

Name

mcat - dump raw disk image

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Description

The `mcat` command is used to copy an entire disk image from or to the floppy device. It uses the following syntax:

```
mcat [-w] drive :
```

`Mcat` performs the same task as the Unix `cat` command. It is included into the mtools package, since `cat` cannot access remote floppy devices offered by the mtools floppy daemon. Now it is possible to create boot floppies remotely.

The default operation is reading. The output is written to stdout.

If the `-w` option is specified, `mcat` reads a disk-image from stdin and writes it to the given device. **Use this carefully!** Because of the low-level nature of this command, it will happily destroy any data written before on the disk without warning!

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
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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.