		
• attr	type	string
	format	python-qualified-identifier
additionalProperties	False	

‘find:’ directive

#/definitions/find-directive			
type	object		
properties			
• find	Dynamic package discovery .		
	type	object	
	properties		
	• where	Directories to be searched for packages (Unix-style relative path)	
		type	array
		items	type string
	• exclude	Exclude packages that match the values listed in this field. Can contain shell-style wildcards (e.g. 'pkg.*')	
		type	array
		items	type string
	• include	Restrict the found packages to just the ones listed in this field. Can contain shell-style wildcards (e.g. 'pkg.*')	
		type	array
		items	type string
	• namespaces	When True, directories without a <code>__init__.py</code> file will also be scanned for PEP 420 -style implicit namespaces	
		type	boolean
	additionalProperties	False	
additionalProperties	False		

1.3 Embedding validations in your project

`validate-pyproject` can be used as a dependency in your project in the same way you would use any other Python library, i.e. by adding it to the same [virtual environment](#) you run your code in, or by specifying it as a [project](#) or [library dependency](#) that is automatically retrieved every time your project is installed. Please check [this example](#) for a quick overview on how to use the Python API.

Alternatively, if you cannot afford having external dependencies in your project you can also opt to “*vendorise*”¹ `validate-pyproject`. This can be done automatically via tools such as [vendoring](#) or [vendorize](#) and many others, however this technique will copy several files into your project.

However, if you want to keep the amount of files to a minimum, `validate-pyproject` offers a different solution that consists in pre-compiling the JSON Schemas (thanks to [fastjsonschema](#)).

After *installing* `validate-pyproject` this can be done via CLI as indicated in the command below:

```
# in your terminal
$ python -m validate_pyproject.pre_compile --help
$ python -m validate_pyproject.pre_compile -O dir/for/generated_files
```

This command will generate a few files under the directory given to the CLI. Please notice this directory should, ideally, be empty, and will correspond to a “sub-package” in your package (a `__init__.py` file will be generated, together with a few other ones).

Assuming you have created a `generated_files` directory, and that the value for the `--main-file` option in the CLI was kept as the default `__init__.py`, you should be able to invoke the validation function in your code by doing:

¹ The words “*vendorise*” or “*vendoring*” in this text refer to the act of copying external dependencies to a folder inside your project, so they are distributed in the same package and can be used directly without relying on installation tools, such as `pip`.

```
from .generated_files import validate, ValidationError

try:
    validate(dict_representing_the_parsed_toml_file)
except ValidationError:
    print("Invalid File")
```

1.4 FAQ

1.4.1 Why JSON Schema?

This design was initially inspired by an [issue](#) in the `setuptools` repository, and brings a series of advantages and disadvantages.

Disadvantages include the fact that [JSON Schema](#) might be limited at times and incapable of describing more complex checks. Additionally, error messages produced by JSON Schema libraries might not be as pretty as the ones used when bespoke validation is in place.

On the other hand, the fact that JSON Schema is standardised and have a widespread usage among several programming language communities, means that a bigger number of people can easily understand the schemas and modify them if necessary.

Additionally, [PEP 518](#) already includes a JSON Schema representation, which suggests that it can be used at the same time as specification language and validation tool.

1.4.2 Why `fastjsonschema`?

While there are other (more popular) [JSON Schema](#) libraries in the Python community, none of the ones the original author of this package investigated (other than `fastjsonschema`) fulfilled the following requirements:

- Minimal number of dependencies (ideally 0)
- Easy to “vendorise”, i.e. copy the source code of the package to be used directly without requiring installation.

`fastjsonschema` has no dependency and can generate validation code directly, which bypass the need for copying most of the files when “*embedding*”.

1.4.3 Why draft-07 of JSON Schema and not a more modern version?

The most modern version of JSON Schema supported by `fastjsonschema` is Draft 07. It is not as bad as it may sound, it even supports `if-then-else`-style conditions...

1.4.4 Why the URLs used as `$id` do not point to the schemas themselves?

According to the JSON Schema, the `$id` keyword is just a unique identifier to differentiate between schemas and is not required to match a real URL. The text on the standard is:

Note that this URI is an identifier and not necessarily a network locator. In the case of a network-addressable URL, a schema need not be downloadable from its canonical URI.

This information is confirmed in a [similar document submitted to the IETF](#).

1.4.5 Where do I find information about *format X*?

Please check `validate_pyproject.formats`.

1.5 Contributing

Welcome to `validate-pyproject` contributor's guide.

This document focuses on getting any potential contributor familiarized with the development processes, but [other kinds of contributions](#) are also appreciated.

If you are new to using [git](#) or have never collaborated in a project previously, please have a look at [contribution-guide.org](#). Other resources are also listed in the excellent [guide created by FreeCodeCamp](#).

Please notice, all users and contributors are expected to be **open, considerate, reasonable, and respectful**. When in doubt, [Python Software Foundation's Code of Conduct](#) is a good reference in terms of behavior guidelines.

1.5.1 Issue Reports

If you experience bugs or general issues with `validate-pyproject`, please have a look on the [issue tracker](#). If you don't see anything useful there, please feel free to fire an issue report.

Tip: Please don't forget to include the closed issues in your search. Sometimes a solution was already reported, and the problem is considered **solved**.

New issue reports should include information about your programming environment (e.g., operating system, Python version) and steps to reproduce the problem. Please try also to simplify the reproduction steps to a very minimal example that still illustrates the problem you are facing. By removing other factors, you help us to identify the root cause of the issue.

1.5.2 Documentation Improvements

You can help improve `validate-pyproject` docs by making them more readable and coherent, or by adding missing information and correcting mistakes.

`validate-pyproject` documentation uses [Sphinx](#) as its main documentation compiler. This means that the docs are kept in the same repository as the project code, in the form of [reStructuredText](#) files, and that any documentation update is done in the same way was a code contribution.

Tip: Please notice that the [GitHub web interface](#) provides a quick way of propose changes in `validate-pyproject`'s files. While this mechanism can be tricky for normal code contributions, it works perfectly fine for contributing to the docs, and can be quite handy.

If you are interested in trying this method out, please navigate to the docs folder in the source [repository](#), find which file you would like to propose changes and click in the little pencil icon at the top, to open [GitHub's code editor](#). Once you finish editing the file, please write a message in the form at the bottom of the page describing which changes have you made and what are the motivations behind them and submit your proposal.

When working on documentation changes in your local machine, you can compile them using `tox`:

```
tox -e docs
```

and use Python's built-in web server for a preview in your web browser (<http://localhost:8000>):

```
python3 -m http.server --directory 'docs/_build/html'
```

1.5.3 Code Contributions

Understanding how the project works

If you have a change in mind, please have a look in our [Developer Guide](#). It explains the main aspects of the project and provide a brief overview on how it is organised and how to implement *Plugins*.

Submit an issue

Before you work on any non-trivial code contribution it's best to first create a report in the [issue tracker](#) to start a discussion on the subject. This often provides additional considerations and avoids unnecessary work.

Create an environment

Before you start coding, we recommend creating an isolated [virtual environment](#) to avoid any problems with your installed Python packages. This can easily be done via either [virtualenv](#):

```
virtualenv <PATH TO VENV>
source <PATH TO VENV>/bin/activate
```

or [Miniconda](#):

```
conda create -n validate-pyproject python=3 six virtualenv pytest pytest-cov
conda activate validate-pyproject
```

Clone the repository

1. Create an user account on GitHub if you do not already have one.
2. Fork the project [repository](#): click on the *Fork* button near the top of the page. This creates a copy of the code under your account on GitHub.
3. Clone this copy to your local disk:

```
git clone git@github.com:YourLogin/validate-pyproject.git
cd validate-pyproject
```

4. You should run:

```
pip install -U pip setuptools -e .
```

to be able to import the package under development in the Python REPL.

5. Install `pre-commit`:

```
pip install pre-commit
pre-commit install
```

`validate-pyproject` comes with a lot of hooks configured to automatically help the developer to check the code being written.

Implement your changes

1. Create a branch to hold your changes:

```
git checkout -b my-feature
```

and start making changes. Never work on the main branch!

2. Start your work on this branch. Don't forget to add [docstrings](#) to new functions, modules and classes, especially if they are part of public APIs.
3. Add yourself to the list of contributors in `AUTHORS.rst`.
4. When you're done editing, do:

```
git add <MODIFIED FILES>
git commit
```

to record your changes in [git](#).

Please make sure to see the validation messages from `pre-commit` and fix any eventual issues. This should automatically use [ruff](#) to check/fix the code style in a way that is compatible with the project.

Important: Don't forget to add unit tests and documentation in case your contribution adds an additional feature and is not just a bugfix.

Moreover, writing a [descriptive commit message](#) is highly recommended. In case of doubt, you can check the commit history with:

```
git log --graph --decorate --pretty=oneline --abbrev-commit --all
```

to look for recurring communication patterns.

- Please check that your changes don't break any unit tests with:

```
tox
```

(after having installed `tox` with `pip install tox` or `pipx`).

You can also use `tox` to run several other pre-configured tasks in the repository. Try `tox -av` to see a list of the available checks.

Submit your contribution

- If everything works fine, push your local branch to GitHub with:

```
git push -u origin my-feature
```

- Go to the web page of your fork and click “Create pull request” to send your changes for review.

Find more detailed information in [creating a PR](#). You might also want to open the PR as a draft first and mark it as ready for review after the feedbacks from the continuous integration (CI) system or any required fixes.

Troubleshooting

The following tips can be used when facing problems to build or test the package:

- Make sure to fetch all the tags from the upstream [repository](#). The command `git describe --abbrev=0 --tags` should return the version you are expecting. If you are trying to run CI scripts in a fork repository, make sure to push all the tags. You can also try to remove all the egg files or the complete egg folder, i.e., `.eggs`, as well as the `*.egg-info` folders in the `src` folder or potentially in the root of your project.
- Sometimes `tox` misses out when new dependencies are added, especially to `setup.cfg` and `docs/requirements.txt`. If you find any problems with missing dependencies when running a command with `tox`, try to recreate the `tox` environment using the `-r` flag. For example, instead of:

```
tox -e docs
```

Try running:

```
tox -r -e docs
```

- Make sure to have a reliable `tox` installation that uses the correct Python version (e.g., 3.7+). When in doubt you can run:

```
tox --version
# OR
which tox
```

If you have trouble and are seeing weird errors upon running `tox`, you can also try to create a dedicated [virtual environment](#) with a `tox` binary freshly installed. For example:

```
virtualenv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
```

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```
.venv/bin/pip install tox
.venv/bin/tox -e all
```

4. `Pytest` can drop you in an interactive session in the case an error occurs. In order to do that you need to pass a `--pdb` option (for example by running `tox -- -k <NAME OF THE FALLING TEST> --pdb`). You can also setup breakpoints manually instead of using the `--pdb` option.

1.5.4 Maintainer tasks

Releases

If you are part of the group of maintainers and have correct user permissions on [PyPI](#), the following steps can be used to release a new version for `validate-pyproject`:

1. Make sure all unit tests are successful.
2. Tag the current commit on the main branch with a release tag, e.g., `v1.2.3`.
3. Push the new tag to the upstream repository, e.g., `git push upstream v1.2.3`
4. Clean up the `dist` and `build` folders with `tox -e clean` (or `rm -rf dist build`) to avoid confusion with old builds and Sphinx docs.
5. Run `tox -e build` and check that the files in `dist` have the correct version (no `.dirty` or `git` hash) according to the `git` tag. Also check the sizes of the distributions, if they are too big (e.g., > 500KB), unwanted clutter may have been accidentally included.
6. Run `tox -e publish -- --repository pypi` and check that everything was uploaded to [PyPI](#) correctly.

1.6 Developer Guide

This document describes the internal architecture and main concepts behind `validate-pyproject` and targets contributors and plugin writers.

1.6.1 How it works

`validate-pyproject` relies mostly on a set of specification documents represented as [JSON Schema](#). To run the checks encoded under these schema files `validate-pyproject` uses the [fastjsonschema](#) package.

This procedure is defined in the [api](#) module, specifically under the [Validator](#) class. [Validator](#) objects use [SchemaRegistry](#) instances to store references to the JSON schema documents being used for the validation. The [formats](#) module is also important to this process, since it defines how to validate the custom values for the "format" field defined in JSON Schema, for "string" values.

Checks for [PEP 517](#), [PEP 518](#) and [PEP 621](#) are performed by default, however these standards do not specify how the tool table and its subtables are populated.

Since different tools allow different configurations, it would be impractical to try to create schemas for all of them inside the same project. Instead, `validate-pyproject` allows [Plugins](#) to provide extra JSON Schemas, against which tool subtables can be checked.

1.6.2 Plugins

Plugins are a way of extending the built-in functionality of `validate-pyproject`, can be simply described as functions that return a JSON schema parsed as a Python `dict`:

```
def plugin(tool_name: str) -> dict:
    ...
```

These functions receive as argument the name of the tool subtable and should return a JSON schema for the data structure **under** this table (it **should** not include the table name itself as a property).

To use a plugin you can pass an `extra_plugins` argument to the `Validator` constructor, but you will need to wrap it with `PluginWrapper` to be able to specify which tool subtable it would be checking:

```
from validate_pyproject import api

def your_plugin(tool_name: str) -> dict:
    return {
        "$id": "https://your-urn-or-url", # $id is mandatory
        "type": "object",
        "description": "Your tool configuration description",
        "properties": {
            "your-config-field": {"type": "string", "format": "python-module-name"}
        },
    }

available_plugins = [
    plugins.PluginWrapper("your-tool", your_plugin),
]
validator = api.Validator(extra_plugins=available_plugins)
```

Please notice that you can also make your plugin “autoloadable” by creating and distributing your own Python package as described in the following section.

If you want to disable the automatic discovery of all “autoloadable” plugins you can pass `plugins=[]` to the constructor; or, for example in the snippet above, we could have used `plugins=...` instead of `extra_plugins=...` to ensure only the explicitly given plugins are loaded.

Distributing Plugins

To distribute plugins, it is necessary to create a Python package with a `validate_pyproject.tool_schema` entry-point.

For the time being, if using `setuptools`, this can be achieved by adding the following to your `setup.cfg` file:

```
# in setup.cfg
[options.entry_points]
validate_pyproject.tool_schema =
    your-tool = your_package.your_module.your_plugin
```

When using a [PEP 621](#)-compliant backend, the following can be add to your `pyproject.toml` file:

```
# in pyproject.toml
[project.entry-points."validate_pyproject.tool_schema"]
your-tool = "your_package.your_module:your_plugin"
```

The plugin function will be automatically called with the `tool_name` argument as same name as given to the entrypoint (e.g. `your_plugin("your-tool")`).

Also notice plugins are activated in a specific order, using Python's built-in `sorted` function.

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1.9 Changelog

1.9.1 Version 0.16

- Update version regex according to latest packaging version, #153
- Remove duplicate `# ruff: noqa`, #158
- Remove invalid top-of-the-file `# type: ignore` statement, #159
- Align `tool.setuptools.dynamic.optional-dependencies` with `project.optional-dependencies`, #170
- Bump min Python version to 3.8, #167

1.9.2 Version 0.16

- Fix `setuptools readme` field, #116
- Fix `oneOf <> anyOf` in `setuptools` schema, #117
- Add previously omitted type keywords for string values, #117
- Add schema validator check, #118
- Add `SchemaStore` conversion script, #119
- Allow `tool(s)` to be specified via URL (added CLI option: `--tool`), #121
- Support `uint` formats (as used by `Ruff`'s schema), #128
- Allow schemas to be loaded from `SchemaStore` (added CLI option: `--store`), #133

1.9.3 Version 0.15

- Update `setuptools` schema definitions, #112
- Add `__repr__` to plugin wrapper, by @henryiii #114
- Fix standard `$schema` ending `#`, by @henryiii #113

1.9.4 Version 0.14

- Ensure reporting show more detailed error messages for `RedefiningStaticFieldAsDynamic`, #104
- Add support for `repo-review`, by @henryiii in #105

1.9.5 Version 0.13

- Make it clear when using input from `stdin`, #96
- Fix summary for `allOf`, #100
- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Improve validation of `attr` directives, #101

1.9.6 Version 0.12.2

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Fix problem with `license-files` patterns, by removing default value.

1.9.7 Version 0.12.1

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Allow PEP 561 stub names in `tool.setuptools.package-dir`, #87

1.9.8 Version 0.12

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Allow PEP 561 stub names in `tool.setuptools.packages`, #86

1.9.9 Version 0.11

- Improve error message for invalid replacements in the `pre_compile` CLI, #71
- Allow package to be build from git archive, #53
- Improve error message for invalid replacements in the `pre_compile` CLI, #71
- Error-out when extra keys are added to `project.authors/maintainers`, #82
- De-vendor `fastjsonschema`, #83

1.9.10 Version 0.10.1

- Ensure `LICENSE.txt` is added to wheel.

1.9.11 Version 0.10

- Add `NOTICE.txt` to `license_files`, #58
- Use default SSL context when downloading classifiers from PyPI, #57
- Remove `setup.py`, #52
- Explicitly limit oldest supported Python version
- Replace usage of `cgi.parse_header` with `email.message.Message`

1.9.12 Version 0.9

- Use `tomllib` from the standard library in Python 3.11+, #42

1.9.13 Version 0.8.1

- Workaround typecheck inconsistencies between different Python versions
- Publish [PEP 561](#) type hints, #43

1.9.14 Version 0.8

- New `pre-commit` hook, #40
- Allow multiple TOML files to be validated at once via **CLI** (*no changes regarding the Python API*).

1.9.15 Version 0.7.2

- **setuptools** plugin:
 - Allow `dependencies/optional-dependencies` to use file directives, #37

1.9.16 Version 0.7.1

- CI: Enforced doctests
- CI: Add more tests for situations when downloading classifiers is disabled

1.9.17 Version 0.7

- **Deprecated** use of `validate_pyproject.vendoring`. This module is replaced by `validate_pyproject.pre_compile`.

1.9.18 Version 0.6.1

- Fix validation of `version` to ensure it is given either statically or dynamically, #29

1.9.19 Version 0.6

- Allow private classifiers, #26
- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Remove `license` and `license-files` from `tool.setuptools.dynamic`, #27

1.9.20 Version 0.5.2

- Exported `ValidationError` from the main file when vendored, PR #23
- Removed `ValidationError` traceback to avoid polluting the user logs with generate code, PR #24

1.9.21 Version 0.5.1

- Fixed typecheck errors (only found against GitHub Actions, not Cirrus CI), PR #22

1.9.22 Version 0.5

- Fixed entry-points format to allow values without the `:obj.attr` part, PR #8
- Improved trove-classifier validation, even when the package is not installed, PR #9
- Improved URL validation when scheme prefix is not present, PR #14
- Vendor `fastjsonschema` to facilitate applying patches and latest updates, PR #15
- Remove fixes for old version of `fastjsonschema`, PR #16, PR #19
- Replaced usage of `importlib.resources` legacy functions with the new API, PR #17
- Improved error messages, PR #18
- Added GitHub Actions for automatic test and release of tags, PR #11

1.9.23 Version 0.4

- Validation now fails when non-standardised fields to be added to the project table (issue #4, PR #5)
- Terminology and schema names were also updated to avoid specific PEP numbers and refer instead to living standards (issue #6, PR #7)

1.9.24 Version 0.3.3

- Remove upper pin from the `tomli` dependency by [@hukkin \(PR #1\)](#)
- Fix failing `blacken-docs` pre-commit hook by [@hukkin \(PR #2\)](#)
- Update versions of tools and containers used in the CI setup ([PR #3](#))

1.9.25 Version 0.3.2

- Updated `fastjsonschema` dependency version.
- Removed workarounds for `fastjsonschema` pre 2.15.2

1.9.26 Version 0.3.1

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Fixed missing required properties for the `attr:` and `file:` directives (previously empty objects were allowed).

1.9.27 Version 0.3

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Added support for `readme`, `license` and `license-files` via `dynamic`.

Warning: `license` and `license-files` in `dynamic` are **PROVISIONAL** they are likely to change depending on [PEP 639](#)

- Removed support for `tool.setuptools.dynamic.{scripts,gui-scripts}`. Dynamic values for `project.{scripts,gui-scripts}` are expected to be dynamically derived from `tool.setuptools.dynamic.entry-points`.

1.9.28 Version 0.2

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Added `cmdclass` support

1.9.29 Version 0.1

- **setuptools plugin:**
 - Added `data-files` support (although this option is marked as deprecated).
 - Unified `tool.setuptools.packages.find` and `tool.setuptools.packages.find-namespace` options by adding a new keyword `namespaces`
 - `tool.setuptools.packages.find.where` now accepts a list of directories (previously only one directory was accepted).

1.9.30 Version 0.0.1

- Initial release with basic functionality

1.10 Module Reference

The public API of `validate-pyproject` is exposed in the `validate_pyproject.api` module. Users may also import `validate_pyproject.errors` and `validate_pyproject.types` when handling exceptions or specifying type hints.

In addition to that, special `formats` that can be used in the JSON Schema definitions are implemented in `validate_pyproject.formats`.

1.10.1 `validate_pyproject.api`

Retrieve JSON schemas for validating dicts representing a `pyproject.toml` file.

```
class validate_pyproject.api.Validator(plugins: ~typing.Sequence[PluginProtocol] |
    ~validate_pyproject.api.AllPlugins = AllPlugins.ALL_PLUGINS,
    format_validators: ~typing.Mapping[str, ~typing.Callable[[str],
    bool]] = mappingproxy({'chain': <class 'itertools.chain'>,
    'pep440': <function pep440>, 'pep508-identifier': <function
    pep508_identifier>, 'pep508': <function pep508>,
    'pep508-versionspec': <function pep508_versionspec>,
    'pep517-backend-reference': <function
    pep517_backend_reference>, 'trove-classifier': <function
    trove_classifier>, 'pep561-stub-name': <function
    pep561_stub_name>, 'url': <function url>, 'python-identifier':
    <function python_identifier>, 'python-qualified-identifier':
    <function python_qualified_identifier>, 'python-module-name':
    <function python_module_name>, 'python-entrypoint-group':
    <function python_entrypoint_group>, 'python-entrypoint-name':
    <function python_entrypoint_name>,
    'python-entrypoint-reference': <function
    python_entrypoint_reference>, 'uint8': <function uint8>,
    'uint16': <function uint16>, 'uint': <function uint>, 'int':
    <function int>}), extra_validations: ~typ-
    ing.Sequence[~typing.Callable[~validate_pyproject.types.T,
    ~validate_pyproject.types.T]] = (<function
    validate_project_dynamic>,), *, extra_plugins:
    ~typing.Sequence[PluginProtocol] = ())
```

Bases: `object`

`__call__`(`pyproject: T`) \rightarrow `T`

Checks a parsed `pyproject.toml` file (given as `typing.Mapping`) and raises an exception when it is not a valid.

property `extra_validations`: `Sequence[Callable[[T], T]]`

List of extra validation functions that run after the JSON Schema check

property `formats`: `Mapping[str, Callable[[str], bool]]`

Mapping between JSON Schema formats and functions that validates them

```

property generated_code: str
property registry: SchemaRegistry
property schema: Schema
    Top level pyproject.toml JSON Schema

```

1.10.2 validate_pyproject.errors

In general, users should expect `validate_pyproject.errors.ValidationError` from `validate_pyproject.api.Validator.__call__`.

Note that `validate-pyproject` derives most of its exceptions from `fastjsonschema`, so it might make sense to also have a look on `fastjsonschema.JsonSchemaException`, `fastjsonschema.JsonSchemaValueException` and `fastjsonschema.JsonSchemaDefinitionException`.

exception `validate_pyproject.errors.InvalidSchemaVersion`(*name: str, given_version: str, required_version: str*)

Bases: `JsonSchemaDefinitionException`

All schemas used in the validator should be specified using the same version as the toplevel schema (`{version!r}`).

Schema for `{name!r}` has version `{given!r}`.

exception `validate_pyproject.errors.SchemaMissingId`(*reference: str*)

Bases: `JsonSchemaDefinitionException`

All schemas used in the validator MUST define a unique toplevel “`$id`”. No “`$id`” was found for schema associated with `{reference!r}`.

exception `validate_pyproject.errors.SchemaWithDuplicatedId`(*schema_id: str*)

Bases: `JsonSchemaDefinitionException`

All schemas used in the validator MUST define a unique toplevel “`$id`”. `$id = {schema_id!r}` was found at least twice.

exception `validate_pyproject.errors.ValidationError`(*message, value=None, name=None, definition=None, rule=None*)

Bases: `JsonSchemaValueException`

Report violations of a given JSON schema.

This class extends `JsonSchemaValueException` by adding the following properties:

- **summary**: an improved version of the `JsonSchemaValueException` error message with only the necessary information)
- **details**: more contextual information about the error like the failing schema itself and the value that violates the schema.

Depending on the level of the verbosity of the logging configuration the exception message will be only **summary** (default) or a combination of **summary** and **details** (when the logging level is set to `logging.DEBUG`).

```
details = ''
```

```
summary = ''
```

1.10.3 validate_pyproject.types

`validate_pyproject.types.FormatValidationFn`

Should return True when the input string satisfies the format

alias of `Callable[[str], bool]`

`validate_pyproject.types.Plugin`

A plugin is something that receives the name of a *tool* sub-table (as defined in PEP 621) and returns a [Schema](#).

For example `plugin("setuptools")` should return the JSON schema for the `[tool.setuptools]` table of a `pyproject.toml` file.

alias of `Callable[[str], Schema]`

class `validate_pyproject.types.Schema`

JSON Schema represented as a Python dict

alias of `Mapping`

`validate_pyproject.types.ValidationFn`

Custom validation function. It should receive as input a mapping corresponding to the whole `pyproject.toml` file and raise a `fastjsonschema.JsonSchemaValueException` if it is not valid.

alias of `Callable[[T], T]`

1.10.4 validate_pyproject.formats

The functions in this module are used to validate schemas with the `format JSON Schema` keyword.

The correspondence is given by replacing the `_` character in the name of the function with a `-` to obtain the format name and vice versa.

`validate_pyproject.formats.int(value: int) → bool`

Signed 64-bit integer ($-2^{63} \leq x < 2^{63}$)

`validate_pyproject.formats.pep440(version: str) → bool`

See PyPA's [version specification](#) (initially introduced in [PEP 440](#)).

`validate_pyproject.formats.pep508(value: str) → bool`

See PyPA's [dependency specifiers](#) (initially introduced in [PEP 508](#)).

`validate_pyproject.formats.pep508_identifier(name: str) → bool`

See PyPA's [name specification](#) (initially introduced in [PEP 508#names](#)).

`validate_pyproject.formats.pep508_versionspec(value: str) → bool`

Expression that can be used to specify/lock versions (including ranges) See [versionspec](#) in PyPA's [dependency specifiers](#) (initially introduced in [PEP 508](#)).

`validate_pyproject.formats.pep517_backend_reference(value: str) → bool`

See PyPA's [specification](#) for defining build-backend references introduced in [PEP 517#source-trees](#).

This is similar to an entry-point reference (e.g., `package.module:object`).

`validate_pyproject.formats.pep561_stub_name(value: str) → bool`

Name of a directory containing type stubs. It must follow the name scheme `<package>-stubs` as defined in [PEP 561#stub-only-packages](#).

`validate_pyproject.formats.python_entrypoint_group(value: str) → bool`

See Data model > group in the PyPA's entry-points specification.

`validate_pyproject.formats.python_entrypoint_name(value: str) → bool`

See Data model > name in the PyPA's entry-points specification.

`validate_pyproject.formats.python_entrypoint_reference(value: str) → bool`

Reference to a Python object using in the format:

```
importable.module:object.attr
```

See Data model > object reference in the PyPA's entry-points specification.

`validate_pyproject.formats.python_identifier(value: str) → bool`

Can be used as identifier in Python. (Validation uses `str.isidentifier`).

`validate_pyproject.formats.python_module_name(value: str) → bool`

Module name that can be used in an `import`-statement in Python. See `python_qualified_identifier`.

`validate_pyproject.formats.python_qualified_identifier(value: str) → bool`

Python "dotted identifier", i.e. a sequence of `python_identifier` concatenated with "." (e.g.: `package.module.submodule`).

`validate_pyproject.formats.trove_classifier(value: str) → bool`

See <https://pypi.org/classifiers/>

`validate_pyproject.formats.uint(value: int) → bool`

Unsigned 64-bit integer ($0 \leq x < 2^{64}$)

`validate_pyproject.formats.uint16(value: int) → bool`

Unsigned 16-bit integer ($0 \leq x < 2^{16}$)

`validate_pyproject.formats.uint8(value: int) → bool`

Unsigned 8-bit integer ($0 \leq x < 2^8$)

`validate_pyproject.formats.url(value: str) → bool`

Valid URL (validation uses `urllib.parse`). For maximum compatibility please make sure to include a scheme prefix in your URL (e.g. `http://`).

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