

[SLE] Two APT questions

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I have a lot of packages in my /var/cache/apt/archives folder. I would like APT to install them all on a new SuSE installation on another hard drive rather than downloading them all again. So I burnt them on to a CD.

I then copied them on to the new hard drive, keeping the same path. However, I can't get APT on the new hard drive to install them. If I reselect all these packages with Synaptic, it wants to download them all again, not look in the folder.

How can I get APT to look in the folder and just install them from there? I have tried "rpm --rebuilddb" but that hasn't solved it.

An associated question:

Does APT make a log of what it downloads? I think it must do. For example, if 8 packages are marked in Synaptic for downloading and the download is interrupted after only a few have been downloaded, if these same 8 packages are later marked again for the download to be resumed, those already downloaded are skipped, but they are all installed. I can't find where it logs what it is doing.

Perhaps there is one (simple?) answer for both questions?

Any help will be gratefully received.

Many thanks

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