

NAME

debpkg – wrapper for dpkg

SYNOPSIS

debpkg *dpkg-options*

DESCRIPTION

debpkg simply invokes **dpkg**(1) but first becomes superuser so that **dpkg** is able to install and remove packages. It also cleans the environment and resets PATH to a sane default: "/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/bin/X11" so that local versions of programs are not run by accident.

REQUIREMENTS

debpkg must be given superuser privileges in some way to function properly. **Access to debpkg with those privileges is the same as having superuser access to your machine.** **debpkg** will abort if it finds that it neither being run by root nor setuid root.

The **devscripts** package has been designed to allow **debpkg** to be made setuid root. This works by using a compiled wrapper script, which means that **suidperl** is not required. See **dpkg-statoverride**(8) if you wish to make this program setuid root. **sudo** or **super** could also conceivably be used.

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