Find packages with filenames

Sometimes you want to know which files are included in a package. At other times you want to search for a package containing a file and you only have a filename (e.g. when the installation of software requires dependencies).

The solution is simple.

Online

Online is the site http://packages.slackware.com. You can search in this official database. Or you can search in an unofficial one: http://slakfinder.org/.

Offline

On the Slackware installation medium is a file named /slackware/MANIFEST.bz2. This compressed file contains a list of packages and the corresponding files. Copy it to a location of your choice and unpack it with

user@computer:~\$ bzip2 -d MANIFEST.bz2

Now you can search in the resulting text file for the wanted information.

Sources

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