NAME

querybts − view outstanding bug reports on a debbugs server

SYNOPSIS

querybts *[options]* <*package | number [number2]...*>

DESCRIPTION

querybts is designed to provide a convenient and easy-to-use interface to the Debbugs bug tracking system, as used by Debian and several other projects. You can specify a package name or one or more report numbers.

OPTIONS

The program follows the usual GNU command line syntax, with long options starting with two dashes ('−−'). A summary of options are included below.

−h, −−help

> Show summary of options.

−−version

> Show the version of **querybts** and exit.

−A, −−archive

> Browse archived bugs instead of current reports. Debbugs servers clear out closed reports after 28 days and place them in a separate archive; this option allows those older, resolved reports to be viewed (at least for servers that maintain an archive).

−B SYSTEM, −−bts=SYSTEM

> Instead of the Debian bug server, use the server specified by **SYSTEM**. Valid options are **default** and **debian** but check **−−help** for an updated list.

−b, −−buglist

> Display a bugs list for the given package.

−−latest-first

> Display the bug reports list sorted and with the latest reports at the top.

−−mbox−reader−cmd=MBOX_READER_CMD

> Specify a command to open the bug reports mbox file. You can use **%s** to substitute the mbox file to be used, and **%%** to insert a literal percent sign. If no **%s** is specified, the mbox file name is supplied at the end of the argument list.

−m, −−mbox

> Retrieve the given bug number(s) or package name(s) as a mailbox file, instead of viewing it. It will be dumped to standard output.

−−proxy=PROXY, −−http_proxy=PROXY

> Specify the WWW proxy server to use to handle the queries to the bug tracking system. You should only need this parameter if you are behind a firewall.

−s, −−source

> Query on source packages, rather than binary packages.

−−timeout=SECONDS

> Specify the network timeout, the number of seconds to wait for a resource to respond. If nothing is specified, a default timeout of 1 minute is selected.
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> In case of a network error, there are chances it's due to a too low timeout: try passing the −−timeout option with a higher value than default.

−u INTERFACE, −−ui=INTERFACE, −−interface=INTERFACE

> Specify the user interface to use. Valid options are **text**, **urwid**, **gtk**; default is taken from the reportbug configuration files.

−w, −−web
>   Launch a web browser to view bug reports, instead of using the internal interface. This will also
>   allow you to see the whole discussion about a particular bug at once, instead of one message at a
>   time as **querybts** would do. (Only the first bug number on the command line will be opened.)

CONFIGURATION FILES

querybts supports a simple run control file syntax. Commands are read from **/etc/reportbug.conf** and **$HOME/.reportbugrc** with commands in the latter overriding those in the former.

Commands are not case sensitive, and currently take 0 or 1 argument; arguments containing whitespace must be enclosed in quotes.

Any line starting with # is taken to be a comment and will be ignored.

Generally, options corresponding to the long options for **querybts** are supported, without leading **−−** sequences. See the default **/etc/reportbug.conf** for all acceptable options and **reportbug.conf(5)** for all acceptable options and detailed information.

Options only supported by **reportbug** will be silently ignored.

ENVIRONMENT

http_proxy
>   Provides the address of a proxy server to handle the BTS query. This should be a valid **http** URL
>   for a proxy server, including any required port number (simply specifying a hostname, or omitting
>   a port other than 80, WILL NOT WORK).

SEE ALSO

reportbug(1), reportbug.conf(5)

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