

**NAME**

mactime – Create an ASCII time line of file activity

**SYNOPSIS**

**mactime** [-b *body* ] [-g *group file* ] [-p *password file* ] [-i (*day/hour*) *index file* ] [-dhmVy] [-z *TIME\_ZONE* ] [*DATE\_RANGE*]

**DESCRIPTION**

**mactime** creates an ASCII time line of file activity based on the body file specified by '-b' or from STDIN. The time line is written to STDOUT. The body file must be in the time machine format that is created by 'ils -m', 'fls -m', or the mac-robber tool.

**ARGUMENTS**

- b *body* Specify the location of a body file. This file must be generated by a tool such as 'fls -m' or 'ils -m'. The 'mac-robber' and 'grave-robber' tools can also be used to generate the file.
- g *group file*  
Specify the location of the group file. mactime will display the group name instead of the GID if this is given.
- p *password file*  
Specify the location of the passwd file. mactime will display the user name instead of the UID of this is given.
- i *day/hour index file*  
Specify the location of an index file to write to. The first argument specifies the granularity, either an hourly summary or daily. If the '-d' flag is given, then the summary will be separated by a ',' to import into a spread sheet.
- d Display timeline and index files in comma delimited format. This is used to import the data into a spread sheet for presentations or graphs.
- h Display header info about the session including time range, input source, and passwd or group files.
- V Display version to STDOUT.
- m The month is given as a number instead of name (does not work with -y).
- y The date is displayed in ISO8601 format.
- z *TIME\_ZONE*  
The timezone from where the data was collected. The name of this argument is system dependent (examples include EST5EDT, GMT+1). Does not work with -y.
- z list List valid timezones.

**DATE\_RANGE**

The range of dates to make the time line for. The standard format is yyyy-mm-dd for a starting date and no ending date. For an ending date, use yyyy-mm-dd..yyyy-mm-dd. Date can contain time, use format yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss for starting and/or ending date.

**LICENSE**

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**HISTORY**

A version of **mactime** first appeared in **The Coroner's Toolkit (TCT)** (**Dan Farmer**) and later **mac-daddy** (**Rob Lee**).

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