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To create ‘configure’ from ‘configure.ac’, run the ‘autoconf’ program
with no arguments.  ‘autoconf’ processes ‘configure.ac’ with the M4
macro processor, using the Autoconf macros.  If you give ‘autoconf’ an
argument, it reads that file instead of ‘configure.ac’ and writes the
configuration script to the standard output instead of to ‘configure’.
If you give ‘autoconf’ the argument ‘-’, it reads from the standard
input instead of ‘configure.ac’ and writes the configuration script to
the standard output.

   The Autoconf macros are defined in several files.  Some of the files
are distributed with Autoconf; ‘autoconf’ reads them first.  Then it
looks for the optional file ‘acsite.m4’ in the directory that contains
the distributed Autoconf macro files, and for the optional file
‘aclocal.m4’ in the current directory.  Those files can contain your
site’s or the package’s own Autoconf macro definitions (*note Writing
Autoconf Macros::, for more information).  If a macro is defined in
more than one of the files that ‘autoconf’ reads, the last definition
it reads overrides the earlier ones.
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$ autoreconf --install
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