NAME
   mindi – a tool for creating boot/root disks

SYNOPSIS
   mindi
   mindi -v| --version| -V| -version
   mindi --findkernel
   mindi --makemountlist *file*
   mindi --usb *device*
   mindi [--max-compressed-size *max***] --custom** *parameters*

DESCRIPTION
   mindi creates a bootable ISO/USB image using files from the system it runs on. **mindi** will try hard to reproduce the environment of its host system including loaded modules to ensure that the system can be booted properly from the created rescue media. **mindi** is used by **monodarchive(8)** to produce the required USB/ISO images but can also be used stand-alone.

   For stand-alone usage, **mindi** is called without any parameters or switches. It will then interactively ask the user for all information required to create a set of boot/root media.

   The probably more frequent way of calling **mindi** is non-interactively from **mondoarchive(8)** using the **--custom** switch. All required information is then provided via command line parameters. The sequence of these parameters is listed below.

OPTIONS
   -v/ --version/ -V/ -version

   Prints *the* version *of* mindi.

   --findkernel

   Finds *the* image *of* the *running* kernel *in* the *file* system.

   --makemountlist *file*

   Creates a mount list and writes it to file *file*.

   --usb *device*

   Create *a* bootable *USB* device

   --max-compressed-size *max*

   Maximum size for disk image in KB.

   --custom *parameters*

   Provide all required parameters to **mindi** for non-interactive calling. This usually means a call from **mondoarchive(8)**. The following parameters are used:
   01) directory to use for temporary files
   02) directory to put disk images in
   03) path to kernel image
   04) tape device
   05) tape size [MB]
   06) total number of files in file list
   07) use LZO [yes|no]
   08) CD recovery media [yes|no]
   09) devices to include
   10) conservative LiLo settings [yes|no]
   11) number of last file list
   12) estimated total number of slices
   13) devices to exclude
   14) compare mode [yes|no]
   15) use lilo [yes|no]
   16) use star (rather than tar) [yes|no]
   17) internal tape block size [bytes]

18) number of diffenrential backup
19) make non-bootable [yes|no]
20) use gzip [yes|no]
(Blank parameters must be specified as "" on the command line.)

DIAGNOSTICS

mindi writes some output to the console and extensive information to log file */var/log/mindi.log*. When seeking technical support for **mindi**, please attach this file to your email.

FILES

/var/log/mindi.log
Log file of mindi run. Contains important information to analyze mindi problem reports.

/etc/mindi/deplist.txt
List of files to be included on boot/root disks.

/var/cache/mindi/N.tar.gz
Number N of multiple tar balls together containing root file system for rescue media.

/var/cache/mindi/all.tar.gz
Single tar ball of root file system for rescue media.

/var/cache/mindi/initrd.img
initrd image for bootable ISO image.

/var/cache/mindi/mindi-boot.F.img
mindi boot media of size F [KB].

/var/cache/mindi/mindi-root.F.img
mindi root media of size F [KB].

/var/cache/mindi/mindi-data.N.img
mindi data media number N for boot/root media.

/var/cache/mindi/mindi.iso
mindi bootable ISO image.

SEE ALSO

mondoarchive(8), mondorestore(8).

See mailing list at http://www.mondorescue.org for technical support.

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