

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...

Program <mbprocess>

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Program Operation:

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```
Input file: 20110805_053612.mb88
Input file: 20110805_054149.mb88
Format: 88
Format: 88
Files processed only if out of date.
Files processed only if out of date.
Comments embedded in output.
```

Comments embedded in output.

**: 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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