

## NAME

**mbm\_multiprocess** – Macro to run mbprocess on the swath files referenced by a datalist using parallel processes.

## VERSION

Version 5.0

## SYNOPSIS

**mbm\_multiprocess** **-I***datalist* [**-X***nprocesses* **-H** **-V**]

## DESCRIPTION

**mbm\_multiprocess** is a macro used to efficiently process large numbers of swath data files by executing parallel instances of the program **mbprocess**. See the **mbprocess** manual page for a description of its operation.

The **-Xnprocesses** option sets the number of parallel processes that can be started by **mbm\_multiprocess**. In general, the most efficient (fastest) execution of the overall command will be achieved when *nprocesses* equals the number of available CPUs or cores.

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## SIMPLE DESCRIPTION OF BASIC OPTIONS

- H** This "help" flag cause the program to print out a description of its operation and then exit immediately.
- I** *datalist*  
Sets the input datalist filename. A datalist is an ascii file containing a list of the input swath sonar data files to be copied and their formats. In the *datalist* file, each swath data file should be followed by a data format identifier, e.g.:  
    datafile1 11  
    datafile2 24  
As discussed in the **MB-System** manual page, datalists may reference other datalists, allowing users to construct recursive datalist structures. This program uses the **MBIO** library and will read or write any swath sonar format supported by **MBIO**. A list of the swath sonar data formats currently supported by **MBIO** and their identifier values is given in the **MBIO** manual page.
- V** Causes **mbm\_multiprocess** to operate in "verbose" mode so that it outputs more information than usual.

**-X** *nprocesses*

This option sets the number of parallel, simultaneous **mbcopy** processes that may be run.

## EXAMPLES

Suppose one has two format 88 Reson 7125 data files:

20110805\_053612.mb88

20110805\_054149.mb88

and that these files are ready to be processed with **mbprocess**. In order to execute the processing using multiple, parallel processes, use the macro **mbm\_multiprocess** with a datalist file referencing the target swath files as input:

**mbm\_multiprocess -Idatalist.mb-1 -V -X2**

The macro prints out the following as the processing proceeds:

Running **mbm\_multiprocess**...

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Input file: 20110805\_053612.mb88

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Format: 88

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Files processed only if out of date.

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\*\*: Data processed – out of date – unlocked:

Input: /Volumes/MappingAUVOps2011/test/20110805\_054149.mb88

Output: /Volumes/MappingAUVOps2011/test/20110805\_054149p.mb88

\*\*: Data processed – out of date – unlocked:

Input: /Volumes/MappingAUVOps2011/test/20110805\_053612.mb88

Output: /Volumes/MappingAUVOps2011/test/20110805\_053612p.mb88

Note that the terminal messages from the two **mbprocess** instances are mixed because the processes are executed in parallel.

## SEE ALSO

**mbsystem**(1), **mbprocess**(1)

## BUGS

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