

NAME

AptPkg::Cache – APT package cache interface

SYNOPSIS

```
use AptPkg::Cache;
```

DESCRIPTION

The AptPkg::Cache module provides an interface to **APT**'s package cache.

AptPkg::Cache

The AptPkg::Cache package implements the **APT** pkgCacheFile class as a hash reference (inherits from AptPkg::hash). The hash keys are the names of packages in the cache, and the values are AptPkg::Cache::Package objects (which in turn appear as hash references, see below).

Constructor

```
new([LOCK])
```

Instantiation of the object uses configuration from the \$AptPkg::Config::_config and \$AptPkg::System::_system objects (automatically initialised if not done explicitly).

The cache initialisation can be quite verbose—controlled by the value of \$_config->{quiet}, which is set to “2” (quiet) if the \$_config object is auto-initialised.

The cache directory is locked if *LOCK* is true.

It is important to note that the structure of the returned object contains self-referential elements, so some care must be taken if attempting to traverse it recursively.

Methods

files

Return a list of AptPkg::Cache::PkgFile objects describing the package files.

packages

Return an AptPkg::PkgRecords object which may be used to retrieve additional information about packages.

get, exists, keys

These methods are used to implement the hashref abstraction: \$obj->get(\$pack) and \$obj->{\$pack} are equivalent.

is_multi_arch

Cache is multi-arch enabled.

native_arch

Native architecture.

AptPkg::Cache::Package

Implements the **APT** pkgCache::PkgIterator class as a hash reference.

Keys

Name

Section

Arch

Package name, section and architecture.

FullName

Fully qualified name, including architecture.

ShortName

The shortest unambiguous package name: the same as *Name* for native packages, and *FullName* for non-native.

SelectedState

InstState

CurrentState

Package state from the status file.

SelectedState may be `Unknown`, `Install`, `Hold`, `DeInstall` or `Purge`.

InstState may be `Ok`, `ReInstReq`, `HoldInst` or `HoldReInstReq`.

CurrentState may be `NotInstalled`, `UnPacked`, `HalfConfigured`, `HalfInstalled`, `ConfigFiles` or `Installed`.

In a numeric context, SelectedState, InstState and CurrentState evaluate to an AptPkg::State:: constant.

VersionList

A reference to an array of AptPkg::Cache::Version objects describing available versions of the package.

CurrentVer

An AptPkg::Cache::Version object describing the currently installed version (if any) of the package.

RevDependsList

A reference to an array of AptPkg::Cache::Depends objects describing packages which depend upon the current package.

ProvidesList

For virtual packages, this is a reference to an array of AptPkg::Cache::Provides objects describing packages which provide the current package.

Flags

A comma separated list if flags: `Auto`, `Essential` or `Important`.

In a numeric context, evaluates to a combination of AptPkg::Flag:: constants.

[Note: the only one of these you need worry about is `Essential`, which is set based on the package's header of the same name. `Auto` seems to be used internally by `APT`, and `Important` seems to only be set on the apt package.]

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Internal `APT` unique reference for the package record.

AptPkg::Cache::Version

Implements the `APT pkgCache::VerIterator` class as a hash reference.

Keys

VerStr

Section

Arch

The package version, section and architecture.

MultiArch

Multi-arch state: `No`, `All`, `Foreign`, `Same`, `Allowed`, `AllForeign` or `AllAllowed`.

In a numeric context, evaluates to an AptPkg::Version:: constant.

ParentPkg

An AptPkg::Cache::Package object describing the package providing this version.

DescriptionList

A list of AptCache::Cache::Description objects describing the files which describe a package version. The list includes both Package files and Translation files, which contain translated Description fields.

TranslatedDescription

An AptCache::Cache::Description object for the current locale, which will generally be a Translation file.

DependsList

A reference to an array of AptPkg::Cache::Depends objects describing packages which the current package depends upon.

ProvidesList

A reference to an array of AptPkg::Cache::Provides objects describing virtual packages provided by this version.

FileList

A reference to an array of AptPkg::Cache::VerFile objects describing the packages files which include the current version.

Size

The *.deb* file size, in bytes.

InstalledSize

The disk space used when installed, in bytes.

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Priority

Package priority: *important*, *required*, *standard*, *optional* or *extra*.

In a numeric context, evaluates to an AptPkg::VerPriority:: constant.

AptPkg::Cache::Depends

Implements the **APT** pkgCache::DepIterator class as a hash reference.

*Keys***DepType**

Type of dependency: *Depends*, *PreDepends*, *Suggests*, *Recommends*, *Conflicts*, *Replaces* or *Obsoletes*.

In a numeric context, evaluates to an AptPkg::Dep:: constant.

ParentPkg**ParentVer**

AptPkg::Cache::Package and AptPkg::Cache::Version objects describing the package declaring the dependency.

TargetPkg

AptPkg::Cache::Package object describing the depended package.

TargetVer

For versioned dependencies, TargetVer is a string giving the version of the target package required.

CompType**CompTypeDeb**

CompType gives a normalised comparison operator (*>*, *>=*, etc) describing the relationship to TargetVer ("" if none).

CompTypeDeb returns Debian-style operators (*>>* rather than *>*).

In a numeric context, both CompType and CompTypeDeb evaluate to an AptPkg::Dep:: constant.

Alternative dependencies (Depends: a | b) are identified by all but the last having the AptPkg::Dep::Or bit set in the numeric representation of CompType (and CompTypeDeb).

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AptPkg::Cache::Provides

Implements the **APT** pkgCache::PrvIterator class as a hash reference.

Keys

Name

Name of virtual package.

OwnerPkg**OwnerVer**

AptPkg::Cache::Package and AptPkg::Cache::Version objects describing the providing package.

ProvideVersion

Version of the virtual package. [Not currently supported by dpkg]

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Internal **APT** unique reference for the provides record.

AptPkg::Cache::VerFile

Implements the **APT** pkgCache::VerFileIterator class as a hash reference.

*Keys***File**

An AptPkg::Cache::PkgFile object describing the packages file.

Offset**Size**

The byte offset and length of the entry in the file.

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Internal **APT** unique reference for the version file record.

AptPkg::Cache::PkgFile

Implements the **APT** pkgCache::PkgFileIterator class as a hash reference.

*Keys***FileName**

Packages file path.

IndexType

File type: Debian Package Index, Debian dpkg status file.

Archive**Component****Version****Origin****Label****Site**

Fields from the Release file.

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Internal **APT** unique reference for the package file record.

AptPkg::Cache::DescFile

Implements the **APT** pkgCache::DescFileIterator class as a hash reference.

*Keys***File**

An AptPkg::Cache::PkgFile object describing the packages file.

SEE ALSO

AptPkg::Config (3pm), **AptPkg::System** (3pm), **AptPkg** (3pm), **AptPkg::hash** (3pm),
AptPkg::PkgRecords (3pm), **AptPkg::Policy** (3pm).

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