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# **versioningit**

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## HOW IT WORKS

`versioningit` divides its operation into seven *steps*: `vcs`, `tag2version`, `next-version`, `format`, `template-fields`, `write`, and `onbuild`. The first four steps make up the actual version calculation, while the rest normally only happen while building with `setuptools` or `Hatch`.

### 1.1 Version Calculation

The version for a given project is determined as follows:

- `vcs` step: The version control system specified in the project's `versioningit` configuration is queried for information about the project's working directory: the most recent tag, the number of commits since that tag, whether there are any uncommitted changes, and other data points.
- `tag2version` step: A version is extracted from the tag returned by the `vcs` step
- `next-version` step: The next version after the most recent version is calculated
- If there have been no commits or uncommitted changes since the most recent tag, the version returned by the `tag2version` step is used as the project version. Otherwise:
  - `format` step: The results of the preceding steps are combined to produce a final project version.
- `template-fields` step: Values from the preceding steps are used to calculate a set of template fields for use by the `write` and/or `onbuild` steps

### 1.2 Build Integration

#### 1.2.1 Setting the Version

`versioningit` registers plugins with both `setuptools` and `Hatch` that cause it to be run whenever one of those backends computes the metadata for a project in an environment in which `versioningit` is installed. If the project in question has a `pyproject.toml` file with a `[tool.versioningit]` table (or, for `Hatch` only, a `[tool.hatch.version]` table containing more than just a `source` key), then `versioningit` performs the version calculations described above and sets the project's version to the final value. (If a version cannot be determined because the project is not in a repository or repository archive, then `versioningit` will assume the project is an unpacked sdist and will look for a `PKG-INFO` file to fetch the version from instead.) If the configuration table contains a `write` subtable, then the `write` step will also be run at this time; the default `write` method creates a file at a specified path containing the project's version.

## 1.2.2 onbuild Step

When a project is built that uses `versioningit`'s custom `setuptools` commands, the `onbuild` step becomes added to the build process. The default `onbuild` method updates one of the files in the built distribution to contain the project version while leaving the source files in the actual project alone. See “*The `[tool.versioningit.onbuild]` Subtable*” for more information.



## CONFIGURATION

The `[tool.versioningit]` table in `pyproject.toml` is divided into seven subtables, each describing how one of the seven steps of the version extraction & calculation should be carried out. Each subtable consists of an optional `method` key specifying the *method* (entry point or function) that should be used to carry out that step, plus zero or more extra keys that will be passed as parameters to the method when it's called. If the `method` key is omitted, the default method for the step is used.

### 2.1 Specifying the Method

A method can be specified in two different ways, depending on where it's implemented. A method that is built in to `versioningit` or provided by an installed third-party extension is specified by giving its name as a string, e.g.:

```
[tool.versioningit.vcs]
# The method key:
method = "git" # <- The method name

# Parameters to pass to the method:
match = ["v*"]
default-tag = "1.0.0"
```

Alternatively, a method can be implemented as a function in a Python source file in your project directory (either part of the main Python package or in an auxiliary file); see “[Writing Your Own Methods](#)” for more information. To tell `versioningit` to use such a method, set the `method` key to a table with a `module` key giving the dotted name of the module in which the method is defined and a `value` key giving the name of the callable object in the module that implements the method. For example, if you created a custom `next-version` method that's named `my_next_version()` and is located in `mypackage/mymodule.py`, you would write:

```
[tool.versioningit.next-version]
method = { module = "mypackage.module", value = "my_next_version" }
# Put any parameters here
```

Note that this assumes that `mypackage/` is located at the root of the project directory (i.e., the directory containing the `pyproject.toml` file); if it is located inside another directory, like `src/`, you will need to add a `module-dir` key to the method table giving the path to that directory relative to the project root, like so:

```
[tool.versioningit.next-version]
method = { module = "mypackage.module", value = "my_next_version", module-dir = "src" }
# Put any parameters here
```

As a special case, if there are no parameters for a given step, the respective subtable can be replaced by the method specification, e.g.:

```
[tool.versioningit]
# Use the "git" method for the vcs step with no parameters:
vcs = "git"
# Use a custom function for the next-version step with no parameters:
next-version = { module = "mypackage.module", value = "my_next_version" }
```

## 2.2 The [tool.versioningit.vcs] Subtable

The vcs subtable specifies the version control system used by the project and how to extract the tag and related information from it. versioningit provides three vcs methods: "git" (the default), "git-archive", and "hg".

### 2.2.1 "git"

The "git" method relies on the project directory being located inside a Git repository with one or more commits. Git 1.8.0 or higher must be installed, though some optional features require more recent Git versions.

The "git" method takes the following parameters, all optional:

#### match

[list of strings] A set of fileglob patterns to pass to the `--match` option of `git describe` to make Git only consider tags matching the given pattern(s). Defaults to an empty list.

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**Note:** Specifying more than one match pattern requires Git 2.13.0 or higher.

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#### exclude

[list of strings] A set of fileglob patterns to pass to the `--exclude` option of `git describe` to make Git not consider tags matching the given pattern(s). Defaults to an empty list.

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**Note:** This option requires Git 2.13.0 or higher.

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#### default-tag

[string] If `git describe` cannot find a tag, versioningit will raise a `versioningit.errors.NoTagError` unless `default-tag` is set, in which case it will act as though the initial commit is tagged with the value of `default-tag`.

### 2.2.2 "git-archive"

The "git-archive" method is a variation of the "git" method that also supports determining the version when installing from a properly-prepared Git archive. The method takes the following parameters:

#### describe-subst

[string] (*required*) Set this to `"$Format:%(describe)$"` and add the line `pyproject.toml export-subst` to your repository's `.gitattributes` file. This will cause any Git archive made from your repository from this point forward to contain the minimum necessary information to determine a version.

`match` and `exclude` options are set by including them in the format placeholder like so:

```
# Match 'v*' tags:
describe-subst = "$Format:%(describe:match=v*)$"

# Match 'v*' and 'r*' tags:
describe-subst = "$Format:%(describe:match=v*,match=r*)$"

# Match 'v*' tags, exclude '*-final' tags:
describe-subst = "$Format:%(describe:match=v*,exclude=*-final)$"
```

By default, only annotated tags are considered, and lightweight tags are ignored; this can be changed by including the “tags” option in the placeholder like so:

```
# Honor all tags:
describe-subst = "$Format:%(describe:tags)$"

# Honor all tags, exclude '*rc' tags:
describe-subst = "$Format:%(describe:tags,exclude=*rc)$"
```

Options other than “match”, “exclude”, and “tags” are not supported by versioningit and will result in an error.

### default-tag

[string] (*optional*) If `git describe` cannot find a tag, versioningit will raise a `versioningit.errors.NoTagError` unless `default-tag` is set, in which case it will act as though the initial commit is tagged with the value of `default-tag`.

Note that this parameter has no effect when installing from a Git archive; if the repository that the archive was produced from had no relevant tags for the archived commit (causing the value of `describe-subst` to be set to the empty string), versioningit will raise an error when trying to install the archive.

Note that, in order to provide a consistent set of information regardless of whether installing from a repository or an archive, the “git-archive” method provides the `format` step with only a subset of the fields that the “git” method does; *see below* for more information.

Changed in version 1.0.0: The “match” and “exclude” settings are now parsed from the `describe-subst` parameter, which is now required, and the old `match` and `exclude` parameters are now ignored. Also, support for the “tags” option was added.

### A note on Git version requirements

- The `%(describe)s` placeholder was only added to Git in version 2.32.0, and the “tags” option was added in Git 2.35.0. A Git repository archive must be created with a Git of the appropriate minimum version in order to be installable with this method.

Fortunately, GitHub repository ZIP downloads currently support both `%(describe)` and `%(describe:tags)`, and so `pip`-installing a “git-archive”-using project from a URL of the form `https://github.com/$OWNER/$REPO/archive/$BRANCH.zip` will work.

- When installing from a Git repository rather than an archive, the “git-archive” method parses the `describe-subst` parameter into the equivalent `git describe` options, so a bleeding-edge Git is not required in that situation (but see the version requirements for the “git” method above).

**Note:** In order to avoid DOS attacks, Git will not expand more than one `%(describe)s` placeholder per archive, and so you should not have any other `$Format:%(describe)$` placeholders in your repository.

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**Note:** This method will not work correctly if you have a tag that resembles `git describe` output, i.e., that is of the form `<anything>-<number>-g<hex-chars>`. So don't do that.

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### 2.2.3 "hg"

The "hg" method supports installing from a Mercurial repository or archive. When installing from a repository, Mercurial 5.2 or higher must be installed.

The "hg" method takes the following parameters, all optional:

**pattern**

[string] A revision pattern (See `hg help revisions.patterns`) to pass to the `latesttag()` template function. Note that this parameter has no effect when installing from a Mercurial archive.

**default-tag**

[string] If there is no latest tag, `versioningit` will raise a `versioningit.errors.NoTagError` unless `default-tag` is set, in which case it will act as though the initial commit is tagged with the value of `default-tag`

## 2.3 The `[tool.versioningit.tag2version]` Subtable

The `tag2version` subtable specifies how to extract the version from the tag found by the `vcs` step. `versioningit` provides one `tag2version` method, "basic" (the default), which proceeds as follows:

- If the `rmprefix` parameter is set to a string and the tag begins with that string, the given string is removed from the tag.
- If the `rmsuffix` parameter is set to a string and the tag ends with that string, the given string is removed from the tag.
- If the `regex` parameter is set to a string (a Python regex) and the regex matches the tag (using `re.search`), the tag is replaced with the contents of the capturing group named "version", or the entire matched text if there is no group by that name. If the regex does not match the tag, the behavior depends on the `require-match` parameter: if true, an error is raised; if false or unset, the tag is left as-is.
- Finally, any remaining leading v's are removed from the tag.

A warning is emitted if the resulting version is not [PEP 440](#)-compliant.

## 2.4 The `[tool.versioningit.next-version]` Subtable

The `next-version` subtable specifies how to calculate the next release version from the version extracted from the VCS tag. `versioningit` provides the following `next-version` methods; none of them take any parameters.

**minor**

(*default*) Strips the input version down to just the epoch segment (if any) and release segment (i.e., the `N(.N)*` bit), increments the second component of the release segment, and replaces the following components with a single zero. For example, if the version extracted from the VCS tag is `1.2.3.4`, the "minor" method will calculate a new version of `1.3.0`.

**minor-release**

Like `minor`, except that if the input version is a prerelease or development release, the base version is returned; e.g., `1.2.3a0` becomes `1.2.3`. This method requires the input version to be [PEP 440](#)-compliant.

**smallest**

Like `minor`, except that it increments the last component of the release segment. For example, if the version extracted from the VCS tag is 1.2.3.4, the "smallest" method will calculate a new version of 1.2.3.5.

**smallest-release**

Like `smallest`, except that if the input version is a prerelease or development release, the base version is returned; e.g., 1.2.3a0 becomes 1.2.3. This method requires the input version to be [PEP 440](#)-compliant.

**null**

Returns the input version unchanged. Useful if your repo version is something horrible and unparseable.

A warning is emitted if the resulting version is not [PEP 440](#)-compliant.

## 2.5 The [tool.versioningit.format] Subtable

The `format` subtable specifies how to format the project's final version based on the information calculated in previous steps. (Note that, if the repository's current state is an exact tag match, this step will be skipped and the version returned by the `tag2version` step will be used as the final version.) `versioningit` provides one format method, "basic" (the default).

The data returned by the `vcs` step includes a repository *state* (describing the relationship of the repository's current contents to the most recent tag) and a collection of *format fields*. The "basic" format method takes the name of that state, looks up the `format` parameter with the same name (falling back to a default, given below) to get a [format template string](#), and formats the template using the given format fields plus `{base_version}`, `{next_version}`, and `{branch}` fields. A warning is emitted if the resulting version is not [PEP 440](#)-compliant.

For the built-in `vcs` methods, the repository states are:

<code>distance</code>	One or more commits have been made on the current branch since the latest tag
<code>dirty</code>	No commits have been made on the branch since the latest tag, but the repository has uncommitted changes
<code>distance-dirt</code>	One or more commits have been made on the branch since the latest tag, and the repository has uncommitted changes

For the built-in `vcs` methods, the available format fields are:

<code>{author_date}</code>	The author date of the HEAD commit <sup>1</sup> ("git" only)
<code>{base_version}</code>	The version extracted from the most recent tag
<code>{branch}</code>	The name of the current branch (with non-alphanumeric characters converted to periods), or <code>None</code> if the branch cannot be determined
<code>{build_date}</code>	The current date & time, or the date & time specified by the environment variable <code>SOURCE_DATE_EPOCH</code> if it is set <sup>1</sup>
<code>{committer_date}</code>	The committer date of the HEAD commit <sup>1</sup> ("git" only)
<code>{distance}</code>	The number of commits since the most recent tag
<code>{next_version}</code>	The next release version, calculated by the <code>next-version</code> step
<code>{rev}</code>	The abbreviated hash of the HEAD commit
<code>{revision}</code>	The full hash of the HEAD commit ("git" and "hg" only)
<code>{vcs}</code>	The first letter of the name of the VCS (i.e., "g" or "h")
<code>{vcs_name}</code>	The name of the VCS (i.e., "git" or "hg")

<sup>1</sup> These fields are UTC `datetime.datetime` objects. They are formatted with `strftime()` formats by writing `{fieldname:format}`, e.g., `{build_date:%Y%m%d}`.

Changed in version 2.0.0: The `{version}` field was renamed to `{base_version}`. The old name remains usable but is deprecated.

The default parameters for the `format` step are:

```
[tool.versioningit.format]
distance = "{base_version}.post{distance}+{vcs}{rev}"
dirty = "{base_version}+d{build_date:%Y%m%d}"
distance-dirty = "{base_version}.post{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.d{build_date:%Y%m%d}"
```

## 2.6 The `[tool.versioningit.template-fields]` Subtable

New in version 2.0.0.

The `template-fields` subtable controls the fields available for the templates of the `write` and `onbuild` steps. `versioningit` provides one `template-fields` method, "basic" (the default), which provides the following template fields:

- `{version}` — the project's final version
- `{version_tuple}` — a string representation of a tuple of `{version}`'s components; see below for how to configure how the version is split up
- All of the same fields available in the `format` step with the "basic" format method (*see above*), but with `{branch}` not sanitized and without the `{version}` alias of `{base_version}`

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**Important:** If `tool.versioningit.default-version` (*see below*) is set and an error occurs during version calculation, leading to `versioningit` recovering by using the given default version, there may not be enough information afterwards to populate all of the template fields, and you will get an error if you try to use an unpopulated field in a `write` or `onbuild` template.

If `default-version` is set, the only fields you can rely on to always be present are `{version}` and `{version_tuple}`.

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The "basic" method takes one optional parameter, a `version-tuple` subtable (i.e., `[tool.versioningit.template-fields.version-tuple]`), used to control how the project's version is converted into the `{version_tuple}` field. This subtable can contain the following fields:

### **split-on**

[string] (*optional*) A Python regex that will be used to split apart the project version with `re.split`. Any `None` or empty items returned by the split are discarded. Any items that consist entirely of digits are converted to integers (i.e., they will not be enclosed in quotes in `{version_tuple}`). Defaults to `[-_\.+!]`.

This field is ignored when `pep440` is true.

### **pep440**

[boolean] (*optional*) If true (default: false), the project version will be parsed & normalized as a **PEP 440** version (If is not valid, an error will occur), and `{version_tuple}` will consist of the following items, in order:

- The version's epoch (as an integer), if `epoch` is true or if `epoch` is unspecified and the epoch is nonzero
- The individual components of the release version as integers, including trailing zero components
- If the version is a prerelease, the phase identifier and prerelease number (e.g., "a0" or "rc1")
- If the version is a postrelease, "post" and the postrelease number
- If the version is a dev release, "dev" and the dev release number

- If the version has a local version label, “+” and the label

### epoch

[boolean] (*optional*) Whether to include the version’s epoch in {version\_tuple}. If unspecified, the epoch is included iff it is nonzero.

This option only has an effect when pep440 is true.

### double-quote

[boolean] (*optional*) Whether to enclose string components in double quotes (**True**, the default) or single quotes (**False**)

Here are some examples of how a version can be converted to a {version\_tuple}:

{version}	split-on	pep440	epoch	{version_tuple}
1.2.3	(default)	Any	—	(1, 2, 3)
1.2.3a0	(default)	false	—	(1, 2, "3a0")
1.2.3a0	(default)	true	—	(1, 2, 3, "a0")
1.2.3.post1	(default)	Any	—	(1, 2, 3, "post1")
1.2.3-1	(default)	false	—	(1, 2, 3, 1)
1.2.3-1	(default)	true	—	(1, 2, 3, "post1")
1.2.3+local.2022	(default)	false	—	(1, 2, 3, "local", 2022)
1.2.3+local.2022	\.   (\+.+)	false	—	(1, 2, 3, "+local.2022")
1.2.3+local.2022	(default)	true	—	(1, 2, 3, "+local.2022")
1.2.3b1.dev3	(default)	true	—	(1, 2, 3, "b1", "dev3")
1.2.3	(default)	true	true	(0, 1, 2, 3)
1!2.3.4	(default)	true	—	(1, 2, 3, 4)
1!2.3.4	(default)	true	false	(2, 3, 4)
0.1.0.0.0	(default)	Any	—	(0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
1.2.3j	(default)	false	—	(1, 2, "3j")
1.2.3j	(default)	true	—	ERROR — Not a PEP 440 version
1.2.3~local.2022	[.~]	false	—	(1, 2, 3, "local.2022")
1.2.3~local.2022	[.~]	true	—	ERROR — Not a PEP 440 version

## 2.7 The [tool.versioningit.write] Subtable

The write subtable enables an optional feature, writing the final version and/or other fields to a file. Unlike the other subtables, if the write subtable is omitted, the corresponding step will not be carried out.

versioningit provides one write method, "basic" (the default), which takes the following parameters:

### file

[string] (*required*) The path to the file to which to write the version, relative to the root of your project directory. This path should use forward slashes (/) as the path separator, even on Windows.

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**Note:** This file should not be committed to version control, but it should be included in your project’s built sdists and wheels.

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**Note:** If you’re using Hatch and you followed the advice above by adding the file to your .gitignore or .hgignore, then you will need to tell Hatch to include the file in sdists & wheels like so:

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```
[tool.hatch.build]
# Replace the path below with the value you gave to the "file" key:
artifacts = ["src/mypackage/_version.py"]
```

**encoding**

[string] (*optional*) The encoding with which to write the file. Defaults to UTF-8.

**template: string**

(*optional*) The content to write to the file (minus the final newline, which `versioningit` adds automatically), as a string containing some number of `{fieldname}` placeholders. The available placeholders are determined by the `template-fields` step (*see above*).

If this parameter is omitted, the default is determined based on the `file` parameter's file extension. For `.txt` files and files without an extension, the default is:

```
{version}
```

while for `.py` files, the default is:

```
__version__ = "{version}"
```

If `template` is omitted and `file` has any other extension, an error is raised.

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**Note:** When testing out your configuration with the `versioningit` command (See [Command](#)), you will need to pass the `--write` option if you want the `[tool.versioningit.write]` subtable to take effect.

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## 2.8 The `[tool.versioningit.onbuild]` Subtable

**Attention:** Currently, the `onbuild` step is not supported when using `versioningit` with `Hatch`. See [issue #54](#) for more information.

New in version 1.1.0.

New in version 2.2.0: `sdist` and `build_py` classes added for use in `setup.cfg` and `pyproject.toml`

The `onbuild` subtable configures an optional feature, inserting the project version and/or other fields into built project trees when building an `sdist` or `wheel`. Specifically, this feature allows you to create `sdist`s & `wheels` in which some file has been modified to contain the line `__version__ = "<project version>"` or similar while leaving your repository alone.



## 2.8.1 Enabling onbuild

In order to use this feature, in addition to filling out the subtable, you must configure `setuptools` to use `versioningit`'s custom command classes. How to do this depends on what file you've placed your project's `setuptools` configuration in.

- If you're configuring `setuptools` via `setup.cfg`, you can simply add the following field to its `[options]` table:

```
[options]
cmdclass =
    sdist = versioningit.cmdclass.sdist
    build_py = versioningit.cmdclass.build_py
```

- If you've instead placed all your `setuptools` configuration in `pyproject.toml`, then add the following table to it:

```
[tool.setuptools.cmdclass]
build_py = "versioningit.cmdclass.build_py"
sdist = "versioningit.cmdclass.sdist"
```

- If you're still configuring `setuptools` through `setup.py`, you'll need to pass `versioningit.get_cmdclasses()` as the `cmdclass` argument to `setup()`, like so:

```
from setuptools import setup
from versioningit import get_cmdclasses

setup(
    cmdclass=get_cmdclasses(),
    # Other arguments go here
)
```

If you're already using other custom `build_py` and/or `sdist` command classes, you'll need to combine them with `versioningit`'s command classes. One option is to pass your custom classes to `get_cmdclasses()` in `setup.py` so that `versioningit` will use them as parent classes; see the function's documentation for more information. If that doesn't work, you may have to manually modify or subclass your command classes and add a call to `run_onbuild()` at the appropriate location; see the function's documentation for more information, but you'll largely be on your own at this point.

## 2.8.2 Configuring onbuild

`versioningit` provides one `onbuild` method, "replace-version" (the default). It scans a given file for a line matching a given regex and inserts the project version (or other templated string) into the first line that matches. The method takes the following parameters:

### source-file

[string] (*required*) The path to the file to modify, relative to the root of your project directory. This path should use forward slashes (/) as the path separator, even on Windows.

### build-file

[string] (*required*) The path to the file to modify when building a wheel. This path should be the location of the file when your project is installed, relative to the root of the installation directory. For example, if `source-file` is "`src/mypackage/__init__.py`", where `src/` is your project dir, set `build-file` to "`mypackage/__init__.py`". If you do not use a `src/-`layout or other remapping of package files, set `build-file` to the same value as `source-file`.

This path should use forward slashes (/) as the path separator, even on Windows.

**encoding**

[string] (*optional*) The encoding with which to read & write the file. Defaults to UTF-8.

**regex**

[string] (*optional*) A Python regex that is tested against each line of the file using `re.search`. The first line that matches is updated as follows:

- If the regex contains a capturing group named “version”, the substring matched by the group is replaced with the expansion of `replacement` (see below). If `version` did not participate in the match, an error is raised.
- Otherwise, the entire substring of the line matched by the regex is replaced by the expansion of `replacement`.

The default regex is:

```
^\s*__version__\s*=\s*(?P<version>.*)
```

**require-match**

[boolean] (*optional*) If `regex` does not match any lines in the file and `append-line` is not set, an error will be raised if `require-match` is true (default: false).

**replacement**

[string] (*optional*) The string used to replace the relevant portion of the matched line. The string is first expanded by replacing any occurrences of `{fieldname}` placeholders with the values provided by the `template-fields` step (*see above*), and then any backreferences to capturing groups in the regex are expanded.

The default value is “`{version}`” (that is, the version enclosed in double quotes).

**append-line**

[string] (*optional*) If `regex` does not match any lines in the file and `append-line` is set, any occurrences of `{fieldname}` in `append-line` are replaced with the values provided by the `template-fields` step, and the resulting line is appended to the end of the file.

Thus, with the default settings, “`replace-version`” finds the first line in the given file of the form “`__version__ = ...`” and replaces the part after the `=` with the project version in double quotes; if there is no such line, the file is left unmodified.

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**Note:** If you use this feature and run `python setup.py` directly (as opposed to building with `build` or similar), you must invoke `setup.py` from the root project directory (the one containing your `setup.py`).

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**Tip:** You are encouraged to test your `onbuild` configuration by building an sdist and wheel for your project and examining the files within to ensure that they look how you want. An sdist can be expanded by running `tar xzf filename`, and a wheel can be expanded by running `unzip filename`.

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## 2.9 tool.versioningit.default-version

The final key in the `[tool.versioningit]` table is `default-version`, which is a string rather than a subtable. When this key is set and an error occurs during version calculation, `versioningit` will set your package's version to the given default version. When this key is not set, any errors that occur inside `versioningit` will cause the build/install process to fail.

Note that `default-version` is not applied if an error occurs while parsing the `[tool.versioningit]` table; however, such errors can be caught ahead of time by running the `versioningit` command (See “*Command*”).

## 2.10 Log Level Environment Variable

When `versioningit` is invoked via the `setuptools` or `Hatch` plugin interface, it logs various information to `stderr`. By default, only messages at `WARNING` level or higher are displayed, but this can be changed by setting the `VERSIONINGIT_LOG_LEVEL` environment variable to the name of a Python `logging level` (case insensitive) or the equivalent integer value.



## GETTING PACKAGE VERSION AT RUNTIME

Automatically setting your project's version is all well and good, but you usually also want to expose that version at runtime, usually via a `__version__` variable. There are three options for doing this:

1. Use the `version()` function in `importlib.metadata` to get your package's version, like so:

```
from importlib.metadata import version

__version__ = version("mypackage")
```

Note that `importlib.metadata` was only added to Python in version 3.8. If you wish to support older Python versions, use the `importlib-metadata` backport available on PyPI for those versions, e.g.:

```
import sys

if sys.version_info >= (3, 8):
    from importlib.metadata import version
else:
    from importlib_metadata import version

__version__ = version("mypackage")
```

If relying on the backport, don't forget to include `importlib-metadata`; `python_version < "3.8"` in your project's `install_requires`!

2. Fill out the `[tool.versioningit.write]` subtable in `pyproject.toml` so that the project version will be written to a file in your Python package which you can then import or read. For example, if your package is named `mypackage` and is stored in a `src/` directory, you can write the version to a Python file `src/mypackage/_version.py` like so:

```
[tool.versioningit.write]
file = "src/mypackage/_version.py"
```

Then, within `mypackage/__init__.py`, you can import the version like so:

```
from ._version import __version__
```

Alternatively, you can write the version to a text file, say, `src/mypackage/VERSION`:

```
[tool.versioningit.write]
file = "src/mypackage/VERSION"
```

and then read the version in at runtime with:

```
from pathlib import Path
__version__ = Path(__file__).with_name("VERSION").read_text().strip()
```

3. (New in version 1.1.0) Fill out the `[tool.versioningit.onbuild]` subtable in `pyproject.toml` and configure `setuptools` to use `versioningit`'s custom build commands. This will allow you to create sdist & wheels in which some file has been modified to contain the line `__version__ = "<project version>"` or similar while leaving your repository alone. See “[The `\[tool.versioningit.onbuild\]` Subtable](#)” for more information.

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**Tip:** Wondering which of `write` and `onbuild` is right for your project? See this table for a comparison:

	write	onbuild
Should affected file be under version control?	No	Yes
Affected file must already exist?	No	Yes
Modifies working tree? <sup>1</sup>	Yes	No
Requires configuration in <code>setup.{py,cfg}</code> ?	No	Yes
Run when installing in editable mode?	Yes	No
Usable with Hatch?	Yes	No

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<sup>1</sup> That is, the `write` method causes a file to be present (though likely ignored) in your repository after running, while the `onbuild` method only modifies a file inside sdist & wheels and leaves the original copy in your repository unchanged.

## HATCH INTEGRATION

New in version 2.3.0.

If you're not a `setuptools` user, `versioningit` can also be used as a version source plugin for the `Hatch` build backend. You use it in pretty much the same way as for `setuptools`:

- Include `versioningit` in your build requirements like so:

```
[build-system]
requires = ["hatchling", "versioningit"]
build-backend = "hatchling.build"
```

- Tell Hatch that you're using a dynamic version source by including `"version"` in the `project.dynamic` key:

```
[project]
name = "your-project-name"
dynamic = ["version"]
# The rest of your project metadata follows after.

# Do not set the `version` key in [project]. If it's currently set,
# remove it.
```

- Tell Hatch to use `versioningit` as the version source:

```
[tool.hatch.version]
source = "versioningit"
```

- Configure `versioningit` as normal. However, with Hatch, you have two possible locations to put `versioningit`'s configuration in: either a `[tool.versioningit]` table as used with `setuptools` or under the `[tool.hatch.version]` table. Moreover, unlike when using `setuptools`, you don't even need the `[tool.versioningit]` table if it's just going to be empty.

For example, the following configurations are equivalent:

- Using `[tool.versioningit]`:

```
[tool.hatch.version]
source = "versioningit"

[tool.versioningit]
default-version = "0.0.0+unknown"

[tool.versioningit.format]
distance = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}"
```

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```
dirty = "{version}+dirty"
distance-dirty = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.dirty"
```

- Using `[tool.hatch.version]`:

```
[tool.hatch.version]
source = "versioningit"
default-version = "0.0.0+unknown"

[tool.hatch.version.format]
distance = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}"
dirty = "{version}+dirty"
distance-dirty = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.dirty"
```

If you configure `versioningit` via `[tool.hatch.version]` and also define a `[tool.versioningit]` table (even if it's empty), a warning will be emitted, and only the `[tool.hatch.version]` configuration will be used.

- If you use the `write` step to create a file containing your project version, and this file is listed in your `.gitignore` or `.hgignore`, you will need to tell Hatch to include the file in sdist's & wheels like so:

```
[tool.hatch.build]
# Replace the path below with the path to the file created by the
# `write` step:
artifacts = ["src/mypackage/_version.py"]
```

**Attention:** Currently, *the onbuild step* is not supported when using `versioningit` with Hatch. See [issue #54](#) for more information.

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**Note:** If you use `versioningit` with Hatch, you will not be able to set your project's version by running `hatch version x.y.z`. Just create a tag instead!

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## COMMAND

```
versioningit [<options>] [<project-dir>]
```

When `versioningit` is installed in the current Python environment, a command of the same name will be available that prints out the version for a given `versioningit`-enabled project (by default, the project rooted in the current directory). This can be used to test out your `versioningit` setup before publishing.

### 5.1 Options

**-n, --next-version**

Instead of printing the current version of the project, print the value of the next release version as computed by the `next-version` step

**--traceback**

Normally, any library errors are shown as just the error message. Specify this option to show the complete error traceback.

**-v, --verbose**

Increase the amount of log messages displayed. Specify twice for maximum information.

The logging level can also be set via the `VERSIONINGIT_LOG_LEVEL` environment variable. If both `-v` and `VERSIONINGIT_LOG_LEVEL` are specified, the more verbose log level of the two will be used, where one `-v` corresponds to `INFO` level and two or more correspond to `DEBUG` level. (If neither are specified, the default level of `WARNING` is used.)

**-w, --write**

Write the version to the file specified in the `[tool.versioningit.write]` subtable, if so configured



## LIBRARY API

## 6.1 High-Level Functions and Classes

`versioningit.get_version(project_dir: str | Path = '.', config: dict | None = None, write: bool = False, fallback: bool = True) → str`

Determine the version for the project at `project_dir`.

If `config` is `None`, then `project_dir` must contain a `pyproject.toml` file containing either a `[tool.versioningit]` table or a `[tool.hatch.version]` table with the `source` key set to `"versioningit"`; if it does not, a `NotVersioningitError` is raised. If `config` is not `None`, then any `pyproject.toml` file in `project_dir` will be ignored, and the configuration will be taken from `config` instead. See *“Passing Explicit Configuration”*.

If `write` is true, then the file specified in the `write` subtable of the `versioningit` configuration, if any, will be updated.

If `fallback` is true, then if `project_dir` is not under version control (or if the VCS executable is not installed), `versioningit` will assume that the directory is an unpacked sdist and will read the version from the `PKG-INFO` file.

### Raises

- `NotVCSError` – if `fallback` is false and `project_dir` is not under version control
- `NotSdistError` – if `fallback` is true, `project_dir` is not under version control, and there is no `PKG-INFO` file in `project_dir`
- `NotVersioningitError` –
  - if `config` is `None` and `project_dir` does not contain a `pyproject.toml` file
  - if `config` is `None` and the `pyproject.toml` file does not contain a `versioningit` configuration table
- `ConfigError` – if any of the values in `config` are not of the correct type
- `MethodError` – if a method returns a value of the wrong type

`versioningit.get_next_version(project_dir: str | Path = '.', config: dict | None = None) → str`

New in version 0.3.0.

Determine the next version after the current VCS-tagged version for `project_dir`.

If `config` is `None`, then `project_dir` must contain a `pyproject.toml` file containing either a `[tool.versioningit]` table or a `[tool.hatch.version]` table with the `source` key set to `"versioningit"`; if it does not, a `NotVersioningitError` is raised. If `config` is not `None`, then any `pyproject.toml` file in

`project_dir` will be ignored, and the configuration will be taken from `config` instead. See “*Passing Explicit Configuration*”.

#### Raises

- **`NotVCSError`** – if `project_dir` is not under version control
- **`NotVersioningitError`** –
  - if `config` is `None` and `project_dir` does not contain a `pyproject.toml` file
  - if `config` is `None` and the `pyproject.toml` file does not contain a versioningit configuration table
- **`ConfigError`** – if any of the values in `config` are not of the correct type
- **`MethodError`** – if a method returns a value of the wrong type

`versioningit.get_cmdclasses(bases: dict[str, type[Command]] | None = None) → dict[str, type[Command]]`

New in version 1.1.0.

Return a `dict` of custom `setuptools.Command` classes, suitable for passing to the `cmdclass` argument of `setuptools.setup()`, that run the `onbuild` step for the project when building an sdist or wheel. Specifically, the `dict` contains a subclass of `setuptools.command.sdist.sdist` at the “`sdist`” key and a subclass of `setuptools.command.build_py.build_py` at the “`build_py`” key.

A `dict` of alternative base classes can optionally be supplied; if the `dict` contains an “`sdist`” entry, that entry will be used as the base class for the customized `sdist` command, and likewise for “`build_py`”. All other classes in the input `dict` are passed through unchanged.

**class** `versioningit.cmdclass.sdist`

New in version 2.2.0.

A custom subclass of `setuptools.command.sdist.sdist` that runs the `onbuild` step when building an sdist. This class is equivalent to `get_cmdclasses()["sdist"]`, except that it can also be used in the `[options]cmdclass` field in `setup.cfg`.

**class** `versioningit.cmdclass.build_py`

New in version 2.2.0.

A custom subclass of `setuptools.command.build_py.build_py` that runs the `onbuild` step when building a wheel. This class is equivalent to `get_cmdclasses()["build_py"]`, except that it can also be used in the `[options]cmdclass` field in `setup.cfg`.

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**Note:** When importing or referring to the `sdist` and `build_py` command classes, the `.cmdclass` submodule needs to be specified; unlike the rest of the library API, they are not importable directly from `versioningit`.

```
[options]
cmdclass =
    # Right!
    sdist = versioningit.cmdclass.sdist
    build_py = versioningit.cmdclass.build_py

[options]
cmdclass =
    # Wrong!
    sdist = versioningit.sdist
    build_py = versioningit.build_py
```

## 6.2 Low-Level Class

### **class** `versioningit.Versioningit`

A class for getting a version-controlled project's current version based on its most recent tag and the difference therefrom

**classmethod** `from_project_dir`(*project\_dir*: *str* | *Path* = '.', *config*: *dict* | *None* = *None*) → *Versioningit*  
Construct a *Versioningit* object for the project rooted at *project\_dir* (default: the current directory).

If *config* is *None*, then *project\_dir* must contain a `pyproject.toml` file containing either a `[tool.versioningit]` table or a `[tool.hatch.version]` table with the source key set to "versioningit"; if it does not, a *NotVersioningitError* is raised. If *config* is not *None*, then any `pyproject.toml` file in *project\_dir* will be ignored, and the configuration will be taken from *config* instead. See “*Passing Explicit Configuration*”.

#### **Raises**

- *NotVersioningitError* –
  - if *config* is *None* and *project\_dir* does not contain a `pyproject.toml` file
  - if *config* is *None* and the `pyproject.toml` file does not contain a versioningit configuration table
- *ConfigError* – if the configuration object/table or any of its subfields are not of the correct type

**get\_version**(*write*: *bool* = *False*, *fallback*: *bool* = *True*) → *str*

Determine the version for the project.

If *write* is true, then the file specified in the *write* subtable of the versioningit configuration, if any, will be updated.

If *fallback* is true, then if *project\_dir* is not under version control (or if the VCS executable is not installed), *versioningit* will assume that the directory is an unpacked sdist and will read the version from the PKG-INFO file.

Changed in version 2.0.0: *write* and *fallback* arguments added

#### **Raises**

- *NotVCSError* – if *fallback* is false and *project\_dir* is not under version control
- *NotSdistError* – if *fallback* is true, *project\_dir* is not under version control, and there is no PKG-INFO file in *project\_dir*
- *ConfigError* – if any of the values in *config* are not of the correct type
- *MethodError* – if a method returns a value of the wrong type

**run**(*write*: *bool* = *False*, *fallback*: *bool* = *True*) → *Report* | *FallbackReport*

New in version 2.0.0.

Run all of the steps for the project — aside from “onbuild” and, optionally, “write” — and return an object containing the final version and intermediate values.

If *write* is true, then the file specified in the *write* subtable of the versioningit configuration, if any, will be updated.

If *fallback* is true, then if *project\_dir* is not under version control (or if the VCS executable is not installed), *versioningit* will assume that the directory is an unpacked sdist and will read the version from the PKG-INFO file, returning a *FallbackReport* instance instead of a *Report*.

**Raises**

- **NotVCSError** – if `fallback` is false and `project_dir` is not under version control
- **NotSdistError** – if `fallback` is true, `project_dir` is not under version control, and there is no PKG-INFO file in `project_dir`
- **ConfigError** – if any of the values in `config` are not of the correct type
- **MethodError** – if a method returns a value of the wrong type

**do\_vcs()** → *VCSDescription*

Run the vcs step

**Raises**

**MethodError** – if the method does not return a *VCSDescription*

**do\_tag2version(tag: str)** → *str*

Run the tag2version step

**Raises**

**MethodError** – if the method does not return a *str*

**do\_next\_version(version: str, branch: str | None)** → *str*

Run the next-version step

**Raises**

**MethodError** – if the method does not return a *str*

**do\_format(description: VCSDescription, base\_version: str, next\_version: str)** → *str*

Run the format step

Changed in version 2.0.0: The `version` argument was renamed to `base_version`.

**Raises**

**MethodError** – if the method does not return a *str*

**do\_template\_fields(version: str, description: VCSDescription | None, base\_version: str | None, next\_version: str | None)** → *dict*

New in version 2.0.0.

Run the `template_fields` step

**Raises**

**MethodError** – if the method does not return a *dict*

**do\_write(template\_fields: dict[str, Any])** → *None*

Run the write step

Changed in version 2.0.0: `version` argument replaced with `template_fields`

**do\_onbuild(build\_dir: str | Path, is\_source: bool, template\_fields: dict[str, Any])** → *None*

New in version 1.1.0.

Run the `onbuild` step

Changed in version 2.0.0: `version` argument replaced with `template_fields`

## 6.3 Exceptions

### **exception** versioningit.**Error**

Base class of all versioningit-specific errors

### **exception** versioningit.**ConfigError**

Bases: [Error](#), [ValueError](#)

Raised when the versioningit configuration contain invalid settings

### **exception** versioningit.**InvalidTagError**

Bases: [Error](#), [ValueError](#)

Raised by tag2version methods when passed a tag that they cannot work with

### **exception** versioningit.**InvalidVersionError**

Bases: [Error](#), [ValueError](#)

Raised by next-version and template-fields methods when passed a version that they cannot work with

### **exception** versioningit.**MethodError**

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when a method is invalid or returns an invalid value

### **exception** versioningit.**NoTagError**

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when a tag cannot be found in version control

### **exception** versioningit.**NotSdistError**

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when attempting to read a PKG-INFO file from a directory that doesn't have one

### **exception** versioningit.**NotVCSError**

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when versioningit is run in a directory that is not under version control or when the relevant VCS program is not installed

### **exception** versioningit.**NotVersioningitError**

Bases: [Error](#)

Raised when versioningit is used on a project that does not have versioningit enabled

## 6.4 Utilities

### **class** versioningit.**VCSDescription**(tag: *str*, state: *str*, branch: *str* | *None*, fields: *dict*[*str*, *Any*])

A description of the state of a version control repository

**branch:** *str* | *None*

The name of the repository's current branch, or *None* if it cannot be determined or does not apply

**fields:** *dict*[*str*, *Any*]

A *dict* of additional information about the repository state to make available to the `format` method. Custom vcs methods are advised to adhere closely to the set of fields used by the built-in methods.

**state:** `str`

The relationship of the repository's current state to the tag. If the repository state is exactly the tagged state, this field should equal "exact"; otherwise, it will be a string that will be used as a key in the format subtable of the versioningit configuration. Recommended values are "distance", "dirty", and "distance-dirty".

**tag:** `str`

The name of the most recent tag in the repository (possibly after applying any match or exclusion rules based on user parameters) from which the current repository state is descended

**class** `versioningit.Report`(*version: str, description: VCSDescription | None, base\_version: str | None, next\_version: str | None, template\_fields: dict[str, Any], using\_default\_version: bool*)

New in version 2.0.0.

A report of the intermediate & final values calculated during a `versioningit` run

**base\_version:** `str | None`

A version string extracted from the VCS tag; `None` if the "tag2version" step or a previous step failed

**description:** `VCSDescription | None`

A description of the state of the version control repository; `None` if the "vcs" step failed

**next\_version:** `str | None`

A "next version" calculated by the "next-version" step; `None` if the step or a previous one failed

**template\_fields:** `dict[str, Any]`

A `dict` of fields for use in templating by the "write" and "onbuild" steps

**using\_default\_version:** `bool`

`True` iff an error occurred during version calculation, causing a `default-version` setting to be used

**version:** `str`

The final version

**class** `versioningit.FallbackReport`(*version: str*)

New in version 2.0.0.

A report of the version extracted from a PKG-INFO file in an sdist

**version:** `str`

The version

`versioningit.get_version_from_pkg_info`(*project\_dir: str | Path*)  $\rightarrow$  `str`

Return the `Version` field from the PKG-INFO file in `project_dir`

**Raises**

- `NotSdistError` – if there is no PKG-INFO file
- `ValueError` – if the PKG-INFO file does not contain a `Version` field

`versioningit.run_onbuild`(*\*, build\_dir: str | Path, is\_source: bool, template\_fields: dict[str, Any], project\_dir: str | Path = '.', config: dict | None = None*)  $\rightarrow$  `None`

New in version 1.1.0.

Run the onbuild step for the given project.

This function is intended to be used by custom `setuptools` commands that are used in place of `versioningit`'s custom commands but still need to be able to run the onbuild step. The



`template_fields` value can be obtained by passing the command's `distribution` attribute to `get_template_fields_from_distribution()`; if this returns `None`, then we are building from an sdist, and `run_onbuild()` should not be called.

If `config` is `None`, then `project_dir` must contain a `pyproject.toml` file containing a `[tool.versioningit]` table; if it does not, a `NotVersioningitError` is raised. If `config` is not `None`, then any `pyproject.toml` file in `project_dir` will be ignored, and the configuration will be taken from `config` instead; see “*Passing Explicit Configuration*”.

Changed in version 2.0.0: `version` argument replaced with `template_fields`

#### Parameters

- **build\_dir** – The directory containing the in-progress build
- **is\_source** – Set to `True` if building an sdist or other artifact that preserves source paths, `False` if building a wheel or other artifact that uses installation paths
- **template\_fields** – A `dict` of fields to be used when templating

#### Raises

- **NotVersioningitError** –
  - if `config` is `None` and `project_dir` does not contain a `pyproject.toml` file
  - if the `pyproject.toml` file does not contain a `[tool.versioningit]` table
- **ConfigError** – if any of the values in `config` are not of the correct type
- **MethodError** – if a method returns a value of the wrong type

`versioningit.get_template_fields_from_distribution(dist: Distribution) → dict[str, Any] | None`

Extract the template fields (calculated by the “template-fields” step) that were stashed on the `setuptools.Distribution` by `versioningit`'s `setuptools` hook, for passing to the “onbuild” step. If `setuptools` is building from an sdist instead of a repository, no template fields will have been calculated, and `None` will be returned, indicating that the “onbuild” step should not be run.

## 6.5 Passing Explicit Configuration

The functions & methods that take a path to a project directory normally read the project's configuration from the `pyproject.toml` file therein, but they can also be passed a `config` argument to take the configuration from instead, in which case `pyproject.toml` will be ignored and need not even exist.

A `config` argument must be a `dict` whose structure mirrors the structure of the `[tool.versioningit]` table in `pyproject.toml`. For example, the following TOML configuration:

```
[tool.versioningit.vcs]
method = "git"
match = ["v*"]

[tool.versioningit.next-version]
method = { module = "setup", value = "my_next_version" }

[tool.versioningit.format]
distance = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}"
dirty = "{base_version}+dirty"
distance-dirty = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.dirty"
```

corresponds to the following Python config value:

```
{
  "vcs": {
    "method": "git",
    "match": ["v*"],
  },
  "next-version": {
    "method": {
      "module": "setup",
      "value": "my_next_version",
    },
  },
  "format": {
    "distance": "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}",
    "dirty": "{base_version}+dirty",
    "distance-dirty": "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.dirty",
  },
}
```

This is the same structure that you would get by reading from the `pyproject.toml` file like so:

```
import tomli

with open("pyproject.toml", "rb") as fp:
    config = tomli.load(fp)["tool"]["versioningit"]
```

When passing `versioningit` configuration as a `config` argument, an alternative way to specify methods becomes available: in place of a method specification, one can pass a callable object directly.

## WRITING YOUR OWN METHODS

Changed in version 1.0.0: User parameters, previously passed as keyword arguments, are now passed as a single `params` argument.

If you need to customize how a `versioningit` step is carried out, you can write a custom function in a Python module in your project directory and point `versioningit` to that function as described under “*Specifying the Method*”.

When a custom function is called, it will be passed a step-specific set of arguments, as documented below, plus all of the parameters specified in the step’s subtable in `pyproject.toml`. (The arguments are passed as keyword arguments, so custom methods need to give them the same names as documented here.) For example, given the below configuration:

```
[tool.versioningit.vcs]
method = { module = "ving_methods", value = "my_vcs", module-dir = "tools" }
tag-dir = "tags"
annotated-only = true
```

`versioningit` will carry out the `vcs` step by calling `my_vcs()` in `ving_methods.py` in the `tools/` directory with the arguments `project_dir` (set to the directory in which the `pyproject.toml` file is located) and `params={"tag-dir": "tags", "annotated-only": True}`.

If a user-supplied parameter to a method is invalid, the method should raise a `versioningit.errors.ConfigError`. If a method is passed a parameter that it does not recognize, it should ignore it (though it may log a warning).

If you choose to store your custom methods in your `setup.py`, be sure to place the call to `setup()` under an `if __name__ == "__main__":` guard so that the module can be imported without executing `setup()`.

If you store your custom methods in a module other than `setup.py` that is not part of the project’s Python package (e.g., if the module is stored in a `tools/` directory), you need to ensure that the module is included in your project’s `sdist`s but not in wheels.

If your custom method depends on any third-party libraries, they must be listed in your project’s `build-system.requires`.

### 7.1 vcs

A custom `vcs` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\*, *project\_dir*: *str* | *pathlib.Path*, *params*: *dict[str, Any]*) → *versioningit.VCSDescription*

#### Parameters

- **project\_dir** (*path*) – the path to a project directory
- **params** (*dict*) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

**Returns**

a description of the state of the version control repository at the directory

**Return type**

*versioningit.VCSDescription*

**Raises**

- ***versioningit.errors.NoTagError*** – If a tag cannot be determined for the repository
- ***versioningit.errors.NotVCSError*** – if `project_dir` is not under the expected type of version control

## 7.2 tag2version

A custom `tag2version` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\*, tag: *str*, params: *dict[str, Any]*) → *str*

**Parameters**

- **tag** (*str*) – a tag retrieved from version control
- **params** (*dict*) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

**Returns**

a version string extracted from tag

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

***versioningit.errors.InvalidTagError*** – if the tag cannot be parsed

## 7.3 next-version

A custom `next-version` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\*, version: *str*, branch: *str* | *None*, params: *dict[str, Any]*) → *str*

**Parameters**

- **version** (*str*) – a project version (as extracted from a VCS tag)
- **branch** (*Optional[str]*) – the name of the VCS repository's current branch (if any)
- **params** (*dict*) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

**Returns**

a version string for use as the `{next_version}` field in `[tool.versioningit.format]` format templates.

**Return type**

*str*

**Raises**

***versioningit.errors.InvalidVersionError*** – if version cannot be parsed

## 7.4 format

A custom `format` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\**description*: `versioningit.VCSDescription`, *base\_version*: `str`, *next\_version*: `str`, *params*: `dict[str, Any]`) → `str`

### Parameters

- **description** – a `versioningit.VCSDescription` returned by a vcs method
- **base\_version** (`str`) – a version string extracted from the VCS tag
- **next\_version** (`str`) – a “next version” calculated by the `next-version` step
- **params** (`dict`) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

### Returns

the project’s final version string

### Return type

`str`

Changed in version 2.0.0: The `version` argument was renamed to `base_version`.

Note that the `format` method is not called if `description.state` is “exact”, in which case the version returned by the `tag2version` step is used as the final version.

## 7.5 template-fields

A custom `template-fields` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\**version*: `str`, *description*: `VCSDescription` | `None`, *base\_version*: `str` | `None`, *next\_version*: `str` | `None`, *params*: `dict[str, Any]`) → `dict[str, Any]`

### Parameters

- **version** (`str`) – the project’s final version
- **description** (`Optional[VCSDescription]`) – a `versioningit.VCSDescription` returned by a vcs method; `None` if the vcs method failed
- **base\_version** (`Optional[str]`) – a version string extracted from the VCS tag; `None` if the `tag2version` step or a previous step failed
- **next\_version** (`Optional[str]`) – a “next version” calculated by the `next-version` step; `None` if the step or a previous one failed
- **params** (`dict`) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

### Return type

`dict[str, Any]`

## 7.6 write

A custom `write` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\*, *project\_dir*: *str* | *pathlib.Path*, *template\_fields*: *dict[str, Any]*, *params*: *dict[str, Any]*) → *None*

### Parameters

- **project\_dir** (*path*) – the path to a project directory
- **template\_fields** (*dict*) – a collection of variables to use in filling out templates, as calculated by the `template-fields` step
- **params** (*dict*) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

Changed in version 2.0.0: `version` argument replaced with `template_fields`

## 7.7 onbuild

New in version 1.1.0.

A custom `onbuild` method is a callable with the following synopsis:

**funcname**(\*, *build\_dir*: *str* | *pathlib.Path*, *is\_source*: *bool*, *template\_fields*: *dict[str, Any]*, *params*: *dict[str, Any]*) → *None*

Modifies one or more files in `build_dir`

### Parameters

- **build\_dir** (*path*) – the path to the directory where the project is being built
- **is\_source** (*bool*) – true if an sdist or other artifact that preserves source paths is being built, false if a wheel or other artifact that uses installation paths is being built
- **template\_fields** (*dict*) – a collection of variables to use in filling out templates, as calculated by the `template-fields` step
- **params** (*dict*) – a collection of user-supplied parameters

Changed in version 2.0.0: `version` argument replaced with `template_fields`

## 7.8 Distributing Your Methods in an Extension Package

If you want to make your custom `versioningit` methods available for others to use, you can package them in a Python package and distribute it on PyPI. Simply create a Python package as normal that contains the method function, and specify the method function as an entry point of the project. The name of the entry point group is `versioningit.STEP` (though, for `next-version` and `template-fields`, the group is spelled with an underscore instead of a hyphen). For example, if you have a custom `vcs` method implemented as a `foobar_vcs()` function in `mypackage/vcs.py`, you would declare it in `setup.cfg` as follows:

```
[options.entry_points]
versioningit.vcs =
    foobar = mypackage.vcs:foobar_vcs
```

Once your package is on PyPI, package developers can use it by including it in their `build-system.requires` and specifying the name of the entry point (For the entry point above, this would be `foobar`) as the method name in the appropriate subtable. For example, a user of the `foobar` method for the `vcs` step would specify it as:

```
[tool.versioningit.vcs]  
method = "foobar"  
# Parameters go here
```





## 8.1 Restrictions & Caveats

- When building or installing a project that uses `versioningit`, the entire repository history (or at least everything back through the most recent tag) must be available. This means that installing from a shallow clone (the default on most CI systems) will not work. If you are using the "git" or "git-archive" vcs method and have `default-tag` set in `[tool.versioningit.vcs]`, then shallow clones will end up assigned the default tag, which may or may not be what you want.
- If using the `[tool.versioningit.write]` subtable to write the version to a file, this file will only be updated whenever the project is built or installed. If using editable installs, this means that you must re-run `python setup.py develop` or `pip install -e .` after each commit if you want the version to be up-to-date.
- If you define & use a custom method inside your Python project's package, you will not be able to retrieve your project version by calling `importlib.metadata.version()` inside `__init__.py` — at least, not without a `try: ... except ... wrapper`. This is because `versioningit` loads the package containing the custom method before the package is installed, but `importlib.metadata.version()` only works after the package is installed.
- If you generate a conda package from your sdist (e.g., for a conda-forge feedstock), you will likely want to include `versioningit` as a host dependency in your conda `meta.yaml` file. This is needed for the package produced from your sdist to contain the correct version number in its `dist-info`.

## 8.2 Backwards Compatibility Policy

`versioningit` follows [Semantic Versioning](#), in which the major version component is incremented whenever a breaking change is made. Moreover, the basic `pyproject.toml` interface to `versioningit` can be considered very stable; the only changes to expect to it will be the addition of new features and the occasional patching over of corner-case bugs. Nearly all breaking changes will be to the library or custom method API; if you've written any code that uses this part of the API, you are advised to declare the next major version of `versioningit` as an upper bound on your `versioningit` dependency.

Bug fixes may, on occasion, be backported to previous major versions of `versioningit`, but this is in general unlikely to happen unless a user specifically requests it.



## CHANGELOG

### 9.1 v2.3.0 (2023-11-19)

- Always read `.hg_archival.txt` files using UTF-8 encoding
- Added support for using versioningit with [Hatch](#)

### 9.2 v2.2.1 (2023-09-22)

- Raise a [`ConfigError`](#) if the selected `tool.versioningit.format` field is not a string
- Update tests for pydantic 2.0
- Update tests for Python 3.12
- Support Python 3.12

### 9.3 v2.2.0 (2023-02-11)

- The custom `setuptools` command classes can now be imported directly from the `versioningit.cmdclass` module as an alternative to calling [`get\_cmdclasses\(\)`](#)

### 9.4 v2.1.0 (2022-10-25)

- Drop support for Python 3.6
- Support Python 3.11
- Use [`tomllib`](#) on Python 3.11

## 9.5 v2.0.1 (2022-08-01)

- Don't run the onbuild step under setuptools' upcoming PEP 660 editable mode (contributed by @abravalheri)

## 9.6 v2.0.0 (2022-06-12)

- The {version} placeholder in the “basic” format step has been renamed to {base\_version}. The old name remains usable, but is deprecated.
  - **Breaking:** The version argument passed to `Versioningit.do_format()` and format method callables has been renamed to `base_version`.
- A {version\_tuple} field, along with the fields available in the format step, is now available for use in templates in the write and onbuild steps.
  - New step and subtable: “template-fields”
  - **Breaking:** The version arguments passed to `Versioningit.do_write()`, `Versioningit.do_onbuild()`, `run_onbuild()`, and write & onbuild method callables have been replaced with `template_fields` arguments
  - Added a `get_template_fields_from_distribution()` function for use by callers of `run_onbuild()`
- `Versioningit.get_version()` now takes optional write and fallback arguments
- The onbuild step is no longer run when building from an sdist; the configuration therefore no longer needs to be idempotent
- Drop setuptools runtime dependency
  - setuptools is only needed for `get_cmdclasses()`, which should only be called in an environment where setuptools is already installed.
- Prevent log messages from being printed twice under recent versions of setuptools
- Values supplied for the require-match parameters of the tag2version and onbuild steps must now actually be booleans; previously, values of any type were accepted and were converted to booleans.
- Added a `Versioningit.run()` method that returns a structure containing all intermediate & final values
- “git” method: {author\_date} and {committer\_date} are no longer “clamped” to less than or equal to {build\_date}. This undocumented behavior was based on a misinterpretation of the SOURCE\_DATE\_EPOCH spec, and was even applied when SOURCE\_DATE\_EPOCH was not set.
- When resolving entry points, if multiple entry points with the given group & name are found, error instead of using the first one returned

## 9.7 v1.1.2 (2022-08-12)

- Backport “Don't run the onbuild step under setuptools' upcoming PEP 660 editable mode” from v2.0.1 (contributed by @abravalheri)

## 9.8 v1.1.1 (2022-04-08)

- Do not import `setuptools` unless needed (contributed by @jenshnielsen)

## 9.9 v1.1.0 (2022-03-03)

- Added custom `setuptools` commands for inserting the project version into a source file at build time
  - New step and subtable: “onbuild”
  - New public `get_cmdclasses()` and `run_onbuild()` functions
- Moved documentation from the README to a Read the Docs site
  - Established external documentation for the public library API
- When falling back to using `tool.versioningit.default-version`, emit a warning if the version is not PEP 440-compliant.
- The `versioningit` command now honors the `VERSIONINGIT_LOG_LEVEL` environment variable

## 9.10 v1.0.0 (2022-02-06)

- Changes to custom methods:
  - The signatures of the method functions have changed; user-supplied parameters are now passed as a single `params: Dict[str, Any]` argument instead of as keyword arguments.
  - User-supplied parameters with the same names as step-specific method arguments are no longer discarded.
- Changes to the “git-archive” method:
  - Lightweight tags are now ignored (by default, but see below) when installing from a repository in order to match the behavior of the `%(describe)` format placeholder.
  - The “match” and “exclude” settings are now parsed from the `describe-subst` parameter, which is now required, and the old `match` and `exclude` parameters are now ignored.
  - Git 2.35’s “tags” option for honoring lightweight tags is now recognized.
  - Added a dedicated error message when an invalid `%(describe)` placeholder is “expanded” into itself in an archive
- The `file` parameter to the “basic” write method is now required when the `[tool.versioningit.write]` table is present. If you don’t want to write the version to a file, omit the table entirely.
- Library API:
  - `Config` is no longer exported; it should now be considered private.
  - Merged `Versioningit.from_config()` functionality into `Versioningit.from_project_dir()`
  - Renamed `Versioningit.from_config_obj()` to `Versioningit.from_config()`; it should now be considered private

## 9.11 v0.3.3 (2022-02-04)

- Git 1.8.0 is now the minimum required version for the git methods, and this is documented. (Previously, the undocumented minimum version was Git 1.8.5.)
- Document the minimum supported Mercurial version as 5.2.

## 9.12 v0.3.2 (2022-01-16)

- Call `importlib.metadata.entry_points()` only once and reuse the result for a speedup (contributed by [@jenshnielsen](#))

## 9.13 v0.3.1 (2022-01-02)

- Support Python 3.10
- Support tomli 2.0

## 9.14 v0.3.0 (2021-09-27)

- Gave the CLI interface an `-n/--next-version` option for showing a project's next release version
- Added a `get_next_version()` function
- Added a mention to the README of the existence of exported functionality other than `get_version()`
- Renamed the individual step-calling methods of *Versioningit* to have names of the form `do_$STEP()`

## 9.15 v0.2.1 (2021-08-02)

- Update for tomli 1.2.0

## 9.16 v0.2.0 (2021-07-13)

- The log messages displayed for unknown parameters are now at WARNING level instead of INFO and include suggestions for what you might have meant
- “git” vcs method: `default-tag` will now be honored if the **git describe** command fails (which generally only happens in a repository without any commits)
- Added an experimental “git-archive” method for determining a version when installing from a Git archive
- Project directories under `.git/` are no longer considered to be under version control
- Project directories inside Git working directories that are not themselves tracked by Git are no longer considered to be under version control
- Support added for installing from Mercurial repositories & archives

## 9.17 v0.1.0 (2021-07-08)

- Add more logging messages
- Changed default version formats to something that doesn't use `{next_version}`
- “basic” `tag2version` method:
  - If `regex` is given and it does not contain a group named “version,” the entire text matched by the regex will be used as the version
  - Added a `require-match` parameter for erroring if the regex does not match
- “basic” `write` method: encoding now defaults to UTF-8
- New `next-version` methods: “minor-release”, “smallest-release”, and “null”
- Replaced `entrypoints` dependency with `importlib-metadata`
- Added `tool.versioningit.default-version` for setting the version to use if an error occurs
- When building a project from a shallow clone or in a non-sdist directory without VCS information, display an informative error message.

## 9.18 v0.1.0a1 (2021-07-05)

Alpha release

`versioningit` is yet another Python packaging plugin for automatically determining your package's version based on your version control repository's tags. Unlike others, it allows easy customization of the version format and even lets you easily override the separate functions used for version extraction & calculation.

### Features:

- Works with both `setuptools` and `Hatch`
- Installed & configured through `PEP 518`'s `pyproject.toml`
- Supports Git, modern Git archives, and Mercurial
- Formatting of the final version uses format template strings, with fields for basic VCS information and separate template strings for distanced vs. dirty vs. distanced-and-dirty repository states
- Can optionally write the final version and other details to a file for loading at runtime
- Provides custom `setuptools` commands for inserting the final version and other details into a source file at build time
- The individual methods for VCS querying, tag-to-version calculation, version bumping, version formatting, and writing the version to a file can all be customized using either functions defined alongside one's project code or via publicly-distributed entry points
- Can alternatively be used as a library for use in `setup.py` or the like, in case you don't want to or can't configure it via `pyproject.toml`
- The only thing it does is calculate your version and optionally write it to a file; there's no overriding of your sdist contents based on what's in your Git repository, especially not without a way to turn it off, because that would just be rude.





## INSTALLATION & SETUP

`versioningit` requires Python 3.7 or higher. Just use `pip` for Python 3 (You have `pip`, right?) to install `versioningit` and its dependencies:

```
python3 -m pip install versioningit
```

However, usually you won't need to install `versioningit` in your environment directly. Instead, you specify it in your project's `pyproject.toml` file in the `build-system.requires` key, like so:

```
[build-system]
requires = [
    "setuptools",
    "versioningit",
]
build-backend = "setuptools.build_meta"
```

```
[build-system]
requires = [
    "hatchling",
    "versioningit",
]
build-backend = "hatchling.build"

[tool.hatch.version]
source = "versioningit"
```

Then, you configure `versioningit` by adding a `[tool.versioningit]` table to your `pyproject.toml`. See “*Configuration*” for details, but you can get up & running with just the minimal configuration, an empty table:

```
[tool.versioningit]
```

`versioningit` eliminates the need to list an explicit version in `setup.py`, `setup.cfg`, or `pyproject.toml` (and any explicit version you do list will be ignored when using `versioningit`), so you should remove any such settings in order to reduce confusion.

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**Note:** If you're specifying your project metadata via a `[project]` table in `pyproject.toml`, you need to set `project.dynamic = ["version"]` in order for `versioningit` to work.

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Once you have a `[tool.versioningit]` table in your `pyproject.toml` — and once your repository has at least one tag — building your project with `build` or similar will result in your project's version automatically being set based on the latest tag in your Git repository. You can test your configuration and see what the resulting version will be using the `versioningit` command (see “*Command*”).



## EXAMPLE CONFIGURATIONS

One of `versioningit`'s biggest strengths is its ability to configure the version format using placeholder strings. The default format configuration looks like this:

```
[tool.versioningit.format]

# Format used when there have been commits since the most recent tag:
distance = "{base_version}.post{distance}+{vcs}{rev}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3.post42+ge174a1f

# Format used when there are uncommitted changes:
dirty = "{base_version}+d{build_date:%Y%m%d}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3+d20230922

# Format used when there are both commits and uncommitted changes:
distance-dirty = "{base_version}.post{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.d{build_date:%Y%m%d}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3.post42+ge174a1f.d20230922
```

Other format configurations of interest include:

- The default format used by `setuptools_scm`:

```
[tool.versioningit.next-version]
method = "smallest"

[tool.versioningit.format]
distance = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.4.dev42+ge174a1f

dirty = "{base_version}+d{build_date:%Y%m%d}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3+d20230922

distance-dirty = "{next_version}.dev{distance}+{vcs}{rev}.d{build_date:%Y%m%d}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.4.dev42+ge174a1f.d20230922
```

- The format used by `versioneer`:

```
[tool.versioningit.format]
distance = "{base_version}+{distance}.{vcs}{rev}"
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3+42.ge174a1f

dirty = "{base_version}+{distance}.{vcs}{rev}.dirty"
```

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```
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3+42.ge174a1f.dirty  
  
distance-dirty = "{base_version}+{distance}.{vcs}{rev}.dirty"  
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3+42.ge174a1f.dirty
```

- The format used by vcversioner:

```
[tool.versioningit.format]  
distance = "{base_version}.post{distance}"  
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3.post42  
  
dirty = "{base_version}"  
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3  
  
distance-dirty = "{base_version}.post{distance}"  
# Example formatted version: 1.2.3.post42
```

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