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How do I install an RPM package into a different directory?

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Q. How do I install an RPM package into a different directory like /home/chroot under RHEL / Fedora / CentOS Linux server?



A.An RPM package that can be installed into a different directory is said to be relocatable. The --prefix NEWPATH option is used for for relocatable binary packages. It translate all file paths that start with the installation prefix in the package relocation hint(s) to NEWPATH. For example, package bind-chroot or rsync or bash can be installed into another directory called /opt or /home/chroot. First find out whether a particular package is relocatable or not [2] using rpm -qi command itself:

\$ rpm -qi {package-name}

To install an RPM package into a diffrent directory type:

rpm --prefix=/home/chroot/ bind-chroot*.rpm

To verify package file listing enter:

rpm -ql bind-chroot

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