**NAME**

deb−prerm − package pre-removal maintainer script

**SYNOPSIS**

prerm

**DESCRIPTION**

A package can perform several pre-removal actions via maintainer scripts, by including an executable *prerm* file in its control archive (i.e. *DEBIAN/prerm* during package creation).

The script can be called in the following ways:

*prerm* **remove**

Before the package is removed.

*old-prerm* **upgrade** *new-version*

Before an upgrade.

*new-prerm* **failed-upgrade** *old-version new-version*

If the above **upgrade** fails.

*prerm* **deconfigure in-favour** *new-package new-version*

[ **removing** *old-package old-version* ]

Before package is deconfigured while dependency is replaced due to conflict.

*prerm* **remove in-favour** *new-package new-version*

Before the package is replaced due to conflict.

**SEE ALSO**

**dpkg**(1).