

## NAME

ExtUtils::Command - utilities to replace common UNIX commands in Makefiles etc.

## SYNOPSIS

```
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e cat files... > destination
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e mv source... destination
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e cp source... destination
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e touch files...
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e rm_f files...
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e rm_rf directories...
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e mkpath directories...
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e eqtime source destination
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e test_f file
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e test_d directory
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e chmod mode files...
...
```

## DESCRIPTION

The module is used to replace common UNIX commands. In all cases the functions work from @ARGV rather than taking arguments. This makes them easier to deal with in Makefiles. Call them like this:

```
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e some_command some files to work on
```

and *NOT* like this:

```
perl -MExtUtils::Command -e 'some_command qw(some files to work on)'
```

For that use *Shell::Command*.

Filenames with \* and ? will be glob expanded.

## FUNCTIONS

cat

```
cat file ...
```

Concatenates all files mentioned on command line to STDOUT.

eqtime

```
eqtime source destination
```

Sets modified time of destination to that of source.

rm\_rf

```
rm_rf files or directories ...
```

Removes files and directories - recursively (even if readonly)

rm\_f

```
rm_f file ...
```

Removes files (even if readonly)

touch

```
touch file ...
```

Makes files exist, with current timestamp

`mv`

```
mv source_file destination_file
mv source_file source_file destination_dir
```

Moves source to destination. Multiple sources are allowed if destination is an existing directory.

Returns true if all moves succeeded, false otherwise.

`cp`

```
cp source_file destination_file
cp source_file source_file destination_dir
```

Copies sources to the destination. Multiple sources are allowed if destination is an existing directory.

Returns true if all copies succeeded, false otherwise.

`chmod`

```
chmod mode files ...
```

Sets UNIX like permissions 'mode' on all the files. e.g. 0666

`mkpath`

```
mkpath directory ...
```

Creates directories, including any parent directories.

`test_f`

```
test_f file
```

Tests if a file exists. *Exits* with 0 if it does, 1 if it does not (ie. shell's idea of true and false).

`test_d`

```
test_d directory
```

Tests if a directory exists. *Exits* with 0 if it does, 1 if it does not (ie. shell's idea of true and false).

`dos2unix`

```
dos2unix files or dirs ...
```

Converts DOS and OS/2 linefeeds to Unix style recursively.

## SEE ALSO

Shell::Command which is these same functions but take arguments normally.

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