

Re: the Debian way to sync apt-get and aptitude

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On Thu, Nov 10, 2005 at 01:57:49PM -0800, David Kirchner wrote:

> *Is there a Debian way to sync apt-get and aptitude data files? We just
> had a problem where aptitude decided to programs that were installed
> by apt-get immediately prior. This is on Sarge stable.*

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> *Specifically, the steps to reproduce this were:*

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> *apt-get install flac*

> *aptitude*

> *Press 'g' and you'd see 2 held back packages (cpio, libssl) and 4*

> *packages to be removed (flac and its dependencies).*

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> *If you removed flac+deps with aptitude and then reinstalled them with*

> *apt-get, aptitude would still want to remove flac.*

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> *This could not be reproduced on another Sarge stable server, so I*

> *suspect the aptitude/apt-get data files got corrupted in some way.*

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> *Upgrading 'cpio' and 'libssl' packages took care of this particular*

> *problem, but that doesn't make a lot of sense, since they're not*

> *dependencies or conflicts to flac.*

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> *(I have searched Google for this, but I find a lot of documentation*

> *for aptitude instead. I'm fine with being pointed at documentation if*

> *someone written about this somewhere.)*

I'm not sure if this is related to your specific problem, but apt-get and aptitude handle dependencies a little differently. By default aptitude treats recommendations as dependencies and apt-get does not.

To not treat recommendations as dependencies in aptitude, just put `Aptitude::Recommends-Important "false";` in your `~/aptitude/config` or `/etc/apt/apt.conf` or give `-R` option (aka `--without-recommends`) in the aptitude command line.

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