

# Debian

## 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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