

## NAME

`ctan-o-mat` – Upload or validate a package for CTAN

## SYNOPSIS

`ctan-o-mat` [options] [<package configuration>]

## DESCRIPTION

This program can be used to automate the upload of a package to CTAN (<https://www.ctan.org>). The description of the package is contained in a configuration file. Thus it can be updated easily without the need to fill a Web form with the same old information.

The provided information is validated in any case. If the validation succeeds and not only the validation is requested then the provided archive file is placed in the incoming area of the CTAN for further processing by the CTAN team.

In any case any finding during the validation is reported at the end of the processing. Note that the validation is the default and a official submission has to be requested by the an appropriate command line option.

**ctan-o-mat** requires an Internet connection to the CTAN server. Even the validation retrieves the known attributes and the basic constraints from the server.

## CONFIGURATION

The default configuration is read from a file with the same name as the current directory an the extension `.pkg`. This file name can be overwritten on the command line.

The configuration depends on the features supported by the CTAN server. Since these features can change over time the configuration is not hard-coded in **ctan-o-mat**. You can request a template of the configuration via the command line parameter `-init`.

## OPTIONS

`-h`

`--help`

Print this short summary about the usage and exit the program.

`--validate`

`-n`

`--noaction`

Do not perform the final upload. The package is validated and the resulting messages are printed.

`-i`

`--init`

Create an empty template for a configuration.

`-s`

`--submit`

Upload the submission, validate it and officially submit it to CTAN if the validation succeeds.

`-v`

`--verbose`

Print some more information during the processing (verbose mode).

`--version`

Print the version number of this program and exit.

`--validate`

Print some additional debugging information.

`<package>`

This parameter is the name of a package configuration (see section CONFIGURATION) contained in a file.

## CONNECTING VIA PROXIES

If you need to connect to the Internet via a proxy then this can be achieved by setting some environment variables before running **ctan-o-mat**. To redirect the request via the proxy simply define an environment variable `http_proxy` to point to the proxy host — including protocol and port as required. Note that the name of the environment variable is supposed to be in **lower** case.

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## BUGS

- The program can not be used without a working connection to the Internet.