

**usev** This helper has an optional second argument now: `usev <flag> [true]`. If the flag is set, outputs `[true]`, or the flag's name if called with only one argument. Otherwise outputs nothing. See `USEV` on page 74.

### Removals/bans

**useq** No longer allowed. Use regular `use` as a drop-in replacement. See `BANNED-COMMANDS` on page 62.

**hasv and hasq** No longer allowed. Regular `has` should be used instead. See `BANNED-COMMANDS` on page 62.

**unpack** No longer supports unpacking of 7-Zip, RAR, and LHA archives. See `UNPACK-EXTENSIONS` on page 76.

## EAPI 9 (2025-12-14)

### Additions/changes

**Default EAPI for profiles** Profile directories without their own `eapi` file no longer default to EAPI 0, but to the EAPI specified in the top-level `profiles` directory. See `PROFILE-EAPI-DEFAULT` on page 23.

**use.stable and package.use.stable** Profile dirs may contain two new files. They can be used to override the `USE` flags specified by `make.defaults`, but act only on packages that would be merged due to a `stable` keyword. See `USE-STABLE` on page 25.

**Bash version** Ebuilds can use features of Bash version 5.3 (was 5.0 before). See `BASH-VERSION` on page 30.

**Variables are no longer exported** The package manager no longer exports its defined shell variables (exceptions are `TMPPDIR` and `HOME`) to the environment. The same applies to variables defined in `make.defaults` that have specific meanings. See `EXPORT-VARS` on page 52.

**pipestatus** Checks if all commands in the last executed pipeline have returned an exit status of zero. When the `-v` option is specified, also prints the shell's pipe status array. See `PIPESTATUS` on page 64.

**ver\_replacing op v2** Checks if the relation `v1 op v2` is true for any element `v1` of `REPLACING_VERSIONS`. `op` can be any operator that is accepted by `ver_test`. See `VER-REPLACING` on page 76.

**edo** Outputs its entire argument list as an informational message, then executes it as a simple shell command, with standard failure behaviour. See `EDO` on page 78.

**Merging of symlinks** When merging `D` to `ROOT`, absolute symlinks are now merged as-is. The package manager will no longer strip a leading `D` from their link targets. See `SYMLINK-REWRITE` on page 82.

### Removals/bans

**assert** No longer allowed. Use `pipestatus` instead. See `BANNED-COMMANDS` on page 62.

**domo** No longer allowed. Use `insinto` and `newins` as replacement. See `BANNED-COMMANDS` on page 62.

# EAPI Cheat Sheet

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### Abstract

An overview of the main EAPI changes in Gentoo, for ebuild authors. For full details, consult the Package Manager Specification found on the project page;<sup>1</sup> this is an incomplete summary only.

Official Gentoo EAPIs are consecutively numbered integers (0, 1, 2, ...). Except where otherwise noted, an EAPI is the same as the previous EAPI. All labels refer to the Package Manager Specification itself, built from the same checkout as this document.

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## EAPIs 0 to 6

Omitted for lack of space. See previous versions of this document for differences between these EAPIs.

## EAPI 7 (2018-04-30)

### Additions/changes

**package.\* and use.\*** These profile files can be directories instead of regular files. This is intended to be used in overlays only. See `PACKAGE-MASK-DIR` on page 19 and `PROFILE-FILE-DIRS` on page 24.

<sup>1</sup>[https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Project:Package\\_Manager\\_Specification](https://wiki.gentoo.org/wiki/Project:Package_Manager_Specification)

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**! and ^^ dependency groups** These groups now evaluate to false when they are empty (for example, if there are only unmatched use dependencies inside of them). See EMPTY-DEP-GROUPS on page 38.

**No trailing slash** The paths specified by ROOT, ERROR, D, and ED no longer end with a slash. Thus, default ROOT is empty now. See TRAILING-SLASH on page 59.

**Cross compilation support** Several variables have been added and some commands have been extended for better cross compilation support:

**BDEPEND** Build dependencies are divided into two classes: BDEPEND for native build tools (CBUILD); DEPEND for dependencies compatible with the system being built (HOST). See BDEPEND on page 36.

**SYSSROOT** The path to the root directory for DEPEND type dependencies. See SYSSROOT on page 54.

**ESYSROOT** The concatenation of SYSSROOT and the applicable offset-prefix. See SYSSROOT on page 54.

**BROOT** The prefixed root directory path for BDEPEND type dependencies, typically executable build tools. See BROOT on page 54.

**ecount** If supported, configure will be called with the `--with-sysroot=${ESYSROOT}:/` option. See ECONF-OPTIONS on page 66.

**has\_version and best\_version** These helpers support `-b`, `-d` or `-r` options, causing the query to apply to BDEPEND, DEPEND or RDEPEND (the default). This replaces the `--host-root` option. See PM-QUERY-OPTIONS on page 63.

**Environment blacklist** Any environment variable listed in the profile-defined ENV\_UNSET variable will be unset by the package manager. See ENV\_UNSET on page 57.

**patch** All inputs valid for GNU patch version 2.7 are supported. Especially, this includes support for git-formatted patches. See GNU-PATCH on page 61.

**nonfatal** In addition to its definition as a shell function, the `nonfatal` wrapper has now a fallback implementation as an external command. Thus, it can be called from other commands. See NONFATAL on page 62.

**Output commands** `echo` and friends no longer use stdout, so inside of command substitution their output won't be caught. See OUTPUT-NO-STDOUT on page 63.

**egawarn** The `egawarn` output command is supported in the package manager itself. See EQAWARN on page 64.

**dle in subshell** The `dle` command is guaranteed to work in a subshell context. See SUBSHELL-DIE on page 64.

**domo destination** `domo` installs the specified files under `/usr/share/locale` instead of `{DESTTREE}/share/locale`. See DOMO-PATH on page 70.

**Controllable stripping** The `dostrip -x` command can be used to add paths to an exclusion list for stripping of debug symbols, to allow more fine-grained control than with `RESTRIC="strip"`. See DOSTRIP on page 73.

### Version manipulation and comparison commands

**ver\_cut range [version]** Print the version substring specified by *range*. *version* defaults to PV.

**ver\_xs range repl ... [version]** Replace all version separators in *range* by string *repl*. Multiple *range repl* pairs are allowed. *version* defaults to PV.

**ver\_test [v1] op v2** Check if the relation *v1 op v2* is true. *v1* defaults to PV; *op* can be `-eq`, `-ne`, `-gt`, `-ge`, `-lt` or `-le`.

See VER-COMMANDS on page 75.

### Removals/bans

**package.provided** Deprecated since a long time and finally dropped. See PACKAGE-PROVIDED on page 25.

**PORTDIR and ECCLASSDIR** No longer defined, because ebuilds should not directly access files in the repository. See PORTDIR on page 54 and ECCLASSDIR on page 54.

**DESTTREE and INSDESTTREE** Not defined any more. Use the `into` and `insinto` commands instead. See DESTTREE on page 55 and INSDESTTREE on page 55.

**dohtml** No longer allowed. `dohtmls -r` can be used as a replacement. See BANNED-COMMANDS on page 62.

**do1ib and 1ibopts** No longer allowed. The specific `do1ib.a` or `do1ib.so` commands should be used as replacement. See BANNED-COMMANDS on page 62.

### Additions/changes

EAPI 8 (2021-06-13)

**profiles/updates directory** Arbitrary filenames are now allowed, instead of strict naming by quarters (like 2Q-2021). See UPDATES-FILENAMES on page 21.

**Bash version** Ebuilds can use features of Bash version 5.0 (was 4.2 before). See BASH-VERSION on page 30.

**Selective fetch/mirror restriction** In `SRC_URI`, adding a `fetch+ or mirror+` prefix to an individual URI means that the file may be fetched or mirrored. This overrides the corresponding global settings in the `RESTRIC` variable. See URI-RESTRIC on page 33.

**IDPEND** This variable specifies install-time dependencies on packages used in (e.g.) `pkg_postinst`. In a cross-compilation environment, these are dependencies for native tools (CBUILD). See IDPEND on page 36.

**pkg\_\* phases** The initial working directory is guaranteed to be empty. See PHASE-FUNCTION-DIR on page 42.

**src\_prepare** Items in the `PATCHES` variable are interpreted as files, even if their name begins with a hyphen. See SRC-PREPARE on page 44.

**PROPERTIES and RESTRIC** These variables are accumulated across the ebuild and inherited eclasses, like `USE`, `REQUIRED_USE`, and `*DEPEND` were before. See ACCUMULATE-VARS on page 50.

**ecount** If supported, options `--disable-static` and `--datarootdir={EPREFIX}/usr/share` are passed to configure, respectively. See ECONF-OPTIONS on page 66.

**dosym** With the new option `-r`, an absolute path specified for the link target will be converted to a path relative to the link location. See DOSYM-RELATIVE on page 70.

**insopts** Commands `doconfd`, `doenvd`, `doheader` install files with fixed mode 0644, i.e. they are no longer affected by `insopts`. See INSOPTS on page 72.

**exeopts** Command `dohtml` installs files with fixed mode 0755, i.e. it is no longer affected by `exeopts`. See EXEOPTS on page 72.