

**NAME**

deb-preinst – package pre-installation maintainer script

**SYNOPSIS**

**DEBIAN/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.

The *new-version* is passed only since dpkg 1.18.5.

*new-preinst* **upgrade** *old-version* *new-version*

Before the package is upgraded.

The *new-version* is passed only since dpkg 1.18.5.

*old-preinst* **abort-upgrade** *new-version*

If *postrm* fails during upgrade or fails on failed upgrade.

**SEE ALSO**

**dpkg**(1).