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NAME

flatpak - Build, install and run applications and runtimes

SYNOPSIS

flatpak [OPTION...] {COMMAND}

DESCRIPTION

Flatpak is a tool for managing applications and the runtimes they use.

In the Flatpak model, applications can be built and distributed

independently from the host system they are used on, and they are

isolated from the host system ('sandboxed') to some degree, at runtime.

Flatpak can operate in system-wide or per-user mode. The system-wide

data (runtimes, applications and configuration) is located in

\$prefix/var/lib/flatpak/, and the per-user data is in

\$HOME/.local/share/flatpak/. Below these locations, there is a local

repository in the repo/ subdirectory and installed runtimes and

applications are in the corresponding runtime/ and app/ subdirectories.

System-wide remotes can be statically preconfigured by dropping

flatpakrepo files into /etc/flatpak/remotes.d/.

In addition to the system-wide installation in

\$prefix/var/lib/flatpak/, which is always considered the default one

unless overridden, more system-wide installations can be defined via

configuration files in /etc/flatpak/installations.d/, which must define

at least the id of the installation and the absolute path to it. Other

optional parameters like `DisplayName`, `Priority` or `StorageType` are also supported.

Flatpak uses OSTree to distribute and deploy data. The repositories it uses are OSTree repositories and can be manipulated with the `ostree` utility. Installed runtimes and applications are OSTree checkouts.

Basic commands for building flatpaks such as `build-init`, `build` and `build-finish` are included in the flatpak utility. For higher-level build support, see the separate `flatpak-builder(1)` tool.

Flatpak supports installing from sideload repos. These are partial copies of a repository (generated by `flatpak create-usb`) that are used as installation source when offline (and online as a performance improvement). Such repositories are configured by creating symlinks to the sideload sources in the `sideload-repos` subdirectory of the installation directory (i.e. typically `/var/lib/flatpak/sideload-repos`). Additionally symlinks can be created in `/run/flatpak/sideload-repos` which is a better location for non-persistent sources (as it is cleared on reboot). These symlinks can point to either the directory given to `flatpak create-usb` which by default writes to the subpath `.ostree/repo`, or directly to an `ostree` repo.

OPTIONS

The following global options are understood. Individual commands have their own options.

`-h, --help`

Show help options and exit.

`-v, --verbose`

Show debug information during command processing. Use `-vv` for more detail.

`--ostree-verbose`

Show OSTree debug information during command processing.

`--version`

Print version information and exit.

`--default-arch`

Print the default arch and exit.

--supported-arches

Print the supported arches in priority order and exit.

--gl-drivers

Print the list of active gl drivers and exit.

--installations

Print paths of system installations and exit.

--print-system-only

When the flatpak --print-updated-env command is run, only print the environment for system flatpak installations, not including the user's home installation.

--print-updated-env

Print the set of environment variables needed to use flatpaks, amending the current set of environment variables. This is intended to be used in a systemd environment generator, and should not need to be run manually.

COMMANDS

Commands for managing installed applications and runtimes:

flatpak-install(1)

Install an application or a runtime from a remote or bundle.

flatpak-update(1)

Update an installed application or runtime.

flatpak-uninstall(1)

Uninstall an installed application or runtime.

flatpak-mask(1)

Mask out updates and automatic installation.

flatpak-pin(1)

Pin runtimes to prevent automatic removal.

flatpak-list(1)

List installed applications and/or runtimes.

flatpak-info(1)

Show information for an installed application or runtime.

flatpak-history(1)

Show history.

flatpak-config(1)

Manage flatpak configuration.

flatpak-repair(1)

Repair flatpak installation.

flatpak-create-usb(1)

Copy apps and/or runtimes onto removable media.

Commands for finding applications and runtimes:

flatpak-search(1)

Search for applications and runtimes.

Commands for managing running applications:

flatpak-run(1)

Run an application.

flatpak-kill(1)

Stop a running application.

flatpak-override(1)

Override permissions for an application.

flatpak-make-current(1)

Specify the default version to run.

flatpak-enter(1)

Enter the namespace of a running application.

Commands for managing file access:

flatpak-document-export(1)

Grant an application access to a specific file.

flatpak-document-unexport(1)

Revoke access to a specific file.

flatpak-document-info(1)

Show information about a specific file.

flatpak-documents(1)

List exported files.

Commands for managing the dynamic permission store:

flatpak-permission-remove(1)

Remove item from permission store.

flatpak-permissions(1)

List permissions.

flatpak-permission-show(1)

Show app permissions.

flatpak-permission-reset(1)

Reset app permissions.

flatpak-permission-set(1)

Set app permissions.

Commands for managing remote repositories:

flatpak-remotes(1)

List all configured remote repositories.

flatpak-remote-add(1)

Add a new remote repository.

flatpak-remote-modify(1)

Modify properties of a configured remote repository.

flatpak-remote-delete(1)

Delete a configured remote repository.

flatpak-remote-ls(1)

List contents of a configured remote repository.

flatpak-remote-info(1)

Show information about a ref in a configured remote repository.

Commands for building applications:

flatpak-build-init(1)

Initialize a build directory.

flatpak-build(1)

Run a build command in a build directory.

flatpak-build-finish(1)

Finalizes a build directory for export.

flatpak-build-export(1)

Export a build directory to a repository.

flatpak-build-bundle(1)

Create a bundle file from a ref in a local repository.

flatpak-build-import-bundle(1)

Import a file bundle into a local repository.

flatpak-build-sign(1)

Sign an application or runtime after its been exported.

flatpak-build-update-repo(1)

Update the summary file in a repository.

flatpak-build-commit-from(1)

Create a new commit based on an existing ref.

flatpak-repo(1)

Print information about a repo.

Commands available inside the sandbox:

flatpak-spawn(1)

Run a command in another sandbox.

FILE FORMATS

File formats that are used by Flatpak commands:

flatpak-flatpakref(5)

Reference to a remote for an application or runtime

flatpak-flatpakrepo(5)

Reference to a remote

flatpak-remote(5)

Configuration for a remote

flatpak-installation(5)

Configuration for an installation location

flatpak-metadata(5)

Information about an application or runtime

ENVIRONMENT

Besides standard environment variables such as XDG_DATA_DIRS and XDG_DATA_HOME, flatpak is consulting some of its own.

FLATPAK_USER_DIR

The location of the per-user installation. If this is not set, \$XDG_DATA_HOME/flatpak is used.

FLATPAK_SYSTEM_DIR

The location of the default system-wide installation. If this is not set, /var/lib/flatpak is used (unless overridden at build time

by `--localstatedir` or `--with-system-install-dir`).

FLATPAK_SYSTEM_CACHE_DIR

The location where temporary child repositories will be created during pulls into the system-wide installation. If this is not set, a directory in `/var/tmp/` is used. This is useful because it is more likely to be on the same filesystem as the system repository (thus increasing the chances for e.g. reflink copying), and we can avoid filling the user's home directory with temporary data.

FLATPAK_CONFIG_DIR

The location of flatpak site configuration. If this is not set, `/etc/flatpak` is used (unless overridden at build time by `--sysconfdir`).

FLATPAK_RUN_DIR

The location of flatpak runtime global files. If this is not set, `/run/flatpak` is used.

SEE ALSO

`ostree(1)`, `ostree.repo(5)`, `flatpak-remote(5)`, `flatpak-installation(5)`,
<https://www.flatpak.org>

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