

**NAME**

Dpkg::Control::FieldsCore – manage (list of official) control fields

**DESCRIPTION**

The modules contains a list of fieldnames with associated meta-data explaining in which type of control information they are allowed. The types are the CTRL\_\* constants exported by Dpkg::Control.

**FUNCTIONS**

`$f = field_capitalize($field_name)`

Returns the field name properly capitalized. All characters are lowercase, except the first of each word (words are separated by a hyphen in field names).

`field_is_official($fname)`

Returns true if the field is official and known.

`field_is_allowed_in($fname, @types)`

Returns true (1) if the field `$fname` is allowed in all the types listed in the list. Note that you can use type sets instead of individual types (ex: CTRL\_FILE\_CHANGES | CTRL\_CHANGELOG).

`field_allowed_in(A|B, C)` returns true only if the field is allowed in C and either A or B.

Undef is returned for non-official fields.

`field_transfer_single($from, $to, $field)`

If appropriate, copy the value of the field named `$field` taken from the `$from` Dpkg::Control object to the `$to` Dpkg::Control object.

Official fields are copied only if the field is allowed in both types of objects. Custom fields are treated in a specific manner. When the target is not among CTRL\_PKG\_SRC, CTRL\_PKG\_DEB or CTRL\_FILE\_CHANGES, then they are always copied as is (the X- prefix is kept). Otherwise they are not copied except if the target object matches the target destination encoded in the field name. The initial X denoting custom fields can be followed by one or more letters among “S” (Source: corresponds to CTRL\_PKG\_SRC), “B” (Binary: corresponds to CTRL\_PKG\_DEB) or “C” (Changes: corresponds to CTRL\_FILE\_CHANGES).

Returns undef if nothing has been copied or the name of the new field added to `$to` otherwise.

`field_transfer_all($from, $to)`

Transfer all appropriate fields from `$from` to `$to`. Calls **field\_transfer\_single()** on all fields available in `$from`.

Returns the list of fields that have been added to `$to`.

`field_ordered_list($type)`

Returns an ordered list of fields for a given type of control information. This list can be used to output the fields in a predictable order. The list might be empty for types where the order does not matter much.

**field\_list\_src\_dep()**

List of fields that contains dependencies-like information in a source Debian package.

**field\_list\_pkg\_dep()**

List of fields that contains dependencies-like information in a binary Debian package. The fields that express real dependencies are sorted from the stronger to the weaker.

`field_get_dep_type($field)`

Return the type of the dependency expressed by the given field. Can either be “normal” for a real dependency field (Pre-Depends, Depends, ...) or “union” for other relation fields sharing the same syntax (Conflicts, Breaks, ...). Returns undef for fields which are not dependencies.

`field_get_sep_type($field)`

Return the type of the field value separator. Can be one of FIELD\_SEP\_UNKNOWN, FIELD\_SEP\_SPACE, FIELD\_SEP\_COMMA or FIELD\_SEP\_LINE.

`field_register($field, $allowed_types, %opts)`

Register a new field as being allowed in control information of specified types. `%opts` is optional

`field_insert_after($type, $ref, @fields)`

Place field after another one (`$ref`) in output of control information of type `$type`.

`field_insert_before($type, $ref, @fields)`

Place field before another one (`$ref`) in output of control information of type `$type`.

## CHANGES

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Mark the module as public.