

**NAME**

wimlib-imagex-extract – Extract files or directories from a WIM image

**SYNOPSIS**

**wimlib-imagex extract** *WIMFILE IMAGE* [*PATH...*] [*OPTION...*]

**DESCRIPTION**

**wimlib-imagex extract** extracts one or more files or directory trees from the specified *IMAGE* contained in the Windows Imaging (WIM) file *WIMFILE*. This command is also available as simply **wimextract** if the appropriate hard link or batch file has been installed.

**wimlib-imagex extract** is intended for extracting only a subset of a WIM image. If you want to extract or "apply" a full WIM image to a directory or NTFS volume, use **wimlib-imagex apply** (1) instead.

*IMAGE* specifies the image in *WIMFILE* that contains the files or directory trees to extract. It may be a 1-based index of an image in the WIM or the name of an image in the WIM. Use the **wimlib-imagex info** (1) command to show what images a WIM file contains.

Each *PATH* specifies a file or directory tree within the WIM image to extract. See **PATH SPECIFICATIONS**.

By default, files and directories are extracted to the current directory. Use **--dest-dir** to choose an alternate target directory. Alternatively, use **--to-stdout** to extract a file to standard output to pipe into another program.

**wimlib-imagex extract** supports extracting files and directory trees from stand-alone WIMs as well as split WIMs. See **SPLIT WIMS**.

**PATH SPECIFICATIONS**

Each *PATH* specifies a file or directory tree within the WIM image to extract. Each path must be specified as an absolute path starting from the root of the WIM image, like those output by the **wimlib-imagex dir** (1) command. However, path separators may be either forward or backward slashes, and the leading slash is optional; also, on Windows, the paths are treated case-insensitively, while on UNIX, paths are treated case-sensitively.

If no *PATHs* are provided, the default behavior is to extract the full image, as if the path "/" had been provided.

**SPLIT WIMS**

You may use **wimlib-imagex extract** to extract files or directory trees from a split WIM. This uses the **--refs="GLOB"** option in the same way as in other commands such as **wimlib-imagex apply**. See **wimlib-imagex apply** (1) for more details.

**OPTIONS****--check**

When reading *WIMFILE*, verify its integrity if an integrity table is present.

**--ref="GLOB"**

File glob of additional WIMs or split WIM parts to reference resources from. See **SPLIT\_WIMS**. Note: since *GLOB* is listed in quotes because it is interpreted by **wimlib-imagex** and may need to be quoted to protect against shell expansion.

**--verbose**

This option no longer does anything but is reserved for future use.

**--unix-data**

See the documentation for this option in **wimlib-imagex-apply** (1).

**--no-acls**

See the documentation for this option in **wimlib-imagex-apply** (1).

**--strict-acls**

See the documentation for this option in **wimlib-imagex-apply** (1).

**--include-invalid-names**

See the documentation for this option in **wimlib-imagex-apply** (1).

**--to-stdout**

Extract the files to standard output instead of to the filesystem. This can only be provided if all the specified *PATHs* are to regular files (not directories or reparse points). If present, alternate data streams are not extracted.

**--dest-dir=DIR**

Extract the files and directories to the directory *DIR* instead of to the current working directory.

**NOTES**

See the documentation **wimlib-imagex apply** (1) for documentation about what data and metadata are extracted on UNIX-like systems versus on Windows.

On UNIX-like systems that support userspace filesystems with FUSE (e.g. Linux), one can alternatively mount the WIM image with **wimlib-imagex mount** (1) and then extract the desired files or directories using any standard command-line or graphical program.

Reparse-point fixups (a.k.a. changing absolute symbolic links and junctions to point within the extraction location) are never done by **wimlib-imagex extract**. Use **wimlib-imagex apply** if you want this behavior.

Unlike **wimlib-imagex apply**, **wimlib-imagex extract** does not support extracting files directly to a NTFS volume using libntfs-3g.

**EXAMPLES**

Extract a file from the first image in "boot.wim" to the current directory:

```
wimlib-imagex extract boot.wim 1 /Windows/System32/notepad.exe
```

Extract a file from the first image in "boot.wim" to standard output:

```
wimlib-imagex extract boot.wim 1 /Windows/System32/notepad.exe \
--to-stdout
```

Extract a file from the first image in "boot.wim" to the specified directory:

```
wimlib-imagex extract boot.wim 1 /Windows/System32/notepad.exe \
--dest-dir=somedir
```

Extract the "sources" directory from the first image in "boot.wim" to the current directory:

```
wimlib-imagex extract boot.wim 1 /sources
```

Extract multiple files and directories in one command:

```
wimlib-imagex extract boot.wim 1 /Windows/Fonts \
/sources /Windows/System32/cmd.exe
```

**SEE ALSO**

**wimlib-imagex**(1) **wimlib-imagex-apply**(1) **wimlib-imagex-dir**(1) **wimlib-imagex-info**(1) **wimlib-imagex-mount**(1)