## NAME

prepmx – preprocessor for PMX, easy music typesetting program

## SYNOPSIS

**prepmx** [*options*] *jobname* [*outdir/*] [*stylefile*]

## DESCRIPTION

**M-Tx** is an easy to use preprocessor language for the **PMX** music typesetting program, aimed at people who are not experts. For an easy example, have a look at the following example:

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c2+    e4   g  | b4d-  c1 d c2      |
c8 g+ e g c- g+ e g | d g f g    c- g+ e g |
```

For syntax reference, please look at the M-Tx manual written by Dirk Laurie, the creator of the M-Tx language and the author of **prepmx**(1), its command-line utility.

**prepmx** processes the file *jobname*.mtx to generate *jobname*.pmx. You can then process this file using the **pmxab**(1) command, which is a preprocessor for MusiXTeX.

*outdir/* is the directory where 'pmx' will put the final .tex file. Note that the trailing slash is mandatory. You can provide a *stylefile* for M-Tx. If omitted, the file 'mtxstyle.txt' in the current directory is used, if there is one.

## OPTIONS

Options can also be specified in a 'Options:' line in the preamble, which takes precedence over the command line.

**–b**        disable unbeamVocal

**–c**        disable doChords

**–D**        enable debugMode

**–f**        enable solfaNoteNames

**–i**        enable ignoreErrors

**–m**        disable doLyrics

**–n**        enable instrumentNames

**–t**        disable doUptext

**–u**        disable uptextOnRests

**–v**        enable beVerbose

**–w**        enable pedanticWarnings

*–n*        select Special Case *n*

**–H**        print enabled status of all options

## EXIT STATUS

If no error was found, **prepmx** exits with return code 0. In case of an error, the line number of the processed line is returned. This may not always be the line containing the actual error. A return status of 10000 means that the input file was empty or could not be opened.

## SEE ALSO

**M-Tx** User's Guide (mtxdoc.pdf)
pmxab(1), musixtex(1)

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