



**NAME**

ucfq – query the ucf database

**SYNOPSIS**

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usage: ucfq [options] [/path/to/file|package] [/path/to/file|package ...]
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**OPTIONS**

**--help h** Print out a usage message.

**--debug -d** Turn on debugging mode.

**--verbose -v** Make the script more verbose..

**--with-colons -w**

Normally, the script presents the information in a human readable tabular format, but that may be harder for a machine to parse. With this option, the output is a compact, colon separated line, with no dividers, headers, or footer.

**--state-dr dir**

Set the state directory to /path/to/dir instead of the default /var/lib/ucf. Used mostly for testing.

**DESCRIPTION**

This script takes a set of arguments, each of which is a package name (and thus does not contain a /) or a full path to a configuration file, and outputs the associated package, if any, if the file exists on disk, and whether it has been modified by the user. The output is either a human readable tabular form, or a compact colon-separated machine friendly format.

This script can potentially be used in package `postrm` scripts during purge to query the system for configuration files that may still exist on the system, and whether these files have been locally modified by the user — assuming that the package registered all the configuration files with **ucf** using `ucf-r`.

**CAVEATS**

This is very inchoate, at the moment, and needs testing.

**BUGS**

None Known so far.

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