The Experimental repository

Experimental isn’t a complete distribution. Experimental is a staging/collaboration/experimental area for development, when it is known that a package has problem or may have problems.

**To configure APT**

An /etc/apt/sources. List entry for experimental is**:**

Deb <http://deb.debian.org/debian> experimental main

**To install an experimental package, do:**

apt -get update

apt-get -t experimental install packagename

**To upgrade an experimental package**

If the package has changed in experimental and you want to upgrade it, do**:**

apt-get update

apt-get -t experimental install package

**APT pinning**

Optionally, if you want to track a given package from experimental, add the following to /etc/apt/preferences:

Package: dash

Pin: release a=experimental

Pin-priority:800

Listing all packages installed from experimental

To check which experimental packages are currently installed on your system,

do

aptitude search ~s~i~Aexperimental