

NAME

devscripts.conf – configuration file for the devscripts package

DESCRIPTION

The **devscripts** package provides a collection of scripts which may be of use to Debian developers and others wishing to build Debian packages. Many of these have options which can be configured on a system-wide and per-user basis.

Every script in the **devscripts** package which makes use of values from these configuration files describes the specific settings recognised in its own manpage. (For a list of the scripts, either see */usr/share/doc/devscripts/README.gz* or look at the output of *dpkg -L devscripts | grep /usr/bin.*)

The two configuration files are */etc/devscripts.conf* for system-wide defaults and *~/.devscripts* for per-user settings. They are written with **bash**(1) syntax, but should only have comments and simple variable assignments in them; they are both sourced (if present) by many of the **devscripts** scripts. Variables corresponding to simple switches should have one of the values *yes* and *no*; any other setting is regarded as equivalent to the default setting.

All variable names are written in uppercase, and begin with the script name. Package-wide variables begin with "DEVSCRIPTS", and are listed below, as well as in the relevant manpages.

For a list of all of the available options variables, along with their default settings, see the example configuration file */usr/share/doc/devscripts/devscripts.conf.ex*. This is copied to */etc/devscripts.conf* when the **devscripts** package is first installed. Information about configuration options introduced in newer versions of the package will be appended to */etc/devscripts.conf* when the package is upgraded.

Every script which reads the configuration files can be forced to ignore them by using **--no-conf** as the *first* command-line option.

PACKAGE-WIDE VARIABLES

The currently recognised package-wide variables are:

DEVSCRIPTS_CHECK_DIRNAME_LEVEL, DEVSCRIPTS_CHECK_DIRNAME_REGEX

These variables control scripts which change directory to find a *debian/changelog* file or suchlike, and some other miscellaneous cases. In order to prevent unwanted, even possibly dangerous, behaviour, these variables control when actions will be performed. The scripts which currently make use of these variables are: **debc**, **debchange/dch**, **debclean**, **debi**, **debrelease**, **debuild** and **uscan**, but this list may change with time (and I may not remember to update this manpage). Please see the manpages of individual scripts for details of the specific behaviour for each script.

SEE ALSO

devscripts(1) and */usr/share/doc/devscripts/README.gz*.

AUTHOR

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