exp:expmigrationcaption

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Take a caption of the installation now (database, storage, settings, the commits of the code), or list the captions; a dry run unless --apply.

Script `bin/php/expmigrationcaption.php`, code in `kernel/private/classes/commands/expmigrationcaption.php`. Run it from the installation root, as the user the web server runs as:

Shell

```
./console exp:expmigrationcaption --help
./console exp:migration:caption --help
php bin/php/expmigrationcaption.php --help
```

Help text

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Take a caption now
A caption of the kind manual, under the installation lock: git_manager's full backup (database an
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var/ storage) where it is installed, else exp:upgrade's own dump, with settings/override and the
commits of the code. It is a point exp:migration:rollback --expert and exp:upgrade:rollback can g
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back to. --list lists the captions, newest first, with the command that restores each.

./console exp:migration:caption --list
./console exp:migration:caption --apply
./console exp:migration:caption --label="before the news import" --apply
```

Options

Option	Value	Help
`--apply`		Make the changes (the default is a dry run that lists them and changes nothing)
`--dry-run`		The default, accepted for scripts that pass it: list what would change, change nothing
`--format`	required	text (default) or json (the machine output exp-migration/1)
`--list`		List the captions instead of taking one
`--label`	required	The label of the caption or of the recording (a caption without one: "manual caption" with the time)
`--backup-dir`	required	Where the captions made without git_manager are (default var/backup/upgrade)

Read from the option definitions in the code (`startup()`, `getOptions()`, `options()` or `ezcConsoleOption`). Every script also takes the standard options of the script framework (`--help`, `--siteaccess`, `--debug`, `--quiet`, `--allow-root-user` ...).

Related

- All console commands

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