NAME

dds-dd − tool to read a dds device.

SYNOPSIS

dds-dd [**-f device**]

DESCRIPTION

dds-dd reads a dds tape devices (DAT). Every block is read and written to stdout. A tape with unknown block size or blocks of different size can be read.

The default device is */dev/rmt0*, which may be overridden with the environment variable **TAPE**, which in turn may be overridden with the **-f** *device* option. The device must be a character special file.

OPTIONS

-f *device*
Device of the tape archive (default is /dev/rmt0). Must be a character special file connected to a dds tape device.

-V,**--version**
Print the version number of **mt-dds** to stderr and exit immediately.

--help print some screens of online help with examples through a pager and exit immediately.

EXAMPLES

Example: Read the tape and make a listing:

dds-dd | tar ft -

Example: Read the tape and make a listing:

dds-dd | cpio -it

ENVIRONMENT

The environment variable **TAPE** overrides the default tape device /dev/rmt0.

SEE ALSO

dds2tar(1), dds2index(1), mt(1), tar(1)

HISTORY

This program was created to use it in conjunction with dds2tar.

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