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On Mon, Feb 07, 2005 at 01:22:31PM -0500, kynn@panix.com wrote:

> *Is there any way to coax apt-get to install packages in \$HOME?*

This doesn't work, but it might get you headed in the right direction... apt-get doesn't have such a command-line option, but dpkg does. What you could do is use apt-get to download the packages, then dpkg to install them. It would go something like this:

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apt-get -d install somepackage
dpkg -i --root=/home/kynn /var/cache/apt/archives/*.deb
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One problem is that this assumes that you have permissions for /var/cache/apt/archives. Looking at the apt-get man page, you could use "-o Dir::Cache::Archives" to set a different archive directory. Looks like another problem (I'm attempting this now) is that it assumes you have permissions for the dpkg lock file /var/lib/dpkg/lock. I'm not sure how you'd tell apt-get to tell dpkg to use a different lock file...

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