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NAME

dh_python2 - calculates Python dependencies, adds maintainer scripts to byte com?
pile files, etc.

SYNOPSIS

dh_python2 -p PACKAGE [-V [X.Y][-[A.B]] DIR_OR_FILE [-X REGEXPR]

DESCRIPTION

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- ? 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 (>= 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/cdbs/1/class/python-distutils.mk in debian/rules and depend on cdbs (>= 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. It's 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 Egg's 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-pack-`

`ages/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 program's 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 Egg's 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/TransitionToDHPython2>

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