NAME
deb−preinst − package pre-installation maintainer script

SYNOPSIS
preinst

DESCRIPTION
A package can perform several pre-installation actions via maintainer scripts, by including an executable *preinst* file in its control archive (i.e. *DEBIAN/preinst* during package creation).

The script can be called in the following ways:

new-preinst **install**
> Before the package is installed.

new-preinst **install** *old-version new-version*
> Before removed package is upgraded.

new-preinst **upgrade** *old-version new-version*
> Before the package is upgraded.

old-preinst **abort-upgrade** *new-version*
> If *postrm* fails during upgrade or fails on failed upgrade.

SEE ALSO
dpkg(1).