

**NAME**

`dpkg-preconfigure` – let packages ask questions prior to their installation

**SYNOPSIS**

```
dpkg-preconfigure [options] package.deb
```

```
dpkg-preconfigure --apt
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**dpkg-preconfigure** lets packages ask questions before they are installed. It operates on a set of debian packages, and all packages that use debconf will have their config script run so they can examine the system and ask questions.

**OPTIONS**

**-ftype, --frontend=type**

Select the frontend to use.

**-pvalue, --priority=value**

Set the lowest priority of questions you are interested in. Any questions with a priority below the selected priority will be ignored and their default answers will be used.

**--terse**

Enables terse output mode. This affects only some frontends.

**--apt**

Run in apt mode. It will expect to read a set of package filenames from stdin, rather than getting them as parameters. Typically this is used to make apt run `dpkg-preconfigure` on all packages before they are installed. To do this, add something like this to `/etc/apt/apt.conf`:

```
// Pre-configure all packages before
// they are installed.
DPkg::Pre-Install-Pkgs {
    "dpkg-preconfigure --apt --priority=low";
};
```

**-h, --help**

Display usage help.

**SEE ALSO**

**debconf**(7)

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