

# Re: aptitude + dpkg

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On Sun, Apr 29, 2007 at 12:26:38AM +0100, somethin2cool <[somethin2cool@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:somethin2cool@xxxxxxxxxx)> was heard to say:

Given that aptitude is awesome and that all the stuff I want is missing from all the repositories, is there anyway for me to use .deb files and dpkg in conjunction with aptitude. I'm sure they have the dependencies listed inside them somewhere, and it would be brilliant. I'd settle for apt of course.

Hi,

If you want to use .deb files with apt tools, your best bet is to build a local repository. Stick them in a directory, chdir to that directory, and run "apt-ftparchive packages . > Packages". Then put the line "deb file:///path/to/debs ./" in your sources.list and run "aptitude update".

For instance, to put them in /home/somethin2cool/packages, you'd do

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$ cd /home/something2cool/packages
$ cp ../*.deb .
$ apt-ftparchive packages . > Packages
$ echo "deb file:///home/something2cool/packages ./" >> /etc/apt/sources.list
$ aptitude update
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If you don't want to do that, your second-best option is to install a .deb by hand, then see if apt(itude) can resolve its dependencies from your apt sources (run, e.g., "aptitude install -f" to try and fix the dependencies of currently installed debs). If it can't, you might need to install some more dependencies by hand.

Daniel

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