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A Python library that helps manage secrets using tools specified by plugin hooks.

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HUSH

1.1 hush package

A Python library that helps manage secrets.

Uses the secret management tools (e.g. pass) specified by (internal and external) plugin hooks.

1.1.1 Subpackages

hush.plugin package

Plugin package.

This package sets up a plugin architecture using pluggy.

See pluggy's documentation[1] for more information.

[1]: https://pluggy.readthedocs.io/en/stable

Subpackages

hush.plugin.builtin package

Submodules

hush.plugin.builtin.envvars module

hush.plugin.builtin.pass store module

Submodules

hush.plugin.host module

hush.plugin.specs module

1.1.2 Submodules

hush.cli module

hush.core module

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CHANGELOG FOR HUSH

All notable changes to this project will be documented in this file.

The format is based on Keep a Changelog, and this project adheres to Semantic Versioning.

2.1 Unreleased

No notable changes have been made.

2.2 0.3.1 - 2021-10-14

2.3 Miscellaneous

- Refactored codebase to use new get_plugin_modules() function to collect builtin plugins.
- Prefix private module/package names with an underscore.
- Improve module design so nested imports are no longer necessary.

2.4 0.3.0 - 2021-10-06

2.4.1 Added

· Added hush . Hush class.

2.4.2 Miscellaneous

• Factor pass_store.py and envvars.py out of builtin.py.

2.5 0.2.0 - 2021-10-04

2.5.1 Added

- Add hush.get_secret() method.
- Add hush executable script.

2.6 0.1.0 - 2021-10-03

2.6.1 Miscellaneous

• First release.

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CONTRIBUTING

3.1 How to submit feedback?

The best way to submit feedback is to file an issue.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome:).

3.2 Developer's Guide

3.2.1 Basic Usage

Before making a PR please run the following

- · Optional one time setup: run make use-docker if you need to build/test this with docker
- make lint to check for any format or convention issues
- make test to run all tests

3.2.2 How do I ...?

3.3 New Releases

This section serves as a reminder to the maintainers of this project on how to release a new version of this package to PvPI.

Make sure all your changes are committed, that you have added a new section to the CHANGELOG.md file, and that you have bumpversion installed. Then run:

```
bumpversion patch # possible values: major / minor / patch
git push
git push --tags
```

A new version of hush will then deploy to PyPI if all CI checks pass.

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HUSH

A Python library that helps manage secrets using tools specified by plugin hooks.
4.1 Badges
project status badges:
version badges:
tools / frameworks used by test suite (i.e. used by make test):
linters used to maintain code quality (i.e. used by make lint):

tools / frameworks used to render documentation (i.e used by ${\tt make}\ {\tt build-docs}$):

miscellaneous tools used to maintain this project:

4.2 Installation

To install python-hush using pip, run the following commands in your terminal:

```
python3 -m pip install --user python-hush # install hush
```

If you don't have pip installed, this Python installation guide can guide you through the process.

4.3 Useful Links

- API Reference: A developer's reference of the API exposed by this project.
- cc-python: The cookiecutter that was used to generate this project. Changes made to this cookiecutter are periodically synced with this project using cruft.
- CHANGELOG.md: We use this file to document all notable changes made to this project.
- CONTRIBUTING.md: This document contains guidelines for developers interested in contributing to this project.
- Create a New Issue: Create a new GitHub issue for this project.
- Documentation: This project's full documentation.
- Usage: How do I use Hush?
- Writing Plugins: How do I write my own plugins for Hush?

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USAGE

Hush can be thought of as a secrets manager, but it is more appropriate to think of it as a *manager* of other secret managers.

Keep in mind the following notes while reading the rest of the documentation:

- This package provides both a library and an executable, named hush, that can be used to test this package's
 functionality.
- Hush has multiple builtin plugins which are enabled by default (i.e. we will attempt to use them, by default, when a user requests secret retrieval).
- In the examples in this documentation, we will make use of a builtin plugin that reads secrets from environment variables.

5.1 Using the Library

The hush library provides two public methods to access its functionality: the hush.get_secret() function and the hush.Hush() class. We demonstrate how each can be used in the examples below.

5.1.1 Examples

```
import os

from hush import Hush, get_secret

# To retrieve a secret we must provide Hush with a key to associate with that
# secret. Below, that key is 'foobar'.
os.environ["FOOBAR"] = "Kung Fooooo!"
secret = get_secret("foobar")
print(secret) # output: Kung Fooooo!

# A secret can optionally belong to a particular namespace. A namespace is a
# listing of names that are generally combined with the key somehow, but
# ultimately it is up to each plugin to decide how it wants to handle namespaces
# (if it chooses to handle them at all).
os.environ["DB_DEV_FOOBAR"] = "Database in Development!"
secret = get_secret("foobar", ["db", "dev"])
print(secret) # output: Database in Development!
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```
# The Hush class can be used to constrain the context (i.e. paramaters) for the
# `get_secret()` function (which the `Hush.get_secret()` method wraps).
hush = Hush(namespace=["db", "dev"])
secret = hush.get_secret("foobar")
print(secret) # output: Database in Development!
```

5.2 Using the hush Script

This package also comes with an executable script, hush, that can be used to invoke Hush from the command-line.

5.2.1 Examples

Add secrets using environment variables:

```
$ export FOOBAR="Kung Fooooo!"
$ export DB_DEV_FOOBAR="Database in Development!"
```

Use hush to retrieve those secrets:

```
$ hush foobar
Kung Fooooo!

$ hush --namespace=db,dev foobar
Database in Development!
```

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HOW TO WRITE YOUR OWN PLUGIN FOR HUSH?

Hush uses pluggy to manage its plugin system. As such, the instructions for creating a new external plugin for Hush are mostly the same as they are for any other application with a plugin-architecture that uses pluggy (e.g. pytest).

6.1 Examples

A good, general-purpose (i.e. not specific to Hush) example of writing external plugins using pluggy can be found here. The example below is very similar but is specific to Hush. Namely, the hush-tmp-secrets plugin defined below allows users to start storing secrets in plain-text files under the /tmp/secrets directory.

6.1.1 hush-tmp-secrets/hush_tmp_secrets.py

```
"""This module contains the hush-tmp-secrets Hush plugin's implementation."""
from pathlib import Path
from typing import Optional

from hush.plugin import hookimpl

@hookimpl
def get_secret(key: str) -> Optional[str]:
    """Get secrets by searching through the /tmp/secrets directory."""
    key_filename = f"{key}.txt"

    key_full_path = Path("/tmp/secrets") / key_filename
    if key_full_path.exists():
        return key_full_path.read_text().strip()

    return None
```

WARNING: This is just a toy example. A better, more realistic implementation of this plugin would probably (at the very least) verify the /tmp/secrets directory's permissions and use some form of encryption instead of storing secrets in unencrypted text files.

6.1.2 hush-tmp-secrets/setup.py

```
from setuptools import setup

setup(
   name="python-hush-tmp-secrets",
   install_requires="python-hush",
   entry_points={"hush": ["tmp_secrets = hush_tmp_secrets"]},
   py_modules=["hush_tmp_secrets"],
)
```

6.1.3 Using the hush-tmp-secrets Plugin

```
$ python3 -m pip install --editable /path/to/hush-tmp-secrets
$ echo "M00000!" > /tmp/secrets/cow.txt
$ hush cow
M00000!
```

NOTE: See the Usage section of this documentation for more information on the hush script, which is used in the code-block above.

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