

NAME

deb-md5sums – package MD5 file digests

SYNOPSIS

DEBIAN/md5sums

DESCRIPTION

A package declares the MD5 digests for the package file contents by including an *md5sums* file in its control archive (i.e. *DEBIAN/md5sums* during package creation). This file is used for integrity verification and deduplication purposes, and not for any kind of security purpose.

This file contains a list of MD5 digests (as 32 case-insensitive hexadecimal characters) followed by two spaces (U+0020 **SPACE**) and the absolute pathname of a plain file, one per line.

Trailing slashes (U+002F /) in the pathname will be trimmed. Neither trailing whitespace nor empty or whitespace-only lines are accepted.

If the control file does not exist in the binary package, **dpkg**(1) will generate the matching information at unpack time (since **dpkg** 1.16.3).

EXAMPLE

```
53c0d4afe4bc4eccb5cb234d2e06ef4d  usr/bin/dpkg
f8da2bc74cdcad8b81c48a4f0d7bb0a8  usr/bin/dpkg-deb
70b913132de56e95e75de504979309b4  usr/bin/dpkg-divert
[...]
```

SEE ALSO

md5sum(1), **dpkg-deb**(1), **dpkg**(1).