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How to interpret the status of dpkg (-list) or dpkg-query?

This is actually a quite usefull thing, the documentation is available in the man pages of dpkg-query. In the list view of dpkg -l and dpkg-query the first three characters are relevant.

First character:

Desired action:

u = Unknown

i = Install

h = Hold

r = Remove

p = Purge

Second character:

Package status:

n = Not-installed

c = Config-files

H = Half-installed

U = Unpacked

F = Half-configured

W = Triggers-awaiting

t = Triggers-pending

i = Installed

Third character:

Error flags:

<empty> = (none)

R = Reinst-required

Enjoy!

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