RPM RPM package tool

CONCEPTS

rpm handles single package files and the local database. It does not download or resolve dependencies: use dnf for that.

.rpm file rpm -qp reads it
↓ rpm -U
RPM database rpm -q reads it
↓ rpm -V
Files on disk checked against db

Packages are named name-version-release.arch, e.g. tree-2.2.1-4.fc44.x86_64. Any leading part works as a query: tree or tree-2.2.1.

Add -p to any query to read a .rpm file instead of the installed database.

QUERY INSTALLED

rpm -qa
List all installed packages

rpm -qa '<*pattern*>'
List packages matching a glob

rpm -q <*pkg*>
Is it installed, and which version

rpm -qi <*pkg*>
Show package details

rpm -ql <*pkg*>
List files of a package

rpm -qf <*path*>
Which package owns a file

rpm -qc <*pkg*>
List its config files

rpm -qa --last
Packages by install time, newest first

DEPENDENCIES

rpm -qR <*pkg*>
What a package requires

rpm -q --provides <*pkg*>
What a package provides

rpm -q --whatprovides <*cap*>
Which package provides a capability

DEPENDENCIES (cont.)

rpm -q --whatrequires <*cap*>
Which installed packages need it

PACKAGE FILES

rpm -qip <*file.rpm*>
Details of a package file

rpm -qlp <*file.rpm*>
List files in a package file

rpm -qRp <*file.rpm*>
Requirements of a package file

rpm -qp --scripts <*file.rpm*>
Scriptlets it would run

rpm2cpio <*file.rpm*> **| cpio -idmv**
Extract files without installing

INSTALL, UPGRADE, REMOVE

sudo rpm -Uvh <*file.rpm*>
Install or upgrade, with progress

sudo rpm -ivh <*file.rpm*>
Install, keep other versions

sudo rpm -e <*pkg*>
Remove a package

Prefer sudo dnf install ./<file.rpm>: it installs the local file and pulls in its dependencies.

VERIFY

rpm -V <*pkg*>
Check files against the database

rpm -Va
Verify every installed package

SIGNATURES AND KEYS

sudo rpmkeys --import <*key.asc*>
Trust a signing key

rpmkeys -K <*file.rpm*>
Check digests and signature

QUERY FORMAT

rpm -q --qf '%{NAME} %{VERSION}\n' <*pkg*>
Print chosen tags