

The Silent Symphony

Keeping Airflow's CI/CD and Dev Tools
in Tune





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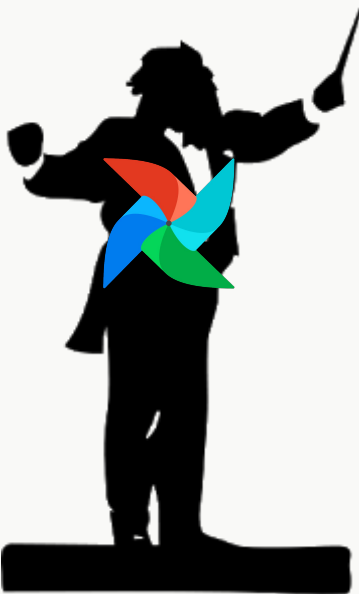
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Agenda

- Airflow and orchestra
- Behind the scenes
- Unsung heroes for Airflow staying in tune
- Learnings for other projects



Airflow as Orchestrator





Airflow complexity

- Airflow Core (UI, Scheduler, Workers, Triggerers)
- 90+ providers (790+ dependencies)
- Container images
- Helm chart
- Python client



Orchestra













What makes things work (semi) smoothly



All checks have passed

85 successful and 7 skipped checks

[Hide all checks](#)

- ✓  **Build Images / Build Info (pull_request_target)** Successful in 46s [Details](#)
- ✓  **Tests / Build info (pull_request)** Successful in 1m [Details](#)
- ✓  **Build Images / Build CI images / Build CI linux/amd64 image3.8:3ddd343ab11e78840262809...** [Details](#)
- ✓  **Tests / Basic tests / Breeze unit tests (pull_request)** Successful in 1m [Details](#)
- ✓  **Build Images / Build CI images / Build CI linux/amd64 image3.9:3ddd343ab11e78840262809...** [Details](#)
- ✓  **Build Images / Build CI images / Build CI linux/amd64 image3.10:3ddd343ab11e7884026280...** [Details](#)

In the background: CI/CD

- static checks (pre-commits)
- documentation build
- testing:
 - units of code
 - integrations
 - upgrades
 - system tests
 - end-to-end tests
 - building artifacts (packages/images/charts)
 - backwards compatibility checks
 - lowest dependencies
- reproducible installation for users
- future-compatibility for dependencies



- ✓ Build info
- ✓ Basic tests
- ✓ Build CI images in-workflow
- ✓ Wait for CI images
- ✓ Additional CI image checks
- ✓ Generate constraints
- ✓ Static checks, mypy, docs
- ✓ Provider checks
- ✓ Helm tests
- ✓ Postgres tests
- ✓ MySQL tests
- ✓ Sqlite tests
- ✓ Non-DB tests
- ✓ Special tests
- ✓ Integration Tests
- ✓ Build PROD images in-workflow
- ✓ Wait for PROD images
- ✓ Additional PROD image tests
- ✓ Kubernetes tests
- ✓ Finalize tests

← Tests

✓ Fix logic to cancel the external job if the TaskInstance is not in a ... #97889

Summary

Triggered via push 2 hours ago Status **Success** Total duration **1h 8m 38s** Artifacts **35**

Lee-W pushed → 3d575fe main

Jobs

- ✓ Build info
- ✓ Basic tests
 - ✓ Breeze unit tests
 - ✓ React WWW tests
 - ✓ Test OpenAPI client
 - ⊙ Static checks: basic checks only
 - ✓ Test git clone on Windows
 - ✓ Upgrade checks
 - ✓ Test Airflow release commands
- ✓ Build CI images in-workflow
 - ✓ Build CI linux/amd64 image3.8...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/amd64 image3.9...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/amd64 image3.1...
- ✓ Wait for CI images
- ✓ Additional CI image checks
 - ✓ Push CI Early:3.8 image cache
 - ✓ Push CI Early:3.9 image cache
 - ✓ Push CI Early:3.10 image cache
 - ✓ Push CI Early:3.11 image cache
 - ✓ Push CI Early:3.12 image cache
 - ⊙ Push PROD \${ inputs.cache-ty...
 - ✓ Check that image builds quickly
 - ✓ Build CI linux/arm64 image3.8...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/arm64 image3.9...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/arm64 image3.1...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/arm64 image3.1...
 - ✓ Build CI linux/arm64 image3.1...
- ✓ Generate constraints
 - ✓ Generate constraints 3.8.3.9.3...
- ✓ Static checks, mypy, docs
 - ✓ Static checks
 - ✓ MyPy checks (airflow)
 - ✓ MyPy checks (providers)
 - ✓ MyPy checks (docs)
 - ✓ MyPy checks (dev)
 - ✓ Build documentation (- docs-o-...
 - ✓ Build documentation (- spellch...
- ✓ Provider checks

ci.ymlm
on: push

Artifacts
Produced during runtime

Name
📦 Helm artifacts
📦 constraints
📦 prod-packages
📦 python-client-packages
📦 test-summarized-warnings
📦 test-warnings-All-InProgressDisabled-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8
📦 test-warnings-All-LatestBoto-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8
📦 test-warnings-All-Pendulum2-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8
📦 test-warnings-All-Pydantic-Removed-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8
📦 test-warnings-All-Pydantic-V1-Postgres-postgres-12-3.8

Unsung heroes: dev tools

- Make it easy to develop project
- Airflow has more than 3000 contributors
- Contributors vs Maintainers
- CI/CD to keep things in check
- Role of dev tools
 - help contributors to contribute
 - help maintainers to release



Dev Tools vs. CI



Two sides of the same coin

- CI / CD runs all the checks
- What happens when it fails?
- Reproducing the failures locally
- “Works for me” syndrome
- common test execution platform (790 dependencies)
- testing everything
 - Airflow, Providers, Container image, Chart, Client, Release process



Pre-commits



Pre-commits AKA static-checks

- leverage .git pre-commit hooks in a very efficient way
- can be installed with ``pre-commit install``
- we have 130+ (!) pre-commits
- classic static checks (ruff and friends)
- maintaining single source of truth
- generating documentation and licences
- updating versions automatically
- preventing common mistakes (“first line of defence”)
- automates a LOT of stuff



Local Venv



Why venv ?

- Pros
 - Finally standards compliant (as of early 2024)
 - Easy to setup and connect to IDE
 - Easy to run and debug tests
 - Integration with build front-ends (hatch, poetry, ...)
 - Anyone can use their own tooling
 - Pretty standard across multiple Python projects
- Cons
 - Providers (and 790 dependencies)
 - Various platform support (MacOS/Linux X86/ARM)
 - The “works for me” syndrome
 - Lack of reproducibility with CI



File Edit View Navigate Code Refactor Build Run Tools Git Window Help

airflow - fix-apprise-mypy-checks - pytest in test_listeners.py

airflow > tests > listeners > test_listeners.py

Project

- airflow ~/code/airflow
 - build
 - .devcontainer
 - .github
 - idea
 - kube
 - 3rd-party-licenses
 - airflow
 - chart
 - clients
 - constraints
 - contributing-docs
 - dags
 - dev
 - dir
 - dist
 - docker-context-files
 - docker_tests
 - docs
 - empty
 - files
 - generated
 - helm_tests
 - hooks
 - kubernetes_tests
 - logs

Run `pytest in test_listeners.py`

```
70 def test_listener_gets_calls(create_task_instance, session=None):
71     lm = get_listener_manager()
72     lm.add_listener(full_listener)
73
74     ti = create_task_instance(session=session, state=TaskInstanceState.QUEUED)
75     # Using ti.run() instead of ti.run_raw_task() to capture state change to RUNNING
76     # that only happens on 'check_and_change_state_before_execution()' that is called before
77     # 'run()' calls '_run_raw_task()'
78     ti.run()
79
80     assert len(full_listener.state) == 2
81     assert full_listener.state == [TaskInstanceState.RUNNING, TaskInstanceState.SUCCESS]
82
83
84 @provide_session
85 def test_multiple_listeners(create_task_instance, session=None):
86     lm = get_listener_manager()
87     lm.add_listener(full_listener)
88     lm.add_listener(lifecycle_listener)
89     class_based_listener = class_listener.ClassBasedListener()
90     lm.add_listener(class_based_listener)
91
92     job = Job()
93     job_runner = MockJobRunner(job=job)
94     with contextlib.suppress(NotImplementedError):
95         # suppress NotImplementedError: just for lifecycle
96         run_job(job=job, execute_callable=job_runner.execute)
97
98     assert full_listener.started_component is job
99     assert lifecycle_listener.started_component is job
```

Test Results

Test	Duration
tests	5 sec 356 ms
listeners	5 sec 356 ms
test_listeners	5 sec 356 ms
test_listener_gets_calls	106 ms
test_multiple_listeners	11 ms
test_listener_gets_only_subscribed_calls	36 ms
test_listener_throws_exceptions	38 ms
test_listener_captures_failed_taskinstances	45 ms

Tests passed: 7 of 7 tests - 5 sec 356 ms

```
Testing started at 10:41 ...
Launching pytest with arguments /home/jarek/code/airflow/tests/listeners/test_list...
===== test session starts =====
collecting ... collected 7 items

test_listeners.py::test_listener_gets_calls
test_listeners.py::test_multiple_listeners
test_listeners.py::test_listener_gets_only_subscribed_calls
test_listeners.py::test_listener_throws_exceptions
test_listeners.py::test_listener_captures_failed_taskinstances
```

airflow@localhost:12322 password 3:39 LF UTF-8 4 spaces fix-apprise-mypy-checks 2153 of 4200M

Breeze



```
0% [jarek:~/code/airflow] [apache-airflow] fix-apprise-mypy-checks(+14/-0)+ ± breeze --help
```

```
Usage: breeze [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Execution mode

```
--python          -P Python major/minor version used in Airflow image for images. (>3.8< | 3.9 | 3.10 | 3.11 | 3.12) [default: 3.8]
--integration     Integration(s) to enable when running (can be more than one).
                  (all | all-testable | cassandra | celery | kafka | kerberos | mongo | openlineage | otel | pinot | qdrant | statsd | trino)
--standalone-dag-processor Run standalone dag processor for start-airflow.
--database-isolation Run airflow in database isolation mode.
```

Docker Compose selection and cleanup

```
--project-name Name of the docker-compose project to bring down. The `docker-compose` is for legacy breeze project name and you can use `breeze down --project-name docker-compose` to stop all containers belonging to it.
                (breeze | pre-commit | docker-compose)
                [default: breeze]
--docker-host Optional - docker host to use when running docker commands. When set, the `--builder` option is ignored when building images. (TEXT)
```

Database

```
--backend        -b Database backend to use. If 'none' is selected, breeze starts with invalid DB configuration and no database and any attempts to connect to Airflow DB will fail.
                  (sqlite | mysql | >postgres< | none)
                  [default: sqlite]
--postgres-version -P Version of Postgres used. (>12< | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16) [default: 12]
--mysql-version   -M Version of MySQL used. (>8.0< | 8.4) [default: 8.0]
--db-reset       -d Reset DB when entering the container.
```

Build CI image (before entering shell)

```
--github-repository -g GitHub repository used to pull, push run images. (TEXT) [default: apache/airflow]
--builder           Buildx builder used to perform `docker buildx build` commands. (TEXT) [default: autodetect]
--use-uv/--no-use-uv Use uv instead of pip as packaging tool to build the image. [default: use-uv]
--uv-http-timeout  Timeout for requests that UV makes (only used in case of UV builds). (INTEGER RANGE) [default: 300; x>=1]
```

Other options

```
--forward-credentials -f Forward local credentials to container when running.
--max-time            Maximum time that the command should take - if it takes longer, the command will fail. (INTEGER RANGE)
```

Common options

```
--answer -a Force answer to questions. (y | n | q | yes | no | quit)
--dry-run -D If dry-run is set, commands are only printed, not executed.
--verbose -v Print verbose information about performed steps.
--help -h Show this message and exit.
```

Developer commands

```
start-airflow Enter breeze environment and starts all Airflow components in the tmux session. Compile assets if contents of www directory changed.
static-checks Run static checks.
build-docs     Build documents.
down          Stop running breeze environment.
shell         Enter breeze environment. this is the default command use when no other is selected.
exec          Joins the interactive shell of running airflow container.
compile-www-assets Compiles www assets.
cleanup       Cleans the cache of parameters, docker cache and optionally built CI/PROD images.
```

Testing commands

```
testing Tools that developers can use to run tests
k8s     Tools that developers use to run Kubernetes tests
```



Why breeze ?

- Python (dev/breeze) Docker-compose wrapper
- Avoids “works for me” syndrome
- CI Container image with ALL dependencies
- Easy to reproduce test / check runtime environment
- Same on CI and local dev
- Automate release manager’s job
- Base security checks (SBOMS/dependency analysis)



Breeze start-airflow

breeze start-airflow --load-example-dags --load-default-connections

```
root@f811ecea8: /bin/bash
/usr/bin/zsh 190x45
To stop Airflow and exit tmux, just type 'stop_airflow'.

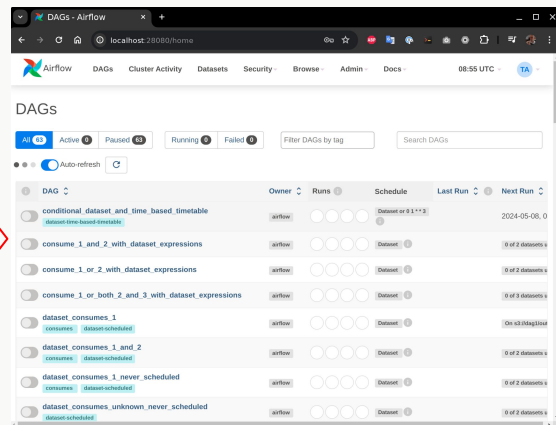
If you want to build webservice assets dynamically, run start-airflow command with --dev-mode

root@f811ecea8: /opt/airflow# airflow triggerer
root@f811ecea8: /opt/airflow#

[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [174] [INFO] Starting gunicorn 22.0.0
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [174] [INFO] Listening at: http://[::]:8794 (174)
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [174] [INFO] Using worker: sync
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [175] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 175
[2024-05-13 08:54:08 +0000] [177] [INFO] Booting worker with pid: 177
[2024-05-13T08:54:08.794+0000] {triggerer_job_runner.py:180} INFO - Setting up TriggererHandlerWrapper with handler <FileTaskHandler (NOTSET)>
[2024-05-13T08:54:08.795+0000] {triggerer_job_runner.py:236} INFO - Setting up logging queue listener with handlers [<RedirectStdHandler <stdout> (NOTSET)>, <TriggererHandlerWrapper (NOTSET)>]
[2024-05-13T08:54:08.800+0000] {triggerer_job_runner.py:337} INFO - Starting the triggerer

Running the Gunicorn Server with:
Workers: 4 sync
Host: 0.0.0.0:8080
Timeout: 120
Access Logformat:
-----
/usr/local/lib/python3.8/site-packages/flask_limiter/extension.py:337 UserWarning: Using the in-memory storage for tracking rate limits as no storage was explicitly specified. This is not recommended for production use. See: https://flask-limiter.readthedocs.io/configuring-a-storage-backend-for-documentation-about-configuring-the-storage-backend.
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.853+0000] {override.py:1829} INFO - Created Permission View: can delete on SLA Misses
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.857+0000] {override.py:1880} INFO - Added Permission can delete on SLA Misses to role Admin
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.861+0000] {override.py:1829} INFO - Created Permission View: can edit on SLA Misses
[2024-05-13T08:54:12.863+0000] {override.py:1880} INFO - Added Permission can edit on SLA Misses to role Admin
[2024-05-13 08:54:13 +0000] [173] [INFO] Starting gunicorn 22.0.0

Airflow 8:Main*
```





So, it just works, right ?

August 29, 2024 – September 5, 2024

Period: 1 week ▾

Overview

132 Active pull requests

74 Active issues

99

Merged pull requests

33

Open pull requests

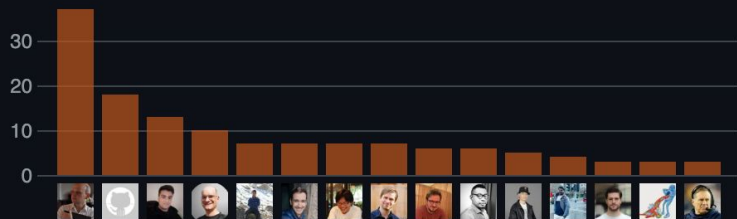
42

Closed issues

32

New issues

Excluding merges, **58 authors** have pushed **76 commits** to main and **153 commits** to all branches. On main, **410 files** have changed and there have been **41,539 additions** and **5,319 deletions**.



Used by 11.8k



+ 11,753

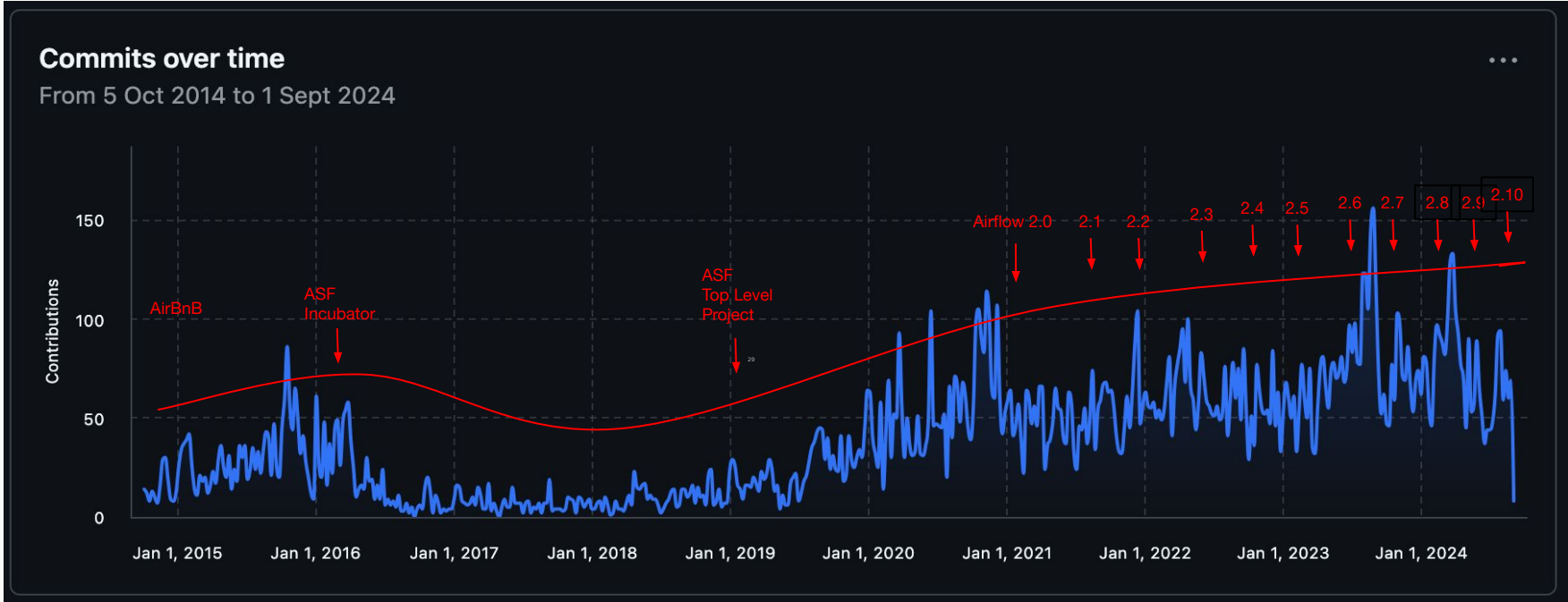
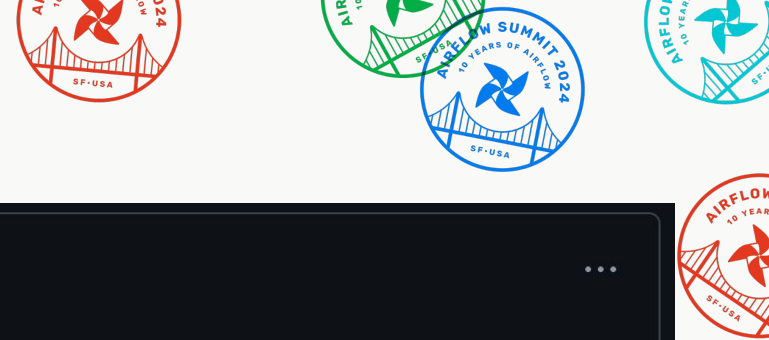
Contributors 3,029



+ 3,015 contributors



Airflow 2 timeline



10th Anniversary this year

Good properties of CI/dev tooling

- As little flakes as possible
- Fast feedback time
- 100% reproducible locally
- As little build time as possible
- Canary warnings



What's changing?

- New version of dependencies breaking things
- Refactors
- Growing number of tests
- Flaky tests
- New types of tests and rules
- Security hardening (reproducible builds)

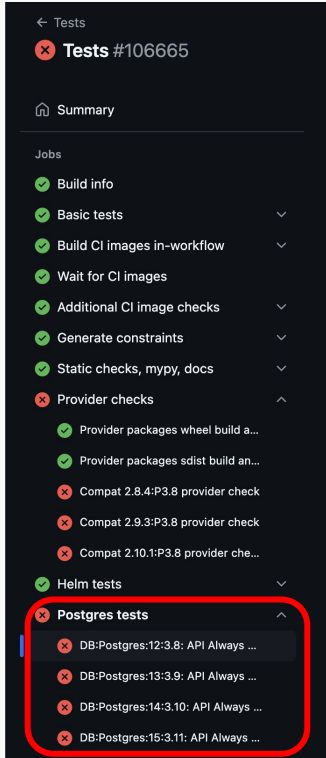




 **DAYS
SINCE LAST
ACCIDENT**

Few days ago in a galaxy not far away ...

Canary build



← Tests

✖ Tests #106665

Summary

Jobs

- Build info
- Basic tests
- Build CI images in-workflow
- Wait for CI Images
- Additional CI image checks
- Generate constraints
- Static checks, mypy, docs
- ✖ Provider checks
 - ✔ Provider packages wheel build a...
 - ✔ Provider packages sdist build an...
 - ✖ Compat 2.8.4:P3.8 provider check
 - ✖ Compat 2.9.3:P3.8 provider check
 - ✖ Compat 2.10.1:P3.8 provider che...
- ✔ Helm tests
- ✖ Postgres tests
 - ✖ DB:Postgres:12:3.8: API Always ...
 - ✖ DB:Postgres:13:3.9: API Always ...
 - ✖ DB:Postgres:14:3.10: API Always ...
 - ✖ DB:Postgres:15:3.11: API Always ...



```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/opt/airflow/airflow/models/dagbag.py", line 352, in parse
    loader.exec_module(new_module)
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap_external>", line 850, in exec_module
  File "<frozen importlib._bootstrap>", line 228, in call_with_frames_removed
  File "/opt/airflow/tests/system/providers/common/it/example_file_transfer_local_to_s3.py", line 35, in <modu
    TEMP_FILE_PATH = ObjectStoragePath("file:///tmp")
  File "/usr/local/lib/python3.9/site-packages/upath/implementations/cloud.py", line 30, in __init__
    raise ValueError("non key-like path provided (bucket/container missing)")
ValueError: non key-like path provided (bucket/container missing)
```



```
Dependencies constraints-no-providers updated for Python 3.8

82c82
< filelock==3.15.4
-----
> filelock==3.16.0
140c140
< platformdirs==4.2.2
-----
> platformdirs==4.3.1
193c193
< universal_pathlib==0.2.3
-----
> universal_pathlib==0.2.4
100-100
```

fsspec / universal_pathlib

Code Issues 25 Pull requests 2 Actions Projects Security

Universal-pathlib 0.2.4 breaks Airflow ObjectStoragePath object for local filesystem paths #276

Closed potiuik opened this issue 20 hours ago · 7 comments

potiuik commented 20 hours ago · edited

The universal_pathlib==0.2.4 raises an early import error about missing container/bucket when "file:///tmp" local file path object is created for Airflow ObjectStoragePath which derives from CloudPath.

Assignees: No one assigned

Labels: bug



ap-- commented 14 hours ago

v0.2.5 should fix the issues in airflow.

It also adds support for 3.13, so there is now some time to work on a better release procedure / mechanism.

ap-- added the bug label 14 hours ago

ap-- closed this as completed 14 hours ago

potiuik added a commit to potiuik/airflow that referenced this issue 12 minutes ago

Limit universal-pathlib below 0.2.4 as it breaks our integration

potiuik commented 7 minutes ago

Thank you! Changed apache/airflow#42090 to !=0.2.4 then :-).

Yeah Python 3.13 is coming - I hope we will be able to move faster with this one - and Airflow 3 will already by Python 3.13 support - but it very much depends on a lot of our dependencies, usually it takes 4-6 months before enough of them catch up so that we can say "most of Airflow + Providers will work for 3.13".



Exclude universal-pathlib 0.2.4 as it breaks our integration #42090

Open potiuik wants to merge 1 commit into apache:main from potiuik/workaround-universal-pathlib-0.2.4-incompatibility

Conversation 2 Commits 1 Checks 89 Files changed 1

Changes from all commits File filter Conversations Jump to 0/1 files viewed Review in codespace Review changes

```
hatch_build.py
```

```
494 # See https://github.com/apache/airflow/pull/31693 494 # See https://github.com/apache/airflow/pull/31693
495 # We should also remove "3rd-party-licenses/LICENSE-unicodcsv.txt" file when we remove this dependency 495 # We should also remove "3rd-party-licenses/LICENSE-unicodcsv.txt" file when we remove this dependency
496 "unicodcsv>=0.14.1", 496 "unicodcsv>=0.14.1",
497 - "universal-pathlib==0.2.2", 497 + # Universal PathLib 0.2.4 adds extra validation for Paths
and our integration with local file paths
498 + # Does not work with it Tracked in
https://github.com/fsspec/universal_pathlib/issues/276
499 + "universal-pathlib==0.2.2,!=0.2.4" 499 + "universal-pathlib==0.2.2,!=0.2.4"
500 # Werkzeug 3 breaks Flask-login 0.6.2, also connexion 500 # Werkzeug 3 breaks Flask-login 0.6.2, also connexion
```



Why is this important ?

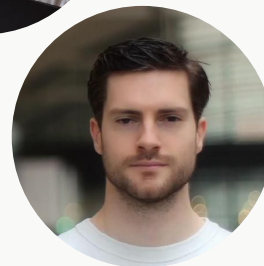
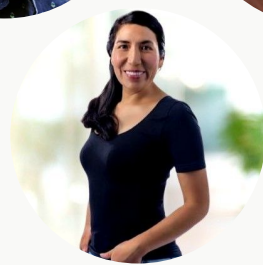
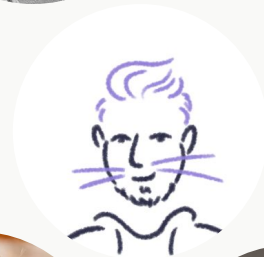
Nature of the job

- Low bus factor (~1.2 now)
- Very few people get involved
- Good reason (it should ****just**** work)
- Unfamiliar tooling
- Taking things for granted
- Complaints are often, gratitude is very rare
- Overall - it's an extremely ungrateful job, easy to burn-out



Unsung heroes

- Amogh Desai
- Andrey Anshin
- Ash Berlin-Taylor
- Bowrna Prabhakaran
- Bugra Ozturk
- Edith Puclla
- Elad Kalif
- Ephraim Anierobi
- Hussein Awala
- Jarek Potiuk
- Jed Cunningham
- Kaxil Naik
- Pierre Jeambrun
- Rom Sharon
- Shahar Epstain
- ... and more ...



Security implications

- Security comes with dependencies
- With complex projects it becomes “full time” job
- Supply chain improvements



Learnings for other projects

- Combine CI/Dev tooling
- Make dev tooling/CI priority
- Encourage passionate contributors



Takeaways

- Learn from other projects
- Apply “no broken window” policy
- Make the world a bit “better” with every change



Q&A



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