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# heist-salt Documentation

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## 1.1 Getting Started

### 1.1.1 Prerequisites

- Python 3.7+
- *git (if installing from source, or contributing to the project)*

### 1.1.2 Installation

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**Note:** If wanting to contribute to the project, and setup your local development environment, see the CONTRIBUTING.rst document in the source repository for this project.

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If wanting to use `heist-salt`, you can do so by either installing from PyPI or from source.

#### Install from PyPI

To install the latest version from PyPI:

```
# Requires Python 3.7+  
pip install heist-salt
```

#### Install from PyPi when using Salt's onedir packages

```
salt-pip install heist-salt
```

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**Note:** Due to this issue: <https://github.com/saltstack/salt/issues/64192> you cannot run Heist-Salt alongside Salt's 3006.0 onedir packages. This was resolved in Salt's 3006.1 onedir packages.

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After `heist-salt` is installed into the Salt's onedir packages, you need to ensure you add the Heist binary to your path. If you installed the linux 3006.1 Salt onedir packages, by default this path would be `/opt/saltstack/salt/extras-3.10/bin/`. This is where the `heist` binary is installed when running `salt-pip install heist-salt`. You could also directly call the full binary path instead of adding it to your path. For example:

```
# /opt/saltstack/salt/extras-3.10/bin/heist salt.minion -R /etc/heist/roster
```

### Install from source

heist-salt can also be installed from source:

```
# Requires git and Python 3.6+
git clone https://gitlab.com/saltstack/pop/heist-salt.git
cd heist-salt
pip install -e .
```

### 1.1.3 Setting up a Salt master

Don't worry, this is a snap! Once Heist is installed you will need a Salt master to connect to if you are using the `salt.minion` manager. If you have an existing Salt master running or you are using a different manager such as `salt.master` you can skip this section, just run `heist` on your Salt master.

### 1.1.4 Using onedir binary

Download the all-in-one Salt binary for Linux x86\_64.

```
wget https://repo.saltproject.io/salt/py3/onedir/latest/salt-3006.1-onedir-linux-x86_64.
↪tar.xz
```

This is to install the 3006.1 version of Salt. You can view the directory listing here: <https://repo.saltproject.io/salt/py3/onedir/> to see all of the Salt versions available for download.

Extract the tarball:

```
tar -xvf salt-3006.1-onedir-linux-x86_64.tar.xz
```

This will extract a single file named `salt`. You can now use this single binary to run the Salt master.

```
./salt/salt-master
```

Now you have a running Salt master to control your minions!

### 1.1.5 Using onedir system packages

You can also install the onedir system packages. Please see the [Salt install guide](#) for instructions on how to install and run the Salt master.

### 1.1.6 Pip install Salt

If you want to pip install Salt you only need to run:

```
pip install salt
```

Now you can run the salt-master in the background:

```
salt-master -d
```

### 1.1.7 Making your roster

A Roster is a file used by Heist to map login information to the systems in your environment. This file can be very simple and just needs to tell Heist where your systems are and how to log into them via ssh. Open a file called `roster.cfg` and add the data needed to connect to a remote system via ssh:

```
192.168.4.4:  
  username: fred  
  password: fred's_password
```

The roster files typically all live inside of a roster directory. But to get started will execute a single roster file with heist:

```
heist <heist-manager> -R roster.cfg
```

Please see [heist's roster](#) documentation for more information on rosters.

To use the `salt.minion` manager to deploy and manage a Salt Minion artifact, run the following:

```
heist salt.minion -R roster.cfg
```

To use the `salt.master` manager to deploy and manage a Salt Master artifact, run the following:

```
heist salt.master -R roster.cfg
```

Assuming your roster is correct, heist will now connect to the remote system, deploy a Salt minion, and connect it to your running master! Now you can use the same binary that you started the master with to accept your new minion's keys:

```
./salt/salt-key -A
```

Then give your minion a few seconds to authenticate and then run your first `salt` command on the newly set up minion:

```
./salt/salt \* test.version
```

That's it! Now that the minion is up you can run `salt` commands on it at breakneck speed, the full power of Salt is at your fingertips!!

## 1.2 What is Heist-Salt

Salt requires an agent be installed across all devices a user desires to manage. The agent normally requires a manual step to install across all devices, before being able to get started with Salt. Heist-Salt is a tool that removes this manual installation step and manages the installation for the user. Heist-Salt uses the [heist](#) tool to help manage the artifacts.

Heist Salt is a tool that can manage the deployment and installation of Salt or be used as an agentless solution for Salt. Heist-Salt uses Heist, which is a tool that helps manage any artifacts. Heist-Salt uses Heist to help deploy and install the Salt artifact. Heist-Salt can currently manage the following artifacts:

- *Heist Minion*
- *Heist Master*
- *Heist Proxy Minion*

There are two different use for Heist-Salt:

- ***Agentless Minions***: Provides an agentless solution for the user over SSH. This removes the requirement to for the user to install an agent across each device they want to manage with Salt.
- ***Bootstrapping Minions to Existing Masters***: A solution to automate the installation of the Salt onedir across all devices they want to manage. This solution can also manage upgrades of Salt, manage the configurations and manage the service.

## 1.3 Running Heist-Salt as unprivileged user

If you are running Heist-Salt as a non root user and using the agentless mode of Heist-Salt you need to ensure the user running Heist also has the correct permissions on Salt. Please see the [running Salt as unprivileged user](#) instructions on what permissions need to be set for your user.



## ARTIFACTS

### 2.1 Building Custom Salt Bins

To build a custom Salt binary, follow the instructions in the [Salt packaging](#) documentation.

#### 2.1.1 salt\_repo\_url

By default, heist-salt will query <https://repo.saltproject.io/salt/py3/onedir/repo.json> to return data about the artifacts. The returned json data will include the artifact name, version and hashes of the artifact.

You can set a custom repo by setting `salt_repo_url` to a url that points to your custom repo. The custom repo needs to include a `repo.json` file and follow the directory structure of <https://repo.saltproject.io/salt/py3/onedir/>

### 2.2 Salt Artifact

Heist-salt uses [Heist](#) to deploy and manage the Salt artifact. The Salt binary Heist-Salt deploys is built using [releuv](#). Relenv creates a reproducible and re-locatable python builds.

Heist automatically downloads artifacts from [repo.saltproject.io](https://repo.saltproject.io) and uses them to deploy agents. Heist will automatically download the latest artifact from the repo, unless it already exists in the `artifacts_dir` or a specific Salt version is set via the `artifact_version` option. Heist will automatically detect the target OS and download the appropriate binary. If `artifact_version` is set, heist will download the `Salt` binary version from the repo if it exists.

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**Note:** Starting in Heist-Salt version v6.0.0, Heist will only support managing and deploying the Salt artifact 3006.0 and above.

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You can deploy a custom version of Salt onedir package that includes a different version of python, or more dependency libraries. See the [Building Custom Salt Bins](#) documentation for more information.

When the artifacts are downloaded from the remote repo they are placed in your `artifacts_dir`. By default this location is `/var/tmp/heist/artifacts`

The downloaded executables are in a tarball and are versioned with a version number following the dash right after the name of the binary. It also includes the OS and architecture. In the case of `salt` the file looks like this: `salt-3006.0-onedir-linux-aarch64.tar.xz`.

### 2.3 Heist Master

You can use the `salt.master` Heist plugin to deploy and manage a Salt master artifact.

```
heist salt.master -R roster.cfg
```

This will automatically download and deploy a Salt master to the defined targets. This Heist manager will also handle the Salt master upgrades, and managing the service.

If you want to define Salt master config options to add to the master config file, you would define them in your roster file like so:

```
system_name:  
  host: 192.168.1.2  
  username: root  
  password: "rootpassword"  
  master_opts:  
    log_level_logfile: debug
```

### 2.4 Heist Minion

There are two ways to differentiate between a Heist-Salt minion and a regular minion. A Heist-Salt minion communicates with the master over SSH. Also, a Heist-Salt minion includes a `minion_type: heist` grain. If you want to target only heist minions you can with grains targeting on a Salt Master.

```
salt -G 'minion_type:heist' test.version
```

Since Heist-Salt minions communicate over SSH if your Salt Master is attempting to check for connected minions it will not work by default for Heist Minions. You will need to set `detect_remote_minions` to be True in your Salt Master configuration. This will check for connections the Master is connected to over port 22 by default. If you are running SSH on a different port you can change the port with `remote_minions_port`. These settings will allow presence events, the manage runner and any other features that detect connected minions in to a Salt Master to work properly.

### 2.5 Heist Proxy Minion

You can use the `salt.proxy` Heist plugin to deploy and manage a Salt proxy minion artifact.

```
heist salt.proxy -R roster.cfg
```

This will automatically download and deploy a Salt proxy minion to the defined targets. This Heist manager will also handle the Salt proxy minion upgrades and managing the service.

If you want to define Salt proxy config options to add to the proxy config file, you would define them in your roster file like so:

```
system_name:  
  host: 192.168.1.2  
  username: root  
  password: "rootpassword"  
  proxy_opts:  
    log_level_logfile: debug
```

To define the proxy type and any other needed settings for the Salt proxy minion you will need to use the `pillar` arg in the roster file. For example:

```
system_name:  
  host: 192.168.1.2  
  username: root  
  password: "rootpassword"  
  pillar:  
    proxy:  
      proxytype: dummy
```

This setting ensures the pillar data is set for this minion to configure the Salt proxy minion type to dummy. This will also edit your top file to ensure this pillar data is added to your pillar environment. It will use the base pillar environment by default or look at your Salt opts for `pillarenv`.

### 2.5.1 Heist Proxy Minion Grains

There are two ways to differentiate between a Heist-Salt proxy minion and a regular proxy minion. A Heist-Salt minion communicates with the master over SSH. Also, a Heist-Salt minion includes a `minion_type: heist_proxy` grain. If you want to target only heist proxy minions, you can with grains targeting on a Salt Master.

```
salt -G 'minion_type:heist_proxy' test.version
```

Since Heist-Salt proxy minions communicate over SSH, if your Salt Master is attempting to check for connected minions, it will not work by default for Heist Minions. You will need to set `detect_remote_minions` to True in your Salt Master configuration. This will check for connections the Master is connected to over port 22 by default. If you are running SSH on a different port, you can change the port with `remote_minions_port`. These settings will allow presence events, the manage runner and any other features that detect connected minions to a Salt Master to work properly.



## 3.1 v3.0.0 (2021-07-15)

### 3.1.1 Changelog

#### Removed

- Remove *accept\_keys* in favore of *generate\_keys*. (#23)

#### Fixed

- Fixed setup.py to include the correct directory when building package. (#24)

#### Added

- Add towncrier tool to the heist-salt project to help manage CHANGELOG.md file. (#22)

## 3.2 v4.0.0 (2021-08-18)

### 3.2.1 Changelog

#### Deprecated

- Deprecate `artifacts.salt.fetch` and `artifacts.salt.verify_hash` in favor of `heist.artifacts.init.{fetch,verify}`. This will be removed in Heist-Salt version v5.0.0. (#28)

#### Added

- Allow users to “bootstrap” their minions. This feature will allow a user to deploy a salt minion and point it to a different master. Heist will no longer manage this minion after deployment. (#5)
- Migrate artifact calls to `heist/artifact/init.py` (#27)

## 3.3 v5.0.0 (2021-10-25)

### 3.3.1 Changelog

#### Removed

- Removed salt.artifacts.salt.fetch in favor of heist.artifacts.init.fetch Removed salt.artifacts.salt.verify\_hash in favor of heist.artifacts.init.verify (#28)

#### Fixed

- Allow heist to work with pkg version. For example 3004-1. It will also continue to allow use of old versioning (3004). (#30)

## 3.4 v5.1.0 (2021-11-04)

### 3.4.1 Changelog

#### Fixed

- Fix using heist-salt with Salt versions < 3003 when cleaning the connections. (#32)
- Set minion\_type heist grain for bootstrap heist minions. (#33)
- Do not traceback when heist cannot connect to the target host. (#34)

#### Added

- Add offline\_mode option to skip downloading artifact step. (#31)

## 3.5 v5.2.0 (2021-12-07)

### 3.5.1 Changelog

#### Fixed

- Do not create files outside of /var/tmp/heist\_<user>. This ensures the files /var/log/salt/minion and /etc/salt/minion.d do not get created. (#35)

### Added

- Add `--onedir` option to allow user to use onedir Salt packages. (#36)

## 3.6 v5.3.0 (2022-07-12)

### 3.6.1 Changelog

#### Deprecated

- The support for singlebin packages will be removed in v6.0.0. Please use `--onedir` going forward. In the v6.0.0 release, onedir will be the default option and the `--onedir` argument will be removed.

#### Fixed

- Fix permission denied error when using sudo. (#40)

#### Added

- Allow users to use the new Heist raw service. (#37)
- Add Support for win\_service Plugin for Windows (#38)
- Add Windows Support for SingleBin (#39)
- Added support for OneDir on Windows (#43)

## 3.7 v5.3.1 (2022-07-13)

### 3.7.1 Changelog

#### Fixed

- Add packaging as a base requirement for heist-salt. (#50)

## 3.8 6.0.0 (2023-05-03)

### 3.8.1 Changelog

#### Changed

- Removing the single bin artifact in favor of the onedir. (#49)
- Heist-Salt will not require salt as a pip dependency. It now checks on startup if salt is installed or not. This allows a user to have Salt installed without pip. (#61)

### Fixed

- Return success if a machine is bootstrapped successfully. (#46)
- Ensure raw\_service restarts on upgrade of artifact. Do not re-deploy alias files on upgrade. (#62)

### Added

- Add ability to only manage the service of an already deployed artifact. Add ability to clean the previously deployed artifact before deploying a new artifact. (#25)
- added some better error handling. it isn't perfect yet. but at least should catch the big stuff. (#47)
- Add aliases for salt-call and salt-minion binaries. (#48)
- Add ability to detect there is a new Salt package and upgrade it. (#51)
- Add ability to deploy Salt proxy (#52)
- Add ability for Heist-Salt to deploy Salt Master. (#53)
- Check if the artifact has already been deployed and verify the artifact. Also, start the service if not started. (#60)
- Added support in Heist-Salt for the new Salt 3006.0 packages. This is a breaking change as Heist-Salt will only support Salt packages 3006.0 and above. (#66)
- <https://gitlab.com/saltstack/pop/heist/-/issues/120> - started with heist-salt roster instead of going through the heist way first. (#120)

## 3.9 6.0.1 (2023-05-08)

### 3.9.1 Changelog

#### Fixed

- Ensure we create the pki directory on windows targets when using Salt Minion Heist manager. (#67)

## 3.10 6.0.2 (2023-05-18)

### 3.10.1 Changelog

#### Fixed

- Daemonize the Salt master, minion and proxy (-d). (#69)



## BOOTSTRAP

### 4.1 Bootstrapping Minions to Existing Masters

Heist can be used to bootstrap minions to connect to existing masters and not be connected back through the ssh tunnel. This allows for minions to be deployed and managed to many system in a very streamlined way.

The only change that needs to take place is that *bootstrap: True* and the master that the target system needs to connect to is defined in *minion\_opts* inside the roster:

```
hostname:  
  username: frank  
  password: horsebatterystaple  
  bootstrap: True  
  minion_opts:  
    master: salt
```

This now tells the minion to deploy the salt minion artifact and connect to the specific master located at the host named *salt*. When heist is stopped it will not delete anything and will immediately kill the connection. With this approach you will need to manually accept the key on the master that the minions are now communicating with.



**AGENTLESS**

## 5.1 Agentless Minions

Heist-Salt agentless is the default use case for Heist-Salt. Heist-Salt will automatically deploy and install the Salt minion for the user and automatically generate and accept the Salt key. Heist-Salt will also establish a SSH tunnel connection between the Salt Master and the Salt Minion. Once this connection is established and the Salt Minion is deployed a user can then use Salt to manage the minion, with all of the communication over SSH. When the Heist-Salt process is killed it cleans everything up, including removing the Salt Minion agent, the Salt keys, and the SSH tunnel.



## 6.1 Pluggable Tunnel System

The tunnel system in Heist and Heist Salt is pluggable, but currently the only supported tunnel is `asyncssh`. The tunnel plugin system is used to create connections from heist to the minions. This connection is used to do the following:

### 6.1.1 1. Manage files and binaries

The tunnel helps copy binaries and files over to the minion. The `asyncssh` tunnel, for example, uses `sftp` to copy over these files via `ssh`.

### 6.1.2 2. Manage a tunnel

Establish an `ssh` tunnel from the Heist Salt minions to the Salt Master's `publish` and `master` ports. The `asyncssh` tunnel, for example creates an `ssh` tunnel on the minions on ports `44505` and `44506` back to the Salt Master's `master_port` and `publish_port` ports, by default (`4505` and `4506`)

Salt minion's set the `publish_port` to `44505` and the `master_port` to `44506` by default. You can change the minion's `publish_port` and `master_port` by editing the `minion_opts` in your roster.

```
system_name:
  host: 192.168.1.2
  username: root
  password: "rootpassword"
  minion_opts:
    master_port: 54506
    publish_port: 54505
```

This will edit the minion config to point the `master_port` to `54506` and the `publish_port` to `54505`. The `SSH` tunnel will also use these values to setup the tunnel on these ports on the minion side.

### 6.1.3 3. Handling Disconnects

The tunnel detects if there is a disconnect and will attempt to re-connect automatically. The *checkin\_time* configuration is used to determine in seconds how often to check if the connection is established.

## DEVELOPMENT

### 7.1 Changelog

The Heist-Salt project uses the `towncrier` tool to manage the `CHANGELOG.md` file. This tool helps manage the changelog and help prevent merge conflicts when managing one file. This tool adds changelog entries into separate files and before a release we simply need to run `towncrier --version=<version>` for it to compile the changelog correctly.

#### 7.1.1 How do I add a changelog entry

To add a changelog entry you will need to add a file in the `changelog` directory. The file name should follow the syntax `<issue #>.<type>`.

The types are in alignment with `keepachangelog`:

- removed:**  
any features that have been removed
- deprecated:**  
any features that will soon be removed
- changed:**  
any changes in current existing features
- fixed:**  
any bug fixes
- added:**  
any new features added

For example if you are fixing a bug for issue number #1234 your filename would look like this: `changelog/1234.fixed`. The contents of the file should contain a summary of what you are fixing. If there is a legitimate reason to not include an issue number with a given contribution you can add the MR number as the file name (`<MR #>.<type>`).

If your MR does not align with any of the types, then you do not need to add a changelog entry.

### 7.1.2 How to generate the changelog

This step is only used when we need to generate the changelog right before releasing. You should NOT run towncrier on your MR, unless you are preparing the final MR to update the changelog before a release.

You can run the *towncrier* tool directly or you can use nox to help run the command and ensure towncrier is installed in a virtual environment. The instructions below will detail both approaches.

If you want to see what output towncrier will produce before generating the change log you can run towncrier in draft mode:

```
towncrier --draft --version=3001
```

```
nox -e 'changelog(draft=True)' -- 3000.1
```

Version will need to be set to whichever version we are about to release. Once you are confident the draft output looks correct you can now generate the changelog by running:

```
towncrier --version=3001
```

```
nox -e 'changelog(draft=False)' -- 3000.1
```

After this is run towncrier will automatically remove all the files in the changelog directory.



## GENERATING THE SALT MINION KEY

By default, when a Salt minion is deployed the minion will generate the key and copy back over to the master. On the master, it is copied into the accepted keys folder in the master's *pki\_dir* directory. If you do not want to generate the key by default, you can set the *generate\_keys* config option to *False*. You will need to manually accept the minion's key on the master if this is turned off.

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**Note:** Windows targets do not currently support this feature, but it will added when Salt releases 3006.1

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## GET INVOLVED

### 9.1 Contributing Guide

Contributions are what make the open source community such an amazing place to learn, inspire, and create in. Any contributions you make are **greatly appreciated!**

#### 9.1.1 TL;DR Quickstart

1. Have pre-requisites completed:
  - `git`
  - `nox`
  - `pre-commit`
  - Python 3.6+
2. Fork the project
3. `git clone` your fork locally
4. Create your feature branch (ex. `git checkout -b amazing-feature`)
5. Setup your local development environment

```
# setup venv
python3 -m venv .venv
source .venv/bin/activate
pip install -U pip setuptools wheel pre-commit nox

# pre-commit configuration
pre-commit install
```

6. Hack away!
7. Commit your changes (ex. `git commit -m 'Add some amazing-feature'`)
8. Push to the branch (ex. `git push origin amazing-feature`)
9. Open a pull request

For the full details, see below.

### 9.1.2 Ways to contribute

We value all contributions, not just contributions to the code. In addition to contributing to the code, you can help the project by:

- Writing, reviewing, and revising documentation, modules, and tutorials
- Opening issues on bugs, feature requests, or docs
- Spreading the word about how great this project is

The rest of this guide will explain our toolchain and how to set up your environment to contribute to the project.

### 9.1.3 Overview of how to contribute to this repository

To contribute to this repository, you first need to set up your own local repository:

- *Fork, clone, and branch the repo*
- *Set up your local preview environment*

After this initial setup, you then need to:

- *Sync local master branch with upstream master*
- Edit the documentation in reStructured Text
- *Preview HTML changes locally*
- Open a PR

Once a merge request gets approved, it can be merged!

### 9.1.4 Prerequisites

For local development, the following prerequisites are needed:

- `git`
- Python 3.6+
- Ability to create python venv

#### Windows 10 users

For the best experience, when contributing from a Windows OS to projects using Python-based tools like `pre-commit`, we recommend setting up [Windows Subsystem for Linux \(WSL\)](#), with the latest version being WSLv2.

The following gists on GitHub have been consulted with success for several contributors:

- [Official Microsoft docs on installing WSL](#)
- A list of PowerShell commands in a gist to [Enable WSL and Install Ubuntu 20.04](#)
  - Ensure you also read the comment thread below the main content for additional guidance about using Python on the WSL instance.

We recommend [Installing Chocolatey on Windows 10 via PowerShell w/ Some Starter Packages](#). This installs `git`, `microsoft-windows-terminal`, and other helpful tools via the awesome Windows package management tool, [Chocolatey](#).

`choco install git` easily installs `git` for a good Windows-dev experience. From the `git` package page on Chocolatey, the following are installed:

- Git BASH
- Git GUI
- Shell Integration

### 9.1.5 Fork, clone, and branch the repo

This project uses the fork and branch Git workflow. For an overview of this method, see [Using the Fork-and-Branch Git Workflow](#).

- First, create a new fork into your personal user space.
- Then, clone the forked repo to your local machine.

```
# SSH or HTTPS
git clone <forked-repo-path>/heist-salt.git
```

**Note:** Before cloning your forked repo when using SSH, you need to create an SSH key so that your local Git repository can authenticate to the GitLab remote server. See [GitLab and SSH keys](#) for instructions, or [Connecting to GitHub with SSH](#).

Configure the remotes for your main upstream repository:

```
# Move into cloned repo
cd heist-salt

# Choose SSH or HTTPS upstream endpoint
git remote add upstream git-or-https-repo-you-forked-from
```

Create new branch for changes to submit:

```
git checkout -b amazing-feature
```

### 9.1.6 Set up your local preview environment

If you are not on a Linux machine, you need to set up a virtual environment to preview your local changes and ensure the *prerequisites* are met for a Python virtual environment.

From within your local copy of the forked repo:

```
# Setup venv
python3 -m venv .venv
# If Python 3.6+ is in path as 'python', use the following instead:
# python -m venv .venv

# Activate venv
source .venv/bin/activate
# On Windows, use instead:
# .venv/Scripts/activate
```

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```
# Install required python packages to venv
pip install -U pip setuptools wheel pre-commit nox
pip install -r requirements.txt

# Setup pre-commit
pre-commit install
```

### pre-commit and nox Setup

This project uses `pre-commit` and `nox` to make it easier for contributors to get quick feedback, for quality control, and to increase the chance that your merge request will get reviewed and merged.

`nox` handles Sphinx requirements and plugins for you, always ensuring your local packages are the needed versions when building docs. You can think of it as `Make` with superpowers. It is also used to execute the rest of the test suite.

### What is pre-commit?

`pre-commit` is a tool that will automatically run local tests when you attempt to make a git commit. To view what tests are run, you can view the `.pre-commit-config.yaml` file at the root of the repository.

One big benefit of `pre-commit` is that *auto-corrective measures* can be done to files that have been updated. This includes Python formatting best practices, proper file line-endings (which can be a problem with repository contributors using differing operating systems), and more.

If an error is found that cannot be automatically fixed, error output will help point you to where an issue may exist.

### 9.1.7 Sync local master branch with upstream master

If needing to sync feature branch with changes from upstream master, do the following:

---

**Note:** This will need to be done in case merge conflicts need to be resolved locally before a merge to master in the upstream repo.

---

```
git checkout master
git fetch upstream
git pull upstream master
git push origin master
git checkout my-new-feature
git merge master
```

### 9.1.8 Preview HTML changes locally

To ensure that the changes you are implementing are formatted correctly, you should preview a local build of your changes first. To preview the changes:

```
# Activate venv
source .venv/bin/activate
# On Windows, use instead:
# .venv/Scripts/activate

# Generate HTML documentation with nox
nox -e 'docs-html(clean=False)'

# Sphinx website documentation is dumped to docs/_build/html/*
# You can view this locally
# firefox example
firefox docs/_build/html/index.html
```

**Note:** If you encounter an error, Sphinx may be pointing out formatting errors that need to be resolved in order for nox to properly generate the docs.

### 9.1.9 Testing a pop project

```
# View all nox targets
nox -l

# Run tests
nox -e 'tests'
```

This project is a pop project which makes use of `pytest-pop`, a `pytest` plugin. For more information on `pytest-pop`, and writing tests for pop projects:

- [pytest-pop README](#)
- [pytest documentation](#)

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