

**NAME**

Lintian::File::Path – Lintian representation of a path entry in a package

**SYNOPSIS**

```
my ($name, $type, $dir) = ('lintian', 'source', '/path/to/entry');
```

**INSTANCE METHODS**

init\_from\_tar\_output

get\_quoted\_filename

unescape\_c\_style

magic(COUNT)

Returns the specified COUNT of magic bytes for the file.

get\_interpreter

Returns the interpreter for the file if it is a script.

is\_script

Returns true if file is a script and false otherwise.

is\_control

Returns true if file is a maintainer script and false otherwise.

identity

Returns the owner and group of the path, separated by a slash.

NB: If only numerical owner information is available in the package, this may return a numerical owner (except uid 0 is always mapped to “root”)

operm

Returns the file permissions of this object in octal (e.g. 0644).

NB: This is only well defined for file entries that are subject to permissions (e.g. files). Particularly, the value is not well defined for symlinks.

children

Returns a list of children (as Lintian::File::Path objects) of this entry. The list and its contents should not be modified.

Only returns direct children of this directory. The entries are sorted by name.

NB: Returns the empty list for non-dir entries.

descendants

Returns a list of children (as Lintian::File::Path objects) of this entry. The list and its contents should not be modified.

Descends recursively into subdirectories and return the descendants in breadth-first order. Children of a given directory will be sorted by name.

NB: Returns the empty list for non-dir entries.

timestamp

Returns a Unix timestamp for the given path. This is a number of seconds since the start of Unix epoch in UTC.

child(BASENAME)

Returns the child named BASENAME if it is a child of this directory. Otherwise, this method returns undef.

Even for directories, BASENAME should not end with a slash.

When invoked on non-dirs, this method always returns undef.

Example:

```
$dir_entry->child('foo') => $entry OR undef
```

#### is\_symlink

Returns a truth value if this entry is a symlink.

#### is\_hardlink

Returns a truth value if this entry is a hardlink to a regular file.

NB: The target of a hardlink is always a regular file (and not a dir etc.).

#### is\_dir

Returns a truth value if this entry is a dir.

NB: Unlike the “-d \$dir” operator this will never return true for symlinks, even if the symlink points to a dir.

#### is\_file

Returns a truth value if this entry is a regular file (or a hardlink to one).

NB: Unlike the “-f \$file” operator this will never return true for symlinks, even if the symlink points to a file (or hardlink).

#### is\_regular\_file

Returns a truth value if this entry is a regular file.

This is eqv. to `$path->is_file` and not `$path->is_hardlink`.

NB: Unlike the “-f \$file” operator this will never return true for symlinks, even if the symlink points to a file.

#### link\_normalized

Returns the target of the link normalized against it's directory name. If the link cannot be normalized or normalized path might escape the package root, this method returns `undef`.

NB: This method will return the empty string for links pointing to the root dir of the package.

Only available on “links” (i.e. symlinks or hardlinks). On non-links this will croak.

*Symlinks only*: If you want the symlink target as a `Lintian::File::Path` object, use the `resolve_path` method with no arguments instead.

#### is\_readable

Returns a truth value if the permission bits of this entry have at least one bit denoting readability set (bitmask 0444).

#### is\_writable

Returns a truth value if the permission bits of this entry have at least one bit denoting writability set (bitmask 0222).

#### is\_executable

Returns a truth value if the permission bits of this entry have at least one bit denoting executability set (bitmask 0111).

#### unpacked\_path

Returns the path to this object on the file system, which must be a regular file, a hardlink or a directory.

This method may fail if:

- The object is neither a directory or a file-like object (e.g. a named pipe).
- If the object is dangling symlink or the path traverses a symlink outside the package root.

To test if this is safe to call, if the target is (supposed) to be a:

- file or hardlink then test with “`is_open_ok`”.

- `dir` then assert `resolve_path` returns a defined entry, for which “`is_dir`” returns a truth value.

**is\_open\_ok**

Returns a truth value if it is safe to attempt open a read handle to the underlying file object.

Returns a truth value if the path may be opened.

**slurp**

Return the file contents as a scalar.

This method may fail for the same reasons as “`open([LAYER])`”.

**follow**

Return dereferenced link if applicable

**resolve\_path([PATH])**

Resolve `PATH` relative to this path entry.

If `PATH` starts with a slash and the file hierarchy has a well-defined root directory, then `PATH` will instead be resolved relatively to the root dir. If the file hierarchy does not have a well-defined root dir (e.g. for source packages), this method will return `undef`.

If `PATH` is omitted, then the entry is resolved and the target is returned if it is valid. Except for symlinks, all entries always resolve to themselves. NB: hardlinks also resolve as themselves.

It is an error to attempt to resolve a `PATH` against a non-directory and non-symlink entry – as such resolution would always fail (i.e. `foo/../bar` is an invalid path unless `foo` is a directory or a symlink to a dir).

The resolution takes symlinks into account and following them provided that the target path is valid (and can be followed safely). If the path is invalid or circular (symlinks), escapes the root directory or follows an unsafe symlink, the method returns `undef`. Otherwise, it returns the path entry that denotes the target path.

If `PATH` contains at least one path segment and ends with a slash, then the resolved path will end in a directory (or fail). Otherwise, the resolved `PATH` can end in any entry *except* a symlink.

Examples:

```
$symlink_entry->resolve_path => $nonsymlink_entry OR undef
```

```
$x->resolve_path => $x
```

For directory or symlink entries (`$dir`), you can also resolve a path:

```
$dir_entry->resolve_path('some/../../where') => $nonsymlink_entry OR undef
```

```
# Note the trailing slash
```

```
$dir_entry->resolve_path('some/../../where/') => $dir_entry OR undef
```

**name**

Returns the name of the file (relative to the package root).

NB: It will never have any leading “`.`” (or “`/`”) in it.

**basename**

Returns the “filename” part of the name, similar **basename**(1) or `File::Basename::basename` (without passing a suffix to strip in either case).

NB: Returns the empty string for the “root” dir.

**dirname**

Returns the “directory” part of the name, similar to **dirname**(1) or `File::Basename::dirname`. The `dirname` will end with a trailing slash (except the “root” dir – see below).

NB: Returns the empty string for the “root” dir.

#### link

If this is a link (i.e. `is_symlink` or `is_hardlink` returns a truth value), this method returns the target of the link.

If this is not a link, then this returns `undef`.

If the path is a symlink this method can be used to determine if the symlink is relative or absolute. This is *not* true for hardlinks, where the link target is always relative to the root.

NB: Even for symlinks, a leading “./” will be stripped.

#### normalized

#### faux

Returns a truth value if this entry absent in the package. This can happen if a package does not include all intermediate directories.

#### size

Returns the size of the path in bytes.

NB: Only regular files can have a non-zero file size.

#### date

Return the modification date as YYYY-MM-DD.

#### time

#### perm

#### path\_info

#### owner

Returns the owner of the path entry as a username.

NB: If only numerical owner information is available in the package, this may return a numerical owner (except uid 0 is always mapped to “root”)

#### group

Returns the group of the path entry as a username.

NB: If only numerical owner information is available in the package, this may return a numerical group (except gid 0 is always mapped to “root”)

uid Returns the uid of the owner of the path entry.

NB: If the uid is not available, 0 will be returned. This usually happens if the numerical data is not collected (e.g. in source packages)

gid Returns the gid of the owner of the path entry.

NB: If the gid is not available, 0 will be returned. This usually happens if the numerical data is not collected (e.g. in source packages)

#### file\_info

Return the data from **file** (1) if it has been collected.

Note this is only defined for files as Lintian only runs **file** (1) on files.

#### java\_info

#### script

#### strings

#### objdump

#### control

#### basedir

#### index

parent\_dir  
child\_table  
sorted\_children

Returns the parent directory entry of this entry as a Lintian::File::Path.

NB: Returns undef for the “root” dir.

childnames  
parent\_dir

Return the parent dir entry of this the path entry.

dereferenced

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#### **SEE ALSO**

**lintian** (1)