

CONDA Cheatsheet

Quick Start

Tip: It is recommended to create a new environment for any new project or workflow.

verify conda install and check version	conda info
update conda in base environment	conda update -n base conda
install latest anaconda distribution	conda install anaconda
create a new environment (tip: name environment descriptively)	conda create --name ENVNAME
activate environment (do this before installing packages)	conda activate ENVNAME

Channels and Packages

Tip: Package dependencies and platform specifics are automatically resolved when using conda.

list installed packages	conda list
list installed packages with source info	conda list --show-channel-urls
update all packages	conda update --all
install a package from specific channel	conda install -c CHANNELNAME PKGNAME conda install CHANNELNAME::PKGNAME
install package with AND logic	conda install "PKGNAME>2.5,<3.2"
install package with OR logic	conda install "PKGNAME [version='2.5 3.2']"
uninstall package	conda uninstall PKGNAME
view channel sources	conda config --show-sources
add channel	conda config --add channels CHANNELNAME
set default channel for pkg fetching (targets first channel in channel sources)	conda config --set channel_priority strict

Working with Conda Environments

Tip: List environments at the beginning of your session. Environments with an asterisk are active.

list all environments and locations	conda info --envs
list all packages + source channels	conda list -n ENVNAME --show-channel-urls
install packages in environment	conda install -n ENVNAME PKGNAME1 PKGNAME2
remove package from environment	conda uninstall -n ENVNAME PKGNAME
update all packages in environment	conda update --all -n ENVNAME

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Environment Management

Tip: Specifying the environment name confines conda commands to that environment.

create environment with Python version	conda create -n ENVNAME python=3.10
clone environment	conda create --clone ENVNAME -n NEWENV
rename environment	conda rename -n ENVNAME NEWENVNAME
delete environment by name	conda remove -n ENVNAME --all
list revisions made to environment	conda list -n ENVNAME --revisions
restore environment to a revision	conda install -n ENVNAME --revision NUMBER
uninstall package from specific channel	conda remove -n ENVNAME -c CHANNELNAME PKGNAME

Exporting Environments

Recommendation: Name the export file “environment.” Environment name will be preserved.

cross-platform compatible	conda export --from-history>ENV.yml
platform + package specific	conda export ENVNAME>ENV.yml
platform + package + channel specific	conda list --explicit>ENV.txt

Importing Environments

Tip: When importing an environment, conda resolves platform and package specifics.

from a .yml file	conda env create -n ENVNAME --file ENV.yml
from a .txt file	conda create -n ENVNAME --file ENV.txt

Additional Hints

get help for any command	conda COMMAND --help
get info for any package	conda search PKGNAME --info
run commands w/o user prompt eg, installing multiple packages	conda COMMAND ARG --yes conda install PKGNAME1 PKGNAME2 --yes
remove all unused files	conda clean --all
examine conda configuration	conda config --show