

APT - Advanced Package Tool

- The recommended way to manage software packages on Ubuntu and other Debian based distributions is using **apt**.
- In the newest versions of Ubuntu the **apt-get** and **apt-cache** tools were merged into a single command simply called **apt**.
- Unlike **dpkg**, **apt** does not understand .deb files. It works with packages that are downloaded from repositories and calls **dpkg** directly after downloading the .deb archives.
- An **APT repository** is a web server which contains a collection of packages with metadata that is readable by the **apt** tool.
- A special kind of repository hosted on servers like Launchpad are **PPAs**.