

NAME

dpkg-trigger - a package trigger utility

SYNOPSIS

dpkg-trigger [*option...*] *trigger-name*

dpkg-trigger [*option...*] *command*

DESCRIPTION

dpkg-trigger is a tool to explicitly activate triggers and check for its support on the running **dpkg**.

This can be used by maintainer scripts in complex and conditional situations where the file triggers, or the declarative **activate** triggers control file directive, are insufficiently rich. It can also be used for testing and by system administrators (but note that the triggers won't actually be run by **dpkg-trigger**).

Unrecognized trigger name syntaxes are an error for **dpkg-trigger**.

COMMANDS

--check-supported

Check if the running **dpkg** supports triggers (usually called from a postinst). Will exit **0** if a triggers-capable **dpkg** has run, or **1** with an error message to stderr if not. Normally, however, it is better just to activate the desired trigger with **dpkg-trigger**.

-, --help

Show the usage message and exit.

--version

Show the version and exit.

OPTIONS

--admindir=*dir*

Change the location of the **dpkg** database. The default location is */var/lib/dpkg*.

--by-package=*package*

Override trigger awaiter (normally set by **dpkg** through the **DPKG_MAINTSCRIPT_PACKAGE** environment variable of the maintainer scripts, naming the package to which the script belongs, and this will be used by default).

--no-await

This option arranges that the calling package T (if any) need not await the processing of this trigger; the interested package(s) I, will not be added to T's trigger processing awaited list and T's status is unchanged. T may be considered installed even though I may not yet have processed the trigger.

--await

This option does the inverse of **--no-await**. It is currently the default behavior.

--no-act

Just test, do not actually change anything.

ENVIRONMENT

DPKG_ADMINDIR

If set and the **--admindir** option has not been specified, it will be used as the **dpkg** data directory.

SEE ALSO

[dpkg\(1\)](#), [deb-triggers\(5\)](#), [/usr/share/doc/dpkg-dev/triggers.txt.gz](#).