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# Installing Debian packages in ArchLinux using debtap

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### **ArchLinux Pacman and AUR**

Most projects that don't have packages available in ArchLinux packaging manager pacman can be found in ArchLinux AUR (https://aur.archlinux.org/). However, sometimes the project only provides a Debian deb package to download. Here's how you install a deb package in ArchLinux.

## Install debtap

The solution is found in the AUR package debtap (https://aur.archlinux.org/packages/debtap). Download the deptap snapshot (https://aur.archlinux.org/cgit/aur.git/snapshot/debtap.tar.gz).

Extract and make:

```
$ tar zvxf ~/Downloads/debtap.tar.gz -C ~/arch
$ cd ~/arch/debtap
$ makepkg -s
$ sudo pacman -U debtap-3.1.4-2-any.pkg.tar.xz
```

## Convert Debian package to pacman package

Create a directory where you put the deb package and convert to pacman package like in the following example:

```
$ mkdir ~/tmp/
$ cp ~/Download/<deb-package.deb> ~/tmp
$ cd ~/tmp
$ debtap <deb-package.deb>
```

Now you need to answer some questions. Name the package and enter a licence (I just write GPL).

There should now be a pacman package in the directory named *deb-package-*x.y.z-1-x86 64.pkg.tar.xz

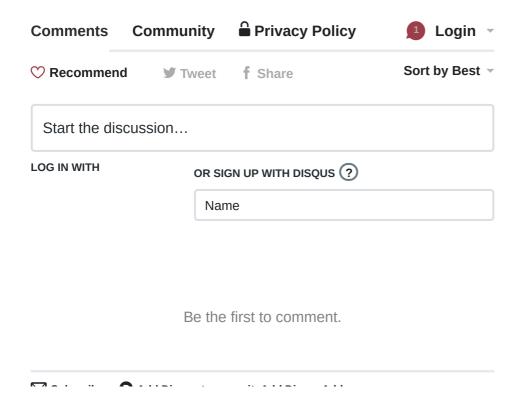
## Install the pacman package

```
$ sudo pacman -U <deb-package>-x.y.z-1-x86_64.pkg.tar.xz
```

Package is installed and you're done!

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