

NAME

update_par – create/update local copies of parameter files

SYNOPSIS

update_par *options param file param file*

DESCRIPTION

update_par updates local copies of IRAF compatible parameter files, creating the local copies if they do not exist. Updates are performed by creating backups of the local files and using `pset` to copy the user's parameter values from them to the fresh copies retrieved from the parameter file source directories.

update_par looks in the **PFILES** environmental variable for paths to search for the source parameter files. It searches only the read-only directories (those after the `;` character). The user made provide alternative directories via the **--pfiles** option.

The local copies are made by default in the local directory; the user may use the **--dir** option to specify an alternate destination. That directory will be created if necessary.

OPTIONS

update_par uses UNIX style long options. Options may in general be abbreviated. Options which take arguments may be separated from the arguments by white space or the `=` character.

--pfiles *directory list*

Specify the directories in which to look for source parameter files. This option may be specified multiple times. The value should be a colon or comma separated list of directories.

--dir *destination directory*

Where the local parameter file(s) live. This will be created if necessary. It defaults to the current directory.

--verbose | **-v**

Be a little more wordy about what's going on. Multiple invocations of this option increases the verbosity.

--help

Print this message and exit.

--version

Print the version of the program and exit.

VERSION

\$Revision\$

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