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mlabel - make an MSDOS volume label

**Note of warning**

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**Description**

The `mlabel` command adds a volume label to a disk. Its syntax is:

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mlabel [-vcsn] [-N serial] drive:[new_label]
```

`Mlabel` displays the current volume label, if present. If *new\_label* is not given, and if neither the `c` nor the `s` options are set, it prompts the user for a new volume label. To delete an existing volume label, press return at the prompt.

The label is limited to 11 single-byte characters, e.g. `Name1234567`.

Reasonable care is taken to create a valid MS-DOS volume label. If an invalid label is specified, `mlabel` changes the label (and displays the new label if the verbose mode is set). `Mlabel` returns 0 on success or 1 on failure.

`Mlabel` supports the following options:

- `c`       Clears an existing label, without prompting the user
- `s`       Shows the existing label, without prompting the user.
- `n`       Assigns a new (random) serial number to the disk
- `N serial`  
      Sets the supplied serial number. The serial number should be supplied as an 8 digit hexadecimal number, without spaces

**See Also**

Mtools' texinfo doc

**Viewing the texi doc**

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- \*       To generate a printable copy from the texinfo doc, run the following commands:

```
./configure; make dvi; dvips mtools.dvi
```

- \*       To generate a html copy, run:

```
./configure; make html
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A premade html can be found at '<http://www.gnu.org/software/mtools/manual/mtools.html>'

- \*       To generate an info copy (browsable using emacs' info mode), run:

```
./configure; make info
```

The texinfo doc looks most pretty when printed or as html. Indeed, in the info version certain examples are

difficult to read due to the quoting conventions used in info.