

Debian

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Apt-usage

Install package

```
apt-get install <packagename>
```

search package

```
apt-cache search <packagename> or <packagedescription>
```

remove package

```
apt-get remove <packagename> to remove but letting configfiles untouched
```

```
apt-get purge <packagename> to remove with configfiles and without checking dependencies
```

```
apt-get autoremove remove unnecessary Packages
```

Update Package-Cache

```
apt-get update
```

Upgrade Packages

and (without installing additional) dependencies

```
apt-get upgrade
```

can lead to breaking. To install needed dependencies do:

```
apt-get install -f
```

Upgrade whole OS

```
apt-get dist-upgrade
```

Create and restore apt-package-list

you can use this list for example to install all your apt packages on another machine, for example if you migrate or want to start over on a fresh installation

```
dpkg --get-selections | awk '$2 == "install" {print $1}' > packages.list.save
```

Restore your apt-packages

```
xargs -a "packages.list.save" sudo apt-get install
```

Don't forget to save your `/etc/apt/sources.list` and `/etc/apt/sources.list.d/*`, too!