# ABOOK(1)

### NAME

abook - text-based address book program

### **SYNOPSIS**

abook [ OPTION ]

### **DESCRIPTION**

This manual page documents briefly the **abook** program. This manual page was written for the Debian GNU/Linux distribution because the original program does not have a manual page.

**abook** is a text-based address book program. It contains Name, Email, Address and various Phone fields. It is designed for use with mutt, but can be equally useful on its own.

### **OPTIONS**

-h --help

Show usage.

-C --config <filename>

Use an alternative configuration file (default is \$HOME/.abook/abookrc).

--datafile <filename>

Use an alternative addressbook file (default is \$HOME/.abook/addressbook).

--mutt-query <string>

Make a query for mutt (search the addressbook for <string>).

The **--datafile** option, as documented above, may be used **BEFORE** this option to search a different addressbook file.

--convert [ --informat <inputformat> ] [ --infile <inputfile> ] [ --outformat <outputformat> ] [ --outfile <outputfile> ]

Converts <inputfile> in <inputformat> to <outputfile> in <outputformat> (defaults are abook, stdin, text and stdout).

The following *inputformats* are supported:

- **abook** abook native format
- **Idif** Idif / Netscape addressbook
- **mutt** mutt alias
- **pine** pine addressbook
- csv comma separated values
- **palmcsv** Palm comma separated values

The following *outputformats* are supported:

- **abook** abook native format
- **Idif** Idif / Netscape addressbook (.4ld)
- **mutt** mutt alias
- **html** html document
- **pine** pine addressbook
- gcrd GnomeCard (VCard) addressbook
- **csv** comma separated values
- palmcsv Palm comma separated values
- **elm** elm alias
- **text** plain text
- **spruce** Spruce address book
- wl Wanderlust address book
- **bsdcal** BSD calendar

### --add-email

Read an e-mail message from stdin and add the sender to the addressbook.

### --add-email-quiet

Same as --add-email but doesn't confirm adding.

#### --formats

List available formats.

## **COMMANDS DURING USE**

Press '?' during use to get a list of commands.

## **SEE ALSO**

mutt(1), abookrc(5)

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