

NAME

mindi – a tool for creating boot/root disks

SYNOPSIS

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

mindi creates a bootable ISO/USB image using files from the system it runs on. **mind**i 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. **mind**i is used by **monodarchive(8)** to produce the required USB/ISO images but can also be used stand-alone.

For stand-alone usage, **mind**i 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 **mind**i 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

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-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]
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- 18) number of differential 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 **mind**i, 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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