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# dir2rpm Manual

### Introduction

dir2rpm is a tool designed to simplify the creation of binary RPM packages from directory structures, offering both a command-line interface (CLI) and a graphical user interface (GUI) built with PyQt5. Whether you're a terminal enthusiast or prefer a modern graphical experience, dir2rpm has you covered.

Inspired by dpkg-deb --build from Debian-based systems, this project brings similar functionality to RPM-based distributions like Fedora and openSUSE. It supports custom metadata and maintenance scripts, making it a flexible solution for packaging needs.

# Requirements

- Operating System: Fedora (tested on Fedora 41) or any RPM-based Linux distribution.
- Dependencies:
  - o bash: For the CLI script.
  - o rpm-build: For RPM generation.
  - o python3: Python interpreter for the GUI.
  - o python3-qt5: PyQt5 bindings for the GUI.

Install on Fedora:

sudo dnf install bash rpm-build python3 python3-qt5

### Installation

### Option 1: Pre-built RPM

- 1. Download dir2rpm-1.0-1.noarch.rpm from GitHub Releases.
- 2. Install it:

```
sudo rpm -ivh dir2rpm-1.0-1.noarch.rpm
```

3. Access the GUI via the application menu ("dir2rpm") or use the CLI with  $\tt dir2rpm.sh$ .

### Option 2: Build from Source

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/ecmadrid/dir2rpm.git
cd dir2rpm
```

2. Build and install:

```
./dir2rpm.sh dir2rpm
sudo rpm -ivh dir2rpm-1.0-1.noarch.rpm
```

## Usage

# Command Line Interface (CLI)

Run:

dir2rpm.sh <directory>

- Generates an RPM from <directory> in your current directory.
- Example:

```
mkdir -p test/usr/bin
echo '#!/bin/bash' > test/usr/bin/hello.sh
echo 'echo "Hello from RPM!"' >> test/usr/bin/hello.sh
chmod +x test/usr/bin/hello.sh
./dir2rpm.sh test
# Output: RPM creado: mypackage-1.0-1.noarch.rpm
```

### **Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

- 1. Launch:
  - From the application menu ("dir2rpm"), or:

```
/usr/bin/dir2rpm_gui.py
```

- 2. Steps:
  - Click "Select" to choose a directory.
  - o (Optional) Fill in metadata fields (Name, Version, etc.).
  - o (Optional) Load maintenance scripts (preinst, postinst, etc.).
  - Click "Create RPM" to generate the RPM in your home directory.
- 3. Example output: mypackage-1.0-1.noarch.rpm.

# **Advanced Configuration**

### Metadata File (metadata.txt)

Place a metadata.txt file in your directory to customize the RPM:

```
Name: mypackage

Version: 1.0

Release: 1

Summary: My custom package

License: MIT

Arch: noarch

Description: A custom RPM package created with dir2rpm.

Depends: bash
```

• All fields are optional; defaults are used if omitted.

### Maintenance Scripts

Add these optional scripts to your directory:

- preinst: Runs before installation.
- postinst : Runs after installation.
- preun : Runs before uninstallation.
- postun : Runs after uninstallation. Example:

```
# preinst
echo "Preparing to install..."
```

# **Project Structure**

The dir2rpm/ directory in the repository contains:

- usr/bin/dir2rpm.sh: Core script for RPM creation.
- usr/bin/dir2rpm\_gui.py: PyQt5 GUI frontend.
- usr/share/applications/dir2rpm.desktop: Desktop entry with multi-language support.
- metadata.txt: Metadata for building the dir2rpm RPM itself.

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### **Credits**

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