

NAME

`gdbm_dump` - dump a GDBM database to a file

SYNOPSIS

`gdbm_dump [-H FMT] [--format=FMT] DB_FILE [FILE]`

`gdbm_dump [-Vh] [--help] [--usage] [--version]`

DESCRIPTION

The `gdbm_dump` utility creates a dump of the specified `gdbm(3)` database file. The name for the output dump file is supplied by the second argument (*FILE*). If not specified, the output goes to the standard error.

The created dump can be given as argument to the `gdbm_load(1)` utility in order to re-create an exact copy of the *DB_FILE*.

OPTIONS

-H, --format=*FMT*

Select dump format. The value **binary** (or **0**) instructs `gdbm_dump` to produce a binary dump, compatible with earlier `gdbm` versions (up to version 1.9). The value **ascii** (or **1**) instructs it to create an ASCII dump (this is the default). The latter is preferred because, apart from the actual data, it also contains meta-information which will allow `gdbm_load(1)` to recreate an exact copy of the file.

-h, --help

Print a short usage summary.

--usage

Print a list of available options.

-V, --version

Print program version

SEE ALSO

`gdbm_load(1)`, `gdbmtool(1)`, `gdbm(3)`.

For a detailed description of `gdbm_dump` and other `gdbm` utilities, refer to the **GDBM Manual** available in Texinfo format. To access it, run:

info gdbm

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