

NAME

`dh_python3` – calculates Python dependencies, adds maintainer scripts to byte compile files, etc.

SYNOPSIS

`dh_python3 -p PACKAGE [-V [X.Y][-[A.B]] DIR [-X REGEXPR]`

DESCRIPTION**QUICK GUIDE FOR MAINTAINERS**

- if necessary, describe supported Python 3 versions via `X-Python3-Version` field in `debian/control`,
- build depend on `dh-python`
- build-depend on `python3` or `python3-all` or `python3-all-dev`,
- build module/application using its standard build system, remember to build extensions for all supported Python 3 versions (loop over **py3versions** –**vr**),
- install files to the *standard* locations, add `--install-layout=deb` to `setup.py`'s install command if your package is using `distutils`,
- add `python3` to `dh`'s `—with` option, or:
- `include /usr/share/cdb/1/class/python-distutils.mk` in `debian/rules` and depend on `cdb`s ($\geq 0.4.90$), or:
- call **`dh_python3`** in the `binary-*` target,
- add `${python3:Depends}` to `Depends`

NOTES**dependencies**

`dh_python3` tries to translate Python dependencies from the `requires.txt` file to Debian dependencies. In many cases, this works without any additional configuration because `dh_python3` comes with a build-in mapping of Python module names to Debian packages that is periodically regenerated from the Debian archive. By default, the version information in the Python dependencies is discarded. If you want `dh_python3` to generate more strict dependencies (e.g. to avoid ABI problems), or if the automatic mapping does not work correctly for your package, you have to provide `dh_python3` with additional rules for the translation of Python module to Debian package dependencies.

For a package `python3-foo` that depends on a package `python3-bar`, there are two files that may provide such rules:

1. If the `python3-foo` source package ships with a `debian/py3dist-overrides` file, this file is used by `dh_python3` during the build of `python3-foo`.
2. If the `python3-bar` source package ships with a `debian/python3-bar.pydist` file (and uses `dh_python3`), this file will be included in the binary package as `/usr/share/dh-python/dist/cpython3/python3-bar`. During the build of `python3-foo`, `dh_python3` will then find and use the file.

Both files have the same format described in `/usr/share/doc/dh-python/README.PyDist`. If all you want is to generate versioned dependencies (and assuming that the `python3-bar` package provides the `pybar` Python module), in most cases it will be sufficient to put the line **`pybar python3-bar; PEP386`** into either of the above files.

private dirs

`/usr/share/foo`, `/usr/share/games/foo`, `/usr/lib/foo` and `/usr/lib/games/foo` private directories are scanned for Python files by default (where `foo` is binary package name). If your package ships Python files in some other directory, add another `dh_python3` call in `debian/rules` with directory name as an argument – you can use different set of options in this call. If you need to change options (f.e. a list of supported Python 3 versions) for a private directory that is checked by default, invoke `dh_python3` with `—skip-private` option and add another call with a path to this directory and new options.

debug packages

In binary packages which name ends with *-dbg*, all files in */usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/* directory that have extensions different than *so* or *h* are removed by default. Use *--no-dbg-cleaning* option to disable this feature.

pyinstall files

Files listed in *debian/pkg.pyinstall* file will be installed as public modules (i.e. into *.../dist-packages/* directory) for all requested Python versions.

Syntax: **path/to/file [VERSION_RANGE] [NAMESPACE]**

debian directory is automatically removed from the path, so you can place your files in *debian/* directory and install them from this location (if you want to install them in "debian" namespace, set *NAMESPACE* to *debian*). If *NAMESPACE* is set, all listed files will be installed in *.../dist-packages/NAMESPACE/* directory.

Examples:

- **foo.py** installs *.../dist-packages/foo.py* for all supported Python versions
- **foo/bar.py 3.3-** installs *.../dist-packages/foo/bar.py* for versions *>= 3.3*
- **foo/bar.py spam** installs *.../dist-packages/spam/bar.py*
- **debian/*.py spam.egg 3.2** installs *.../python3.2/dist-packages/spam/egg/*.py* files

pyremove files

If you want to remove some public modules (i.e. files in *.../dist-packages/* directory) installed by build system (from all supported Python versions or only from a subset of these versions), add them to *debian/pkg.pyremove* file.

Examples:

- ***.pth** removes *.pth* files from *.../dist-packages/*
- **bar/baz.py 3.2** removes *.../python3.2/dist-packages/bar/baz.py*

bcep files

Byte-compilation exception patterns can be described in these files. Use it if you want *py3compile* to skip specific files. This is the only way to skip *.py* files in *.../dist-packages/* directory (as *--exclude* passed to *py3compile* in *postinst* is not used in *rtupdate* scripts and thus this option cannot be used for non-private modules).

re|-3.6|usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/jinja2|.*|async(foo|bar).py will skip byte-compilation of *async-foo.py* and *asynbar.py* in */usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/jinja2/* directory for each interpreter that doesn't support *async* keyword (introduced in Python 3.6).

If you want to skip byte-compilation in a subdirectory for all interpreters, use: **dir|-4.0|usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/foo/tests/**. *VERSION_RANGE* (*-4.0* in the example) is described in *README.PyDist* file.

debian/python3-foo.bcep file from source package will be included in the binary package as */usr/share/python3/bcep/python3-foo.bcep*

overriding supported / default Python versions

If you want to override system's list of supported Python versions or the default one (f.e. to build a package that includes symlinks for older version of Python or compile *.py* files only for given interpreter version), you can do that via *DEBPYTHON3_SUPPORTED* and/or *DEBPYTHON3_DEFAULT* env. variables.

Example: **3.2,3.3** limits the list of supported Python versions to Python 3.2 and Python 3.3.

OPTIONS

- version**
show program's version number and exit
- h, --help**
show help message and exit
- no-guessing-deps**
disable guessing dependencies
- no-dbg-cleaning**
do not remove any files from debug packages
- no-ext-rename**
do not add magic tags nor multiarch tuples to extension file names
- no-shebang-rewrite**
do not rewrite shebangs
- skip-private**
don't check private directories
- v, --verbose**
turn verbose mode on
- i, --indep**
act on architecture independent packages
- a, --arch**
act on architecture dependent packages
- q, --quiet**
be quiet
- p PACKAGE, --package=PACKAGE**
act on the package named PACKAGE
- N NO_PACKAGE, --no-package=NO_PACKAGE**
do not act on the specified package
- V VERSION_RANGE**
specify list of supported Python 3 versions. See `py3compile(1)` for examples
- X REGEXPR, --exclude=REGEXPR**
exclude items that match given REGEXPR. You may use this option multiple times to build up a list of things to exclude from byte-compilation in private dirs. See also *bcep files*.
- compile-all**
compile all files from given private directory in `postinst/rtupdate` not just the ones provided by the package (i.e. do not pass the `--package` parameter to `py3compile/py3clean`)
- accept-upstream-versions**
accept upstream versions while translating Python dependencies into Debian ones
- depends=DEPENDS**
translate given requirements into Debian dependencies and add them to `${python3:Depends}`. Use it for missing items in `requires.txt`
- depends-section=SECTION**
translate requirements from given sections of `requires.txt` file into Debian dependencies and add them to `${python3:Depends}`.
- recommends=RECOMMENDS**
translate given requirements into Debian dependencies and add them to `${python3:Recommends}`

--recommends=SECTION

translate requirements from given sections of requires.txt file into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python3:Recommends}.

--suggests=SUGGESTS

translate given requirements into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python3:Suggests}

--suggests=section=SECTION

translate requirements from given sections of requires.txt file into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python3:Suggests}.

--requires=FILENAME

translate requirements from given file(s) into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python3:Depends}

--shebang=COMMAND

use given command as shebang in scripts

--ignore-shebangs

do not translate shebangs into Debian dependencies

SEE ALSO

- /usr/share/doc/python/python-policy.txt.gz
- /usr/share/doc/dh-python/README.PyDist
- pybuild(1)
- py3compile(1), py3clean(1)
- dh_python2(1), pycompile(1), pyclean(1)
- <http://deb.li/dhp3> – most recent version of this document

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