

Aliens

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Using alien to convert RPMs to DEBs

Alien is a very useful utility which allows you to convert (relatively simple) RPMs to DEBs.

Instructions

To convert an rpm, use the command `alien`, available from a package fo the same name. It needs either `sudo` or `fakeroor` to run, as the files need to be owned by root inside of the archive.

```
esr@cpt:~$ fakeroor alien hhsuite-latest.x86_64.rpm  
hhsuite_2.0.16-2_amd64.deb generated
```

Further Reading

- [Ubuntu/Community/RPM/AlienHowTo](#)