

## Packages - Bug #3468

Housekeeping # 3385 (in progress): [qt5-webkit]: dropped from arch - many dependents

### [qt5-webkit] look for replacement

2023-04-14 08:44 PM - Megver83

<b>Status:</b> info needed	<b>% Done:</b> 0%
<b>Priority:</b> bug	
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<b>Category:</b>	
<b>Description</b>	
On March 21 of this year (2023) <a href="#">qt5-webkit</a> was deprecated. The developer now recommends <a href="#">this fork</a>	
We should consider replacing the qt5-webkit with this fork or another maintained version. There's the <a href="#">qtwebkit</a> package in [pcr] which I'm not sure but looks like it is the same fork I'm talking about, anyways it is very old and depends in qt4, which is not available in our repos.	
<b>Related issues:</b>	
Related to Packages - Bug #3466: [qt5-webkit]: rebuild against latest qt5-bas...	<b>fixed</b>

### History

#### #1 - 2023-04-14 08:45 PM - Megver83

- Related to Bug #3466: [qt5-webkit]: rebuild against latest qt5-base (x86\_64) added

#### #2 - 2023-04-14 08:45 PM - Megver83

- Related to Housekeeping #3385: [qt5-webkit]: dropped from arch - many dependents added

#### #3 - 2023-04-23 03:46 AM - bill-auger

- Parent task set to #3385

- Status changed from unconfirmed to info needed

generally, i would agree that an active upstream is preferable; but OTOH a package which never changes should routinely be painless re-builds - code-bases which change often should have dedicated packagers - neither the package in libre of pcr has a 'Maintainer:'

the main pain factor, is QT's fast pace plus strictness about version harmony across applications - ie: the "qt5" in "qt5-webkit" is the wildcard variable, accounting for most of the workload - "webkit" is more of a constant factor or O(1) (FWIW, webkit2gtk is relatively easy to maintain) - i suppose that any replacement would amount to much the same workload (eg: still need to be rebuilt every time the third (rev) version digit of 'qt5-base' changes)

the qt5-webkit dependency chain is relatively small, involving only 3 other packages with simple recipes - the same set of packages which needs rebuilding each time 'qt5-base' upgrades ([#3421](#)) - webkit is the only of those which takes a long time to compile - this seems like spending time to optimize, what is a relatively small workload over-all