



ALIEN

OR HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND SUBVERT
THE PACKAGE MANAGER

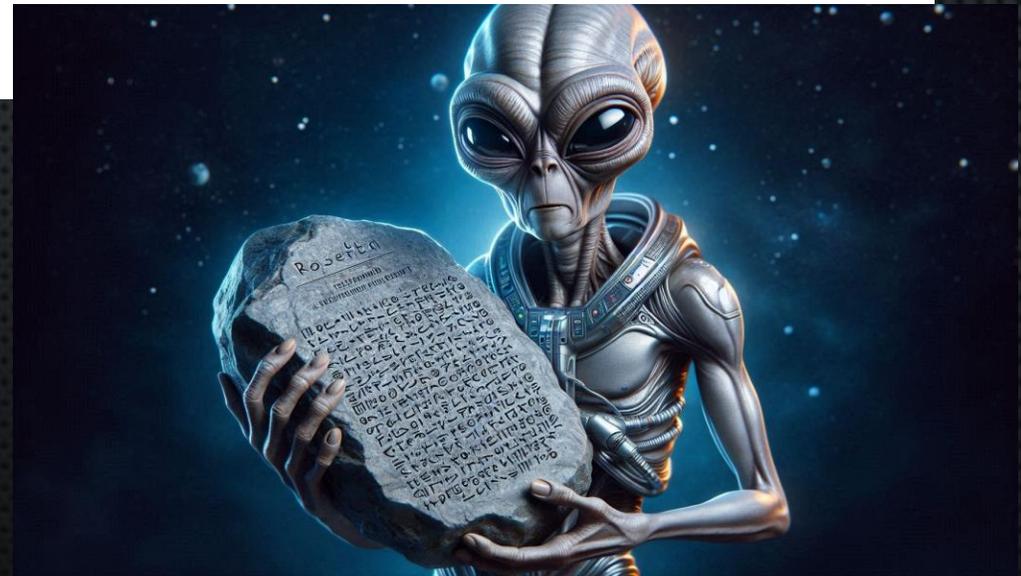
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WHAT IS ALIEN, AN INTRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION

`alien` is a program that converts between Red Hat rpm, Debian deb, Stampede slp, Slackware tgz, and Solaris pkg file formats. If you want to use a package from another linux distribution than the one you have installed on your system, you can use `alien` to convert it to your preferred package format and install it. It also supports LSB packages.



PACKAGES HANDLED

RPM

Deb

Stampede SLP

Slackware TGZ

Solaris Pkg

LSB

DEMO—INSTALL AND USING ALIEN





ALTERNATIVES TO ALIEN



BUILDING FROM SOURCE

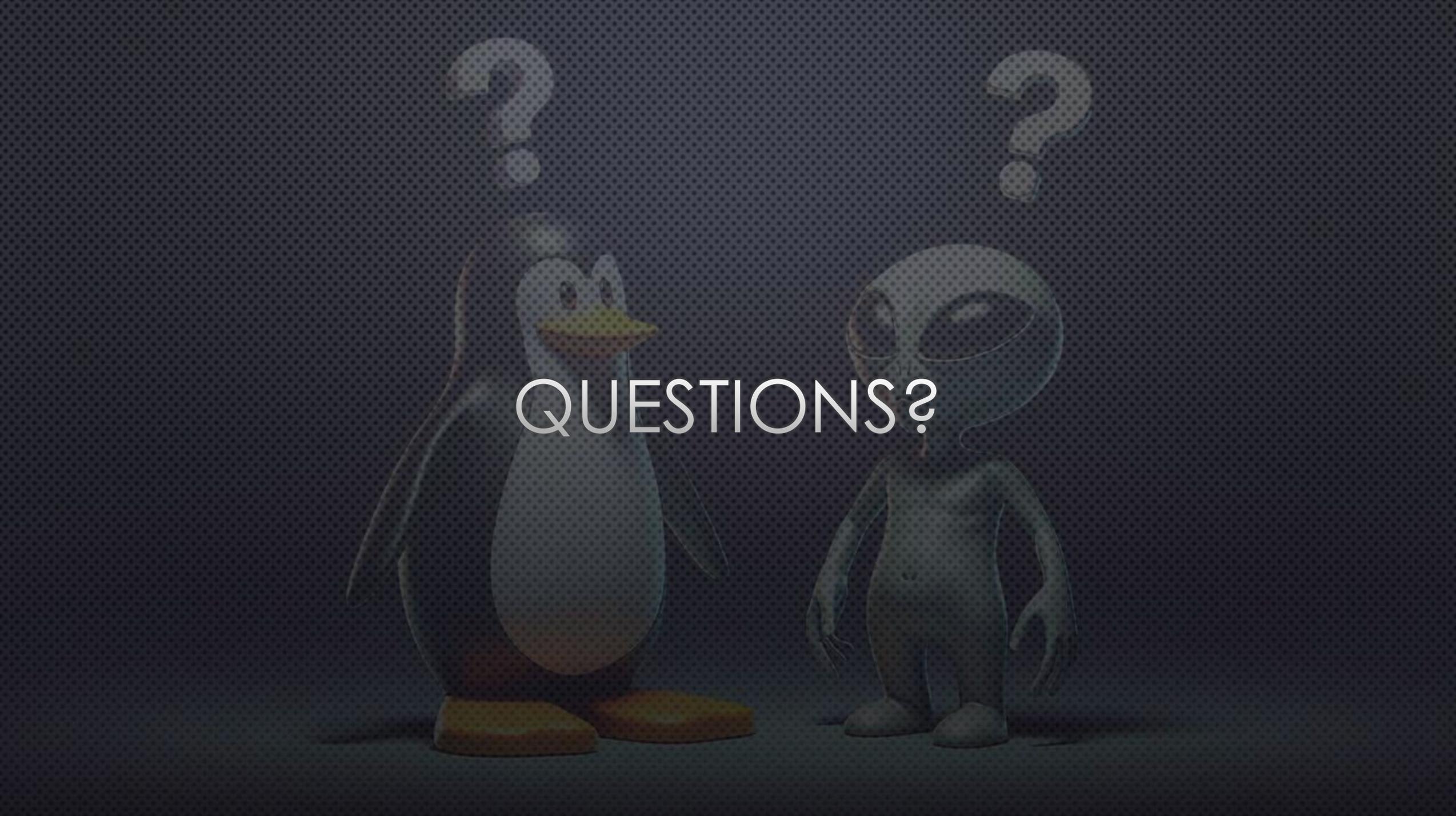
<https://github.com/htop-dev/htop>



WARNING, HERE THERE BE DRAGONS

WARNING

alien should not be used to replace important system packages, like init, libc, or other things that are essential for the functioning of your system. Many of these packages are set up differently by the different distributions, and packages from the different distributions cannot be used interchangeably. In general, if you can't remove a package without breaking your system, don't try to replace it with an alien version.

A penguin and an alien are standing side-by-side against a dark, textured background. Above each character is a large, light-colored question mark. The penguin is on the left, and the alien is on the right. The word "QUESTIONS?" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image, overlapping both characters.

QUESTIONS?

RESOURCES

- [HTTPS://MANPAGES.DEBIAN.ORG/UNSTABLE/ALIEN/ALIEN.1P.EN.HTML](https://manpages.debian.org/unstable/alien/alien.1p.en.html)
- [HTTPS://GITHUB.COM/MILDRED/ALIEN](https://github.com/mildred/alien)
- [HTTPS://OSTECHNIX.COM/CONVERT-LINUX-PACKAGES-ALIEN/](https://ostechnix.com/convert-linux-packages-alien/)
- [HTTPS://WWW.HOWTOGEEK.COM/780147/HOW-TO-CONVERT-LINUX-INSTALLATION-PACKAGES-TO-OTHER-FORMATS/](https://www.howtogeek.com/780147/how-to-convert-linux-installation-packages-to-other-formats/)