NAME

axfer – command–line sound recorder and player for sound devices and nodes supported by Linux sound subsystem (Advanced Linux Sound Architecture, also known as ALSA).

SYNOPSYS

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axfer subcommand direction options
subcommand = transfer | list | version | help
direction = capture | playback
options = ( depends on subcommand )
```

DESCRIPTION

The **axfer** is a command–line recorder and player to transfer audio data frame between sound devices/nodes and files/stdin/stdout.

OPTIONS

Subcommand

transfer

Performs transmission of audio data frame. Its detail is described in axfer-transfer(1) manual.

list Dumps lists of available sound devices and nodes. Its detail is described in axfer-list(1) manual.

version

Prints version of this application (as the same version as alsa–utils package).

help Prints a short message about subcommands for users to enter this application.

Direction

capture

Operates for capture transmission.

playback

Operates for playback transmission.

EXIT STATUS

EXIT_SUCCESS (0) if run time successfully finished, else EXIT_FAILURE (1).

UNIT TEST

This program has unit tests for internal implementation. Please refer to the manual of axfer-transfer for details.

COMPATIBILITY TO APLAY

The *axfer* is designed to be compatible to aplay(1) as much as possible. In command line, executions of aplay/arecord files under \$PATH runs axfer with compatibility mode if filesystem has symbolic link from the aplay/arecord to axfer.

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$ ln -s aplay axfer
$ ln -s arecord axfer
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A string to which arg[0] points

When args[0] in run time points to string ended with 'aplay', it has the same meaning of *playback* direction. When it points to string ended with 'arecord', it has the same meaning of *capture* direction.

Options acknowledged as list subcommand

Options of -l, --list-devices, -L, --list-pcms are acknowledged as list subcommand. Without them, the run time performs transfer subcommand.

REPORTING BUGS

Report any bugs to mailing list of ALSA community <alsa-devel@alsa-project.org> where the development and maintenance is primarily done. Bug tracking service of alsa-utils repository on github.com is also available.

SEE ALSO

axfer-transfer(1), axfer-list(1), alsamixer(1), amixer(1)

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