ABOOKRC(5)

NAME

$HOME/.abook/abookrc - configuration file for abook address book program

DESCRIPTION

This manual page documents briefly the **abookrc** file.
abookrc is the (optional) configuration file for use with the **abook(1)** address book program.

abookrc is stored in a user's $HOME/.abook directory. It follows a format of "**set option=value**". The following information lists each of these options and the values they may take.

If a variable is not set in **abookrc** , a sensible default, as listed with the description below, will be used.

Comments in **abookrc** are on lines beginning with '#'.

COMMANDS

set *option = value*

field *identifier = human_readable_name* [, *type*]
>   Defines a new custom field. *type* can be one of 'string' (default) , 'emails', 'list', or 'date'.

view *view name = field1* [, *field2*, ...]
>   Defines a view/tab, with *fieldN* being the identifier of a field declared with the **field** command, or the identifier of a standard field.
>   Standard fields:
>   name, email,
>
>   address, address2, city, state, zip, country,
>
>   phone, workphone, fax, mobile,
>
>   nick, url, notes, anniversary
>
>   Note: if you don't define any view, abook will use a default display based on the above standard fields.

VARIABLES

autosave=[true|false]

Defines whether the addressbook is automatically saved on exit. Default is true.

preserve_fields=[all|standard|none]

Specifies how fields not declared with the **field** command nor in a view should be preserved while loading an abook database.

all

preserve any completely unknown field.

standard

only preserve the standard fields (see a list in the description of the **view** command) and the legacy 'custom[1-5]' fields.

none

discards any unknown field.

Default is *all*.

index_format=format_string

Defines the way entries are displayed in the main list. This is a string containing field names enclosed between braces, with an optional width limit specified by a number (right alignment if negative) after the field name and a colon, and an arbitrary number of alternative fields (first with non empty content is to be displayed) separated by vertical bars. For instance:

{name:22}

displays the *name* field with a maximal width of 22 characters.

{phone:-13|workphone|mobile}

displays (right aligned within a width of 13 characters), either the *phone*, *workphone* or *mobile* field, whichever being the first to be non-empty.

Default is " *{name:22} {email:40} {phone:12|workphone|mobile}*"

show_all_emails=[true|false]

Defines whether all email addresses for a contact are shown in the main list view. Default is true.

emailpos
extra_column
extra_alternative
extrapos

Obsoleted by **index_format**.

mutt_return_all_emails=[true|false]

Defines whether to return all email addresses matching the search criteria to a mutt query. Default is true.

print_command=command

Defines the command to used when printing the addressbook. Default is "lpr".

www_command=command

Defines the command used to start the web browser to view a contact's URL. Default is "lynx".

address_style=[eu|uk|us]
Defines the style of address formatting to be used when exporting as text / printing the database (European, UK, or USA). Default is European ("eu").

use_ascii_only=[true|false]
This option allows you to force Abook use only ASCII characters. This option is useful if your terminal doesn't support non-ASCII characters. Default is false.

add_email_prevent_duplicates=[true|false]
Defines whether to avoid adding addresses already in data. Default is false.

sort_field=field
Defines the field to be used by the "sort by field" command. Default is "nick" (Nickname/Alias).

show_cursor=[true|false]
Defines if the cursor is visible in main display. Default is false.

SAMPLE CONFIGURATION FILE

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# sample abook configuration file
#

# Declare a few custom fields
field pager = Pager
field address_lines = Address, list
field birthday = Birthday, date

# Define how fields should be displayed in tabs
view CONTACT = name, email
view ADDRESS = address_lines, city, state, zip, country
view PHONE = phone, workphone, pager, mobile, fax
view OTHER = url, birthday

# Preserve any unknown field while loading an abook database
set preserve_fields=all

# Automatically save database on exit
set autosave=true

# Format of entries lines in list
set index_format=" {name:22} {email:40} {phone:12|workphone|mobile}"

# Show all email addresses in list
set show_all_emails=true

# Command used to start mutt
set mutt_command=mutt

# Return all email addresses to a mutt query
set mutt_return_all_emails=true

# Command used to print
set print_command=lpr
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# Command used to start the web browser
set www_command=lynx

# Address style [eu|us|uk]
set address_style=eu

# Use ASCII characters only
set use_ascii_only=false

# Prevent double entry
set add_email_prevent_duplicates=false

# Field to be used with "sort by field" command
set sort_field=nick

# Show cursor in main display
set show_cursor=false
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SEE ALSO

abook(1).

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