

**NAME**

`dsceextract` – extract a single file from a Debian source package

**SYNOPSIS**

**dsceextract** [*options*] *dscfile file*

**DESCRIPTION**

**dsceextract** reads a single file from a Debian source package. The idea is to only look into *.diff.gz* files (source format 1.0) or *.debian.tar.gz/bz2* files (source format 3.0) where possible, hence avoiding to unpack large tarballs. It is most useful for files in the *debian/* subdirectory.

*file* is relative to the first level directory contained in the package, i.e. with the first component stripped.

**OPTIONS**

**-f** "Fast" mode. For source format 1.0, avoid to fall back scanning the *.orig.tar.gz* file if *file* was not found in the *.diff.gz*. (For 3.0 packages, it is assumed that *debian/\** are exactly the contents of *debian.tar.gz/bz2*.)

**EXIT STATUS**

0 *file* was extracted.  
1 *file* was not found in the source package.  
2 An error occurred, like *dscfile* was not found.

**EXAMPLE**

`dsceextract dds_2.1.1+ddd105-2.dsc debian/watch || test $? = 1`

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