

Re: Installing a Lenny package to an Etch machine

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On 2008-03-31 23:28 +0200, Sven Joachim wrote:

On 2008-03-31 21:15 +0200, andy wrote:

I am wanting to install Homebank on an Etch machine. Trouble is, it looks like it is only available for testing/Lenny and Sid.

<http://homebank.free.fr/index.php?id=20>
<http://packages.qa.debian.org/h/homebank.html>

Is it best to simply give this a miss, or to download a tar ball and convert it to a deb package via (is it) alien? Or, can one install a testing package on a stable machine?

Only if you are willing to upgrade a lot of other packages as well, namely the libraries that the package depends on. This is probably not what you want, so a better way is to build homebank from source. You can either try to backport the Debian package (if you're lucky, a simple rebuild on Etch will do the trick) or use upstream's tarball. The latter has the advantage that it's a newer version than the Debian package, but you may have more problems finding out the build dependencies; for Debian sources, `dpkg-buildpackage' will tell you what is needed.

Apparently the latest upstream release (3.7) will not build on Etch, because it requires Gtk+ 2.10 or higher. Etch has only Gtk+ 2.8.20 — welcome to dependency hell. :-/

Sven

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