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MKSQUASHFS(1)

create and append squashfs filesystems

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NAME

mksquashfs - tool to create and append to squashfs filesystems

SYNOPSIS

mksquashfs SOURCE [SOURCE2 ...] DESTINATION [OPTIONS]

DESCRIPTION

Squashfs is a highly compressed read-only filesystem for Linux. It uses zlib compression to compress both files, inodes and directories. Inodes in the system are very small and all blocks are packed to minimize data overhead. Block sizes greater than 4K are supported up to a maximum of 64K.

Squashfs is intended for general read-only filesystem use, for archival use (i.e. in cases where a .tar.gz file may be used), and in constrained block device/memory systems (e.g. embedded systems) where low overhead is needed.

OPTIONS

Filesystem build options

-comp COMPRESSION

select COMPRESSION compression. Compressors available: gzip (default), Izo, xz.

-b BLOCK_SIZE

set data block to BLOCK_SIZE. Default 131072 bytes.

-no-exports

don't make the filesystem exportable via NFS.

-no-sparse

don't detect sparse files.

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-no-xattrs
     don't store extended attributes.
  -xattrs
     store extended attributes (default).
  -nol
     do not compress inode table.
  -noD
     do not compress data blocks.
  -noF
     do not compress fragment blocks.
  -noX
     do not compress extended attributes.
  -no-fragments
     do not use fragments.
  -always-use-fragments
     use fragment blocks for files larger than block size.
  -no-duplicates
     do not perform duplicate checking.
  -all-root
     make all files owned by root.
  -force-uid uid
     set all file uids to uid.
  -force-gid gid
     set all file gids to gid.
  -nopad
     do not pad filesystem to a multiple of 4K.
  -keep-as-directory
     if one source directory is specified, create a root directory containing that direc?
     tory, rather than the contents of the directory.
Filesystem filter options
  -p PSEUDO_DEFINITION
     Add pseudo file definition.
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Add list of pseudo file definitions.
  -sort SORT_FILE
    sort files according to priorities in SORT_FILE. One file or dir with priority per
    line. Priority -32768 to 32767, default priority 0.
  -ef EXCLUDE_FILE
    list of exclude dirs/files. One per line.
  -wildcards
    Allow extended shell wildcards (globbing) to be used in exclude dirs/files
  -regex
    Allow POSIX regular expressions to be used in exclude dirs/files.
Filesystem append options
  -noappend
    do not append to existing filesystem.
  -root-becomes NAME
    when appending source files/directories, make the original root become a subdirectory
    in the new root called NAME, rather than adding the new source items to the original
    root.
Mksquashfs runtime options:
  -version
    print version, licence and copyright message.
  -recover NAME
    recover filesystem data using recovery file NAME.
  -no-recovery
    don't generate a recovery file.
  -info
    print files written to filesystem.
  -no-progress
    don't display the progress bar.
  -processors NUMBER
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Use NUMBER processors. By default will use number of processors available.

Set input queue to SIZE Mbytes. Default 64 Mbytes.

-read-queue SIZE

-write-queue SIZE Page 3/5

Set output queue to SIZE Mbytes. Default 512 Mbytes. -fragment-queue SIZE Set fragment queue to SIZE Mbytes. Default 64 Mbytes. Miscellaneous options -root-owned alternative name for -all-root.

-noInodeCompression

alternative name for -nol.

-noDataCompression

alternative name for -noD.

-noFragmentCompression

alternative name for -noF.

-noXattrCompression

alternative name for -noX.

Compressors available and compressor specific options

gzip (no options) (default)

Izo (no options)

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-Xbcj filter1,filter2,...,filterN

Compress using filter1, filter2,..., filterN in turn (in addition to no filter), and choose the best compression. Available filters: x86, arm, armthumb, powerpc, sparc, ia64.

-Xdict-size DICT SIZE

Use DICT_SIZE as the XZ dictionary size. The dictionary size can be specified as a percentage of the block size, or as an absolute value. The dictionary size must be less than or equal to the block size and 8192 bytes or larger. It must also be storable in the xz header as either 2ⁿ or as 2ⁿ+2ⁿ(n+1). Example dict-sizes are 75%, 50%, 37.5%, 25%, or 32K, 16K, 8K etc.

SEE ALSO

unsquashfs(1)

HOMEPAGE

More information about mksquashfs and the squashfs filesystem can be found at http://squashfs.sourceforge.net/>.

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