NAME
dcontrol −− Query package and source control files for all Debian distributions

SYNOPSIS
dcontrol [*options*] *package*[*modifiers*] ...

DESCRIPTION
dcontrol queries a remote database of Debian binary and source package control files. It can be thought of as an **apt-cache** webservice that also operates for distributions and architectures different from the local machine.

MODIFIERS
Like **apt-cache**, packages can be suffixed by modifiers:

=*version*
> Exact version match

@*architecture*
> Query this only architecture. Use **@source** for source packages, **@binary** excludes source packages.

/[*archive***:**][*suite*][**/***component*]
> Restrict to *archive* (debian, debian-backports, debian-security, debian-volatile), *suite* (always codenames, with the exception of experimental), and/or *component* (main, updates/main, ...). Use two slashes (**//**) to separate suite and component if the suite name contains slashes. (Component can be left empty.)

By default, all versions, suites, and architectures are queried. Refer to **https://qa.debian.org/cgi−bin/dcontrol** for currently supported values.

OPTIONS
−s, **−−show−suites**
> Add headers showing which distribution the control file is from.

−d, **−−debug**
> Print URL queried.

−−noconf, **−−no−conf**
> Ignore all configuration files (must be the first option).

−h, **−−help**
> Show a help message.

−V, **−−version**
> Show version information.

CONFIGURATION VARIABLES
The two configuration files */etc/devscripts.conf* and *˜/.devscripts* are sourced by a shell in that order to set configuration variables. Command line options can be used to override configuration file settings. Environment variable settings are ignored for this purpose. The currently recognised variable is:

DCONTROL_URL
> URL to query. Default is **https://qa.debian.org/cgi−bin/dcontrol**.

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SEE ALSO
apt-cache(1)