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How To Find Out To Which PPA Repository A Package Belongs To

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There are various reasons why you may need to find out to which PPA a package belongs to, for instance, in case a package in a PPA breaks something on your system, if you want to install a package which is already installed on your computer on some other machine but you don't know the PPA you've used to install it and so on.

So here's a **quick tip on how to find out to which PPA a package belongs to**.

To find out the PPA to which a package belongs to, simply run the following command in a terminal (this only works for packages which are already installed and doesn't work for packages available in the PPA repository but which are not installed on your system) :

```
apt-cache policy PACKAGE_NAME
```

replacing "PACKAGE_NAME" with the package you want to find out the PPA for.

Example :

```
apt-cache policy oracle-java7-installer
```

Here's how the command output looks like :

[apt-cache policy](#)

As you can see, the command output displays the PPA url, which, right after "ppa.launchpad.net" contains the PPA you've used to install the package ("webupd8team/java" in my example above).

This, of course, also works with packages from the official Ubuntu repositories as well as packages from non-Launchpad repositories. For instance, here's how the output of "**apt-cache policy opera**" looks like (Opera is installed through its own repository) :

[apt-cache policy](#)

If the repository url is missing, it means you've installed the deb manually, not through a repository (and the package is not available in any repository on your system) or that the repository has been disabled or removed after the package installation.

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