

**NAME**

diffindex-download - Download utility for Debian Contents files

**SYNOPSIS**

**diffindex-download** [ **options** ] **URL filename**

**DESCRIPTION**

**diffindex-download** is a command line tool for downloading Contents files. It uses APT's diff/Index format patches when available to avoid downloading the full file. **diffindex-download** is used by **apt-file**.

**OPTIONS****-n number**

If more than number patches would be necessary, download the whole file. Specifying 0 to always download the whole file is possible.

**-k** Don't verify the peer certificate when using https.

**-c cacert**

If cacert is a directory: Use cacert as CA certificate path. Otherwise use cacert as CA certificate bundle. See the --capath and --cacert options in the [curl\(1\)](#) man page.

**-i** Don't exit with error if the URL does not exist. This is useful as some archives don't provide Contents files.

**-q** Be quiet (opposite of -v). The default if stdout is not a terminal.

**-v** Be verbose (opposite of -q). The default if stdout is a terminal.

**-d** Print additional debug info.

**-h** Display a short help screen.

**SEE ALSO**

[apt-file\(1\)](#), [diffindex-rred\(1\)](#), [curl\(1\)](#)

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