NAME

ab_admin – administer AnswerBook card catalog database(s)

SYNOPSIS

ab_admin
  -file *card-catalog-file*
    -match *answerbook-id[,version]*
    -add *answerbook-id[,version]*
      answerbook-attribute-list
    -modify *answerbook-id[,version]*
      answerbook-attribute-list
    -merge *card-catalog-file*
    -convert *bookinfo-file*
    -remove *answerbook-id[,version]*
    -verify *answerbook-id[,version]*
    -list
  -listpaths

DESCRIPTION

ab_admin provides a shell-level interface to the AnswerBook card catalog database mechanism. It allows administrators to add, delete, list, modify, and verify individual AnswerBook entries in a given card catalog file. It also supports the merging of entries from one card catalog file into another, and the conversion of old-style "bookinfo" files into card catalog entries. See **ab_cardcatalog**(4) for more information on card catalogs

OPTIONS

-file *card-catalog-file*
Specifies the name of the card catalog file. All **ab_admin** operations except "-listpaths" require that the file be specified.

-merge *card-catalog-file*
Merge the entries from input card catalog file into the card catalog file being updated.

-convert *bookinfo-file*
Extract the information from the specified bookinfo file needed to create a card catalog entry for the AnswerBook, and add that entry to the card catalog file being updated.

-add *answerbook-id*[*,version*] [*answerbook-attribute-list*]
Construct a new card catalog entry for the AnswerBook using the information provided on the command line.

-remove *answerbook-id*[*,version*]
Delete the specified entry.

-match *answerbook-id*[*,version*]
Display the contents of the specified entry.

-modify *answerbook-id*[*,version*] [*answerbook-attribute-list*]
Modify the specified fields of the specified entry.

-verify *answerbook-id*[*,version*]
Verify the correctness of the specified entry. Verify that the corresponding

AnswerBook exists, and is usable.

-list List all entries in the specified card catalog.

-listpaths
List the fully qualified pathnames of the card catalogs you have access to, one per line.

AnswerBook Attributes
The following AnswerBook attributes are used in the **-add** and **-modify** operations of **ab_admin.** See **ab_cardcatalog**(4) for more information.

title=*answerbook-title*
Title of this AnswerBook

tocpath=*toc-directory-path*
Full pathname of the directory containing this AnswerBook's book database files

pspath=*postscript-directory-path*
Full pathname of the directory containing this AnswerBook's PostScript files

indexpath=*index-directory-path*
Full pathname of the directory containing this AnswerBook's search index files

EXAMPLES

See the *Software and AnswerBook Packages Administration Guide* for examples of **ab_admin**(1) usage.

SEE ALSO

ab_cardcatalog(4), **answerbook**(1), **navigator**(1)