

**NAME**

debconf-escape – helper when working with debconf’s escape capability

**SYNOPSIS**

```
debconf-escape -e < unescaped-text  
debconf-escape -u < escaped-text
```

**DESCRIPTION**

When debconf has the ‘escape’ capability set, it will expect commands you send it to have backslashes and newlines escaped (as `\\` and `\n` respectively) and will in turn escape backslashes and newlines in its replies. This can be used, for example, to substitute multi-line strings into templates, or to get multi-line extended descriptions reliably using METAGET.

**SEE ALSO**

**debconf-devel** (7) (available in the debconf-doc package)

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