

NAME

dh_python2 - calculates Python dependencies, adds maintainer scripts to byte compile files, etc.

SYNOPSIS

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dh_python2 -p PACKAGE [-V [X.Y][-[A.B]] DIR_OR_FILE [-X REGEXPR]
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DESCRIPTION**QUICK GUIDE FOR MAINTAINERS**

- if necessary, describe supported Python versions via X-Python-Version field in debian/control,
- build-depend on python or python-all or python-all-dev ($\geq 2.6.6-3^+$),
- build module/application using its standard build system, remember to build extensions for all supported Python versions (loop over **pyversions -vr**),
- install files to the *standard* locations, add `--install-layout=deb` to setup.py's install command if your package is using distutils,
- add `python2` to dh's `--with` option, or:
- `include /usr/share/cdb/1/class/python-distutils.mk` in debian/rules and depend on `cdb` ($\geq 0.4.90$), or:
- call **dh_python2** in the `binary-*` target,
- add `{python:Depends}` to Depends

NOTES

In order to support more than one Python version in the same binary package, dh_python2 (unlike dh_pycentral and dh_pysupport) creates symlinks to all supported Python versions at build time. It means binNMU (or sourceful upload in case of architecture independent packages) is required once a list of supported Python version is changed. Its faster and more robust than its competitors, though.

dependencies

dh_python2 tries to translate Python dependencies from requires.txt file to Debian dependencies. Use debian/pydist-overrides or `--no-guessing-deps` option to override it if the guess is incorrect. If you want dh_python2 to generate more strict dependencies (f.e. to avoid ABI problems) create debian/python-foo.pydist file. See /usr/share/doc/python-doc/README.PyDist (provided by python-doc package) for more information. If the pydist file contains PEP386 flag or set of (uscan like) rules, dh_python2 will make the dependency versioned (version requirements are ignored by default).

namespace feature

dh_python2 parses Eggs namespace_packages.txt files (in addition to `--namespace` command line argument(s)) and drops empty `__init__.py` files from binary package. pycompile will regenerate them at install time and pyclean will remove them at uninstall time (if they're no longer used in installed packages). It's still a good idea to provide `__init__.py` file in one of binary packages (even if all other packages use this feature).

private dirs

`/usr/share/foo`, `/usr/share/games/foo`, `/usr/lib/foo` and `/usr/lib/games/foo` private directories are scanned for Python files by default (where *foo* is binary package name). If your package is shipping Python files in some other directory, add another dh_python2 call in debian/rules with directory name as an argument - you can use different set of options in this call. If you need to change options (f.e. a list of supported Python versions) for a private directory that is checked by default, invoke dh_python2 with `--skip-private` option and add another call with a path to this directory and new options.

debug packages

In binary packages which name ends with `-dbg`, all files in `/usr/lib/python2.X/{site,dist}-packages/` directory that have extensions different than `so` or `h` are removed by default. Use `--no-dbg-`

cleaning option to disable this feature.

pyinstall files

Files listed in `debian/pkg.pyinstall` file will be installed as public modules for all requested Python versions (`dh_install` doesn't know about python's site- vs. dist-packages issue).

Syntax: `path/to/file [VERSION_RANGE] [NAMESPACE]`

`debian` directory is automatically removed from the path, so you can place your files in `debian/` directory and install them from this location (if you want to install them in `debian` namespace, set `NAMESPACE` to `debian`). If `NAMESPACE` is set, all listed files will be installed in `.../dist-packages/NAMESPACE/` directory.

Examples:

- `foo.py` installs `.../dist-packages/foo.py` for all supported Python versions
- `foo/bar.py 2.6` installs `.../dist-packages/foo/bar.py` for versions `>= 2.6`
- `foo/bar.py spam` installs `.../dist-packages/spam/bar.py`
- `debian/*.py spam.egg 2.5` installs `.../python2.5/site-packages/spam/egg/*.py` files

pyremove files

If you want to remove some files installed by build system (from all supported Python versions or only from a subset of these versions), add them to `debian/pkg.pyremove` file.

Examples:

- `*.pth` removes `.pth` files from `.../dist-packages/`
- `bar/baz.py 2.5` removes `.../python2.5/site-packages/bar/baz.py`

overriding supported / default Python versions

If you want to override system's list of supported Python versions or the default one (f.e. to build a package that includes symlinks for older version of Python or compile `.py` files only for given interpreter version), you can do that via `DEBPYTHON_SUPPORTED` and/or `DEBPYTHON_DEFAULT` env. variables.

Example: `2.5,2.7` limits the list of supported Python versions to Python 2.5 and Python 2.7.

OPTIONS

`--version`

show programs version number and exit

`-h, --help`

show help message and exit

`--no-guessing-versions`

disable guessing other supported Python versions

`--no-guessing-deps`

disable guessing dependencies

`--no-dbg-cleaning`

do not remove any files from debug packages

`--no-shebang-rewrite`

do not rewrite shebangs

`--skip-private`

don't check private directories

`-v, --verbose`

turn verbose mode on

- i, --indep**
act on architecture independent packages
- a, --arch**
act on architecture dependent packages
- q, --quiet**
be quiet
- p PACKAGE, --package=PACKAGE**
act on the package named PACKAGE
- N NO_PACKAGE, --no-package=NO_PACKAGE**
do not act on the specified package
- V VRANGE**
specify list of supported Python versions. See [pycompile\(1\)](#) for examples
- X REGEXPR, --exclude=REGEXPR**
exclude items that match given REGEXPR. You may use this option multiple times to build up a list of things to exclude.
- compile-all**
compile all files from given private directory in postinst/rtupdate not just the ones provided by the package (i.e. do not pass the --package parameter to pycompile/pyclean)
- depends=DEPENDS**
translate given requirements into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python:Depends}. Use it for missing items in requires.txt
- recommends=RECOMMENDS**
translate given requirements into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python:Recommends}
- suggests=SUGGESTS**
translate given requirements into Debian dependencies and add them to \${python:Suggests}
- namespace**
use this option (multiple time if necessary) if namespace_packages.txt is not complete
- ignore-namespace**
ignore Eggs namespace declaration and --namespace option. This option will disable removing (and recreating at install time) empty `__init__.py` files. Removing namespace_packages.txt from egg-info directory has the same effect.
- clean-pycentral**
generate maintainer script that will remove byte code generated by python-central helper
- shebang=COMMAND**
use given command as shebang in scripts
- ignore-shebangs**
do not translate shebangs into Debian dependencies

SEE ALSO

- /usr/share/doc/python/python-policy.txt.gz
- /usr/share/doc/python-doc/README.PyDist (python-doc package)
- [pycompile\(1\)](#), [pyclean\(1\)](#)
- [dh_python3\(1\)](#), [py3compile\(1\)](#), [py3clean\(1\)](#)
- Wiki page about converting package to dh_python2: <http://wiki.debian.org/Python/Transition-ToDHPython2>

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