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# **pyqubes Documentation**

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# CHAPTER 1

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## Installation

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Install with pip:

```
pip install pyqubes
```

## Use

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### Todo

General use on AppVMs

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### dom0

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### Todo

Special use on dom0 without installation

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## CHAPTER 2

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### Examples

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#### **Todo**

#### Examples

- pythonic
  - direct
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## Pythonic Classes

### VM

The top level VM object holds common methods for VMs.

It should not be instantiated directly - use the lower level `TemplateVM` and `AppVM` objects instead.

**class** `pyqubes.vm.VM(name, proactive=False, operating_system='fedora-23')`

The VM object represents a QubesOS VM. Its methods are common across both AppVMs and TemplateVMs.

VM should not be instantiated directly - use `TemplateVM` or `AppVM`.

By default, all VMs are Fedora 23 based. Other values are listed in `pyqubes.constants`

**enact** (*args*)

Enact a list of command arguments using the VM's `enact_function`

Any one of the functions in `pyqubes.qubes`, `pyqubes.qubesdb` or `pyqubes.qvm` will return arguments in the correct format.

**firewall** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Edit the VM firewall

**firewall\_close** ()

Can be explicitly called to close the VM firewall to 'deny'.

**firewall\_open** ()

Can be explicitly called to open the VM firewall to 'allow'.

In most cases you should use `with vm.internet`:

```
vm = TemplateVM('foo')
with vm.animate:
    # Templates are offline by default
    with vm.internet:
        # Template now has unrestricted internet access
        vm.run('curl http://ipecho.net/plain')
    # Firewall is restored automatically
    # This will now fail
    vm.run('curl http://ipecho.net/plain')
```

**info** (*info*)

Echo information from pyqubes using the VM's enact method

**remove** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Remove the VM

**run** (*command, quote=True, \*\*kwargs*)

Run a command on the VM.

Please note: \* `--pass-io` is always set, to run commands synchronously \* Commands are automatically encapsulated in single quotes:

```
vm = TemplateVM('spam')
vm.run('echo "foo bar"')
# produces: qvm-run spam 'echo "foo bar"'
```

**Parameters** `quote` (*bool*) – By default command is single quoted - set `False` to disable

**shutdown** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Shutdown the

Please note: \* `--wait` is always set, to run commands synchronously

**start** (*\*\*kwargs*)

Start the VM explicitly.

In most cases you should use `“with vm.animate“`:

```
vm = TemplateVM('foo')
# Template is not started on instantiation
with vm.animate:
    # Template is now running
    vm.update()
# VM is shut down automatically
```

## TemplateVM & AppVM

These represent the actual VMs within QubesOS.

Methods mentioned here are specific to the VM type.

**class** `pyqubes.vm.TemplateVM` (*\*args, \*\*kwargs*)

TemplateVM - for installing apps

**clone** (*clone\_name, \*\*kwargs*)

Clone the TemplateVM and return a new TemplateVM

**Parameters** `clone_name` (*string*) – Name of the new VM

**Returns** The new TemplateVM instance

**create\_app** (*app\_name*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Create and return a new AppVM based on the TemplateVM.

Please note: \* If `label` is not set, it will default to `red`

**Parameters** **app\_name** (*string*) – Name of the new VM

**Returns** The new AppVM instance

**update** ()

Smartly runs the relevant package manager updates for the TemplateVM

**class** `pyqubes.vm.AppVM` (*\*args*, *\*\*kwargs*)

AppVM - for running apps

## Helper Classes

## Direct command wrapping

### qubes- commands

### qubesdb- commands

### qvm- commands

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_clone` (*vm\_name*, *clone\_name*, *quiet=False*, *path=''*)

`qvm-clone`

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_create` (*vm\_name*, *template=''*, *label=''*, *proxy=False*, *net=False*, *hvm=False*, *hvm\_template=False*, *root\_move\_from=''*, *root\_copy\_from=''*, *standalone=False*, *mem=0*, *vcpus=0*, *internal=False*, *force\_root=False*, *quiet=False*)

`qvm-create`

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_firewall` (*vm\_name*, *list\_view=False*, *add\_rule=''*, *del\_rule=''*, *set\_policy=''*, *set\_icmp=''*, *set\_dns=''*, *set\_yum\_proxy=''*, *numeric=False*)

`qvm-firewall`

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_remove` (*vm\_name*, *quiet=False*, *just\_db=False*, *force\_root=False*)

`qvm-remove`

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_run` (*vm\_name*, *command*, *quiet=False*, *auto=False*, *user=''*, *tray=False*, *all\_vms=False*, *exclude=[]*, *wait=False*, *shutdown=False*, *pause=False*, *unpause=False*, *pass\_io=False*, *localcmd=''*, *force=False*)

`qvm-run`

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_shutdown` (*vm\_name*, *quiet=False*, *force=False*, *wait=False*, *all\_vms=False*, *exclude=[]*)

`qvm-shutdown`

`pyqubes.qvm.qvm_start` (*vm\_name*, *quiet=False*, *no\_guid=False*, *console=False*, *dvm=False*, *custom\_config=''*)

`qvm-start`

## Utilities

### Compile

The `compile` module converts instructions from pythonic data structures into flat lists.abs

These may require further processing before being passed to the `enact` module for action.

`pyqubes.compile.flags_boolean(flags)`

Return a list of string values, corresponding to the given keys whose values evaluate to True

All keys and values will be converted to strings.

**Parameters** `flags` (*dict*) – A dictionary in the form `{'--flag': boolean}`, where `boolean` is used to determine whether `--flag` is included in the output.

**Returns** A flat list of strings

`pyqubes.compile.flags_store(flags)`

Return a list of string values, corresponding to the given keys and values whose values evaluate to True

The output is a flat list of all strings.

All keys and values will be converted to strings.

**Parameters** `flags` (*dict*) – A dictionary in the form `{'--flag': value}`, where `value` is used to determine whether the entry is included in the output.

**Returns** A flat list of strings

`pyqubes.compile.flags_store_iterable(flags)`

Calls `flags_store` for each value within each key in `flags`.

e.g. `{'--fruits': ['apple', 'pear']}` results in `['--fruits', 'apple', '--fruits', 'pear']`

**Parameters** `flags` (*dict*) – A dictionary in the form `{'--flag': value}`, where `value` is an iterable.

**Returns** A flat list of strings

**Raises** `TypeError` if values are not iterable

`pyqubes.compile.info(info, quote=True, style=True)`

Returns the given string `info` as a set of echo arguments.

Optionally provides quoting and terminal styling.

**Parameters**

- **info** (*string*) – Info string to add to script
- **quote** (*bool*) – By default quote given sting in single quotes
- **style** (*bool*) – By default add

**Returns** A flat list of strings

### Constants

### Enact

The `enact` module contains functions that act on a list of command-line arguments,

The two most important ones are: \* Direct execution with `call` (proactive mode) \* Echoing an execution-ready script with `echo` (reactive mode)

`pyqubes.enact.call(args, **kwargs)`

Thin wrapper for builtin `subprocess.call`

`pyqubes.enact.call_quiet(args)`

Uses the `call` function, but throws away `stdout` and `stderr`.

Should be used for internal unit tests wherever possible.

`pyqubes.enact.echo(args, file=None)`

Echo a list of arguments (as given to `subprocess.call`) to the given stream.

This defaults to `stdout`, but can be changed to any stream-like object such as a file handle.

#### Parameters

- **args** – A string or list of strings
- **file** – A file-like object to stream output to. Defaults to `sys.stdout`

## Utils

Utility functions for pyqubes

Utilities have no dependencies.

`pyqubes.utils.assert_list_items_equal_in_nested(actual_nested, expected_list)`

Assert that the given `expected_list` matches one of the lists within `actual_nested`, using the comparison `sorted(list)`

#### Parameters

- **actual\_nested** (*list*) – A list of lists (usually generated by test)
- **expected\_list** (*list*) – A list of expected values

`pyqubes.utils.flatten_list(nested_list)`

Flatten a nested list one level.

**Parameters** `nested_list` (*list*) – A nested list

**Return type** `list`

`pyqubes.utils.object_fullname(obj)`

Returns the full absolute name of the object provided

`pyqubes.utils.object_logger(obj)`

Returns a correctly named logger for the given object.

Call as `self.logger = object_logger(self)`

## Validate

Validate functions for pyqubes

These will return the original value if validation passes. Otherwise, `ValueError` will be raised

`pyqubes.validate.firewall_policy(policy)`

qvm-firewall policy string should match `^(allow|deny)$`

**Parameters** `policy` (*string*) – Policy string to check

**Returns** policy if valid, else ValueError

`pyqubes.validate.label_color(color)`

VM label color should be one of: \* red \* orange \* yellow \* green \* blue \* purple \* black \* gray

**Parameters** `color` (*string*) – Label color string to check

**Returns** color if valid, else ValueError

`pyqubes.validate.linux_hostname(hostname)`

Linux hostnames are recommended to match `^[a-zA-Z0-9-]+(\.[a-zA-Z0-9-]+)*$`

**Parameters** `hostname` (*string*) – Hostname to check

**Returns** hostname if valid, else ValueError

`pyqubes.validate.linux_username(username)`

Linux usernames are recommended to match `^[a-z_][a-z0-9_-]*\?$`

**Parameters** `username` (*string*) – Username to check

**Returns** username if valid, else ValueError

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