

Help with broken Aptitude

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Hello everyone.

I have a Debian Sarge box that was working fine until Sarge went stable.

Aptitude has started acting very strange, in fact apt in general seems broken. The symptoms are as follows.

1. I have had no upgrades when when I run "aptitude update, aptitude upgrade" since sarge went stable.

2. When trying to install a package from the command line using aptitude install <package> I get a "No installation candidate" error. example:

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violator:~# aptitude search apt–file
p apt–file – APT package searching
utility -- command–line interf
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violator:~# aptitude install apt–file
Reading Package Lists... Done
Building Dependency Tree
Reading extended state information
Initializing package states... Done
Reading task descriptions... Done
No candidate version found for apt–file
No packages will be installed, upgraded, or removed.
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The same happens using apt–get.

3. When using the gui in aptitude, when I search for a package I can see the package but in the version columns I see <none> <none>. But if I double click the package with the mouse I can see a version number in the section "Versions/" and if I double click that version number it will then appear in the version columns. This causes problems when a package needs to install dependencies because the dependencies do not have a version number until until I do the double click, select version process.

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My sources.list

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deb http://security.debian.org/ sarge/updates main contrib non-free  
deb ftp://ftp.uk.debian.org/debian/ sarge main non-free contrib
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Does anybody have any advice on how to fix this ?

Many thanks in advance.

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