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On Mon, Aug 18, 2003 at 02:48:58PM +0000, Lou Losee wrote:

> *I have seen you 'suggest' this a couple of times now. Would you give a
> reference to something that explains why? Thanks.*

No reference really, but I can explain it to you right now: 'dselect update' runs 'apt-get update' and then updates /var/lib/dpkg/available, which keeps dpkg's idea of available packages up to date for things like 'dpkg --print-avail'. It's clearly a superset of what 'apt-get update' does so there's every reason to use it instead.

See /usr/lib/dpkg/methods/apt/update, which implements 'dselect update' for the apt access method.

Cheers,

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