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**pep517**

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This package provides an API to call the hooks defined in [PEP 517](#).



## 1.1 Calling the build system

**class** `pep517.Pep517HookCaller` (*source\_dir, build\_backend, backend\_path=None, runner=None, python\_executable=None*)

A wrapper around a source directory to be built with a PEP 517 backend.

### Parameters

- **source\_dir** – The path to the source directory, containing `pyproject.toml`.
- **build\_backend** – The build backend spec, as per PEP 517, from `pyproject.toml`.
- **backend\_path** – The backend path, as per PEP 517, from `pyproject.toml`.
- **runner** – A callable that invokes the wrapper subprocess.
- **python\_executable** – The Python executable used to invoke the backend

The ‘runner’, if provided, must expect the following:

- **cmd**: a list of strings representing the command and arguments to execute, as would be passed to e.g. `subprocess.check_call`.
- **cwd**: a string representing the working directory that must be used for the subprocess. Corresponds to the provided `source_dir`.
- **extra\_environ**: a dict mapping environment variable names to values which must be set for the subprocess execution.

**get\_requires\_for\_build\_sdist** (*config\_settings=None*)

Identify packages required for building a wheel

Returns a list of dependency specifications, e.g.:

```
["setuptools >= 26"]
```

This does not include requirements specified in `pyproject.toml`. It returns the result of calling the equivalently named hook in a subprocess.

**get\_requires\_for\_build\_wheel** (*config\_settings=None*)

Identify packages required for building a wheel

Returns a list of dependency specifications, e.g.:

```
["wheel >= 0.25", "setuptools"]
```

This does not include requirements specified in pyproject.toml. It returns the result of calling the equivalently named hook in a subprocess.

**get\_requires\_for\_build\_editable** (*config\_settings=None*)

Identify packages required for building an editable wheel

Returns a list of dependency specifications, e.g.:

```
["wheel >= 0.25", "setuptools"]
```

This does not include requirements specified in pyproject.toml. It returns the result of calling the equivalently named hook in a subprocess.

**prepare\_metadata\_for\_build\_wheel** (*metadata\_directory*, *config\_settings=None*, *\_allow\_fallback=True*)

Prepare a \*.dist-info folder with metadata for this project.

Returns the name of the newly created folder.

If the build backend defines a hook with this name, it will be called in a subprocess. If not, the backend will be asked to build a wheel, and the dist-info extracted from that (unless *\_allow\_fallback* is False).

**prepare\_metadata\_for\_build\_editable** (*metadata\_directory*, *config\_settings=None*, *\_allow\_fallback=True*)

Prepare a \*.dist-info folder with metadata for this project.

Returns the name of the newly created folder.

If the build backend defines a hook with this name, it will be called in a subprocess. If not, the backend will be asked to build an editable wheel, and the dist-info extracted from that (unless *\_allow\_fallback* is False).

**build\_sdist** (*sdist\_directory*, *config\_settings=None*)

Build an sdist from this project.

Returns the name of the newly created file.

This calls the 'build\_sdist' backend hook in a subprocess.

**build\_wheel** (*wheel\_directory*, *config\_settings=None*, *metadata\_directory=None*)

Build a wheel from this project.

Returns the name of the newly created file.

In general, this will call the 'build\_wheel' hook in the backend. However, if that was previously called by 'prepare\_metadata\_for\_build\_wheel', and the same *metadata\_directory* is used, the previously built wheel will be copied to *wheel\_directory*.

**build\_editable** (*wheel\_directory*, *config\_settings=None*, *metadata\_directory=None*)

Build an editable wheel from this project.

Returns the name of the newly created file.

In general, this will call the 'build\_editable' hook in the backend. However, if that was previously called by 'prepare\_metadata\_for\_build\_editable', and the same *metadata\_directory* is used, the previously built wheel will be copied to *wheel\_directory*.



**subprocess\_runner** (*runner*)

A context manager for temporarily overriding the default subprocess runner.

## 1.2 Subprocess runners

These functions may be provided when creating *Pep517HookCaller*, or to *Pep517HookCaller.subprocess\_runner()*.

**pep517.default\_subprocess\_runner** (*cmd, cwd=None, extra\_env=None*)

The default method of calling the wrapper subprocess.

**pep517.quiet\_subprocess\_runner** (*cmd, cwd=None, extra\_env=None*)

A method of calling the wrapper subprocess while suppressing output.

## 1.3 Exceptions

**exception pep517.BackendUnavailable** (*traceback*)

Will be raised if the backend cannot be imported in the hook process.

**exception pep517.BackendInvalid** (*backend\_name, backend\_path, message*)

Will be raised if the backend is invalid.

**exception pep517.HookMissing** (*hook\_name*)

Will be raised on missing hooks.

**exception pep517.UnsupportedOperation** (*traceback*)

May be raised by *build\_sdist* if the backend indicates that it can't.



### 2.1 0.11

- Support editable hooks ([PEP 660](#)).
- Use the TOML 1.0 compliant `tomli` parser module on Python 3.6 and above.
- Ensure TOML files are always read as UTF-8.
- Switch CI to Github actions.

### 2.2 0.10

- Avoid shadowing imports such as `colorlog` in the backend, by moving the `_in_process.py` script into a separate subpackage.
- Issue warnings when using the deprecated `pep517.build` and `pep517.check` modules at the command line. See the [PyPA build project](#) for a replacement.
- Allow building with `flit_core 3.x`.
- Prefer the standard library `unittest.mock` to `mock` for tests on Python 3.6 and above.

### 2.3 0.9.1

- Silence some static analysis warnings.

## 2.4 0.9

- Deprecated the higher level API which handles creating an environment and installing build dependencies. This was not very complete, and the [PyPA build project](#) is designed for this use case.
- New `python_executable` parameter for `Pep517HookCaller` to run hooks with a different Python interpreter.
- Fix for locating the script to run in the subprocess in some scenarios.
- Fix example in README to get `build-backend` correctly.
- Created [documentation on Read the Docs](#)
- Various minor improvements to testing.

## CHAPTER 3

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