

**NAME**

debconf-copydb – copy a debconf database

**SYNOPSIS**

```
debconf-copydb sourcedb destdb [--pattern=pattern] [--owner-pattern=pattern] [--
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**debconf-copydb** copies items from an existing debconf database into another, possibly new database. The two databases may have different formats; if so a conversion will automatically be done.

**OPTIONS**

*sourcedb*

The name of the source database. Typically it will be defined in your debconf.conf (or .debconfrc) file.

*destdb*

The name of the destination database. It may be defined in debconf.conf or .debconfrc, or you might define it on the command line (see below).

**-p pattern, --pattern pattern**

If this is specified, only items in *sourcedb* whose names match the pattern will be copied.

**--owner-pattern pattern**

If this is specified, only items in *sourcedb* whose owners match the pattern will be copied.

**-c foo:bar, --config Foo:bar**

Set option Foo to bar. This is similar to writing:

```
Foo: bar
```

In debconf.conf, except you probably want to leave off the space on the command line (or quote it: “Foo: bar”). Generally must be used multiple times, to build up a full configuration stanza. While blank lines are used to separate stanzas in debconf.conf, this program will assume that “Name:dbname” denotes the beginning of a new stanza.

**EXAMPLES**

```
debconf-copydb configdb backup
```

Copy all of configdb to backup, assuming you already have the backup database defined in debconf.conf.

```
debconf-copydb configdb newdb --pattern='^slrn/' \
--config=Name:newdb --config=Driver:File \
--config=Filename:newdb.dat
```

Copy slrn’s data out of configdb, and into newdb. newdb is not defined in the rc file, so the --config switches set up the database on the fly.

```
debconf-copydb configdb stdout -c Name:stdout -c Driver:Pipe \
-c InFd:none --pattern='^foo/'
```

Spit out all the items in the debconf database related to package foo.

```
debconf-copydb configdb pipe --config=Name:pipe \
--config=Driver:Pipe --config=InFd:none | \
ssh remotehost debconf-copydb pipe configdb \
--config=Name:pipe --config=Driver:Pipe
```

This uses the special purpose pipe driver to copy a database to a remote system.

**SEE ALSO**

**debconf.conf(5)**

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