



## ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'msgmerge.1'***

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MSGMERGE(1) GNU MSGMERGE(1)

### NAME

msgmerge - merge message catalog and template

### SYNOPSIS

msgmerge [OPTION] def.po ref.pot

### DESCRIPTION

Merges two Uniform style .po files together. The def.po file is an existing PO file with translations which will be taken over to the newly created file as long as they still match; comments will be preserved, but extracted comments and file positions will be discarded. The ref.pot file is the last created PO file with up-to-date source references but old translations, or a PO Template file (generally created by xgettext); any translations or comments in the file will be discarded, however dot comments and file positions will be preserved. Where an exact match cannot be found, fuzzy matching is used to produce better results.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

Input file location:

def.po translations referring to old sources

ref.pot

references to new sources

-D, --directory=DIRECTORY

add DIRECTORY to list for input files search

-C, --compendium=FILE

additional library of message translations, may be specified more than once

Operation mode:

`-U, --update`

update def.po, do nothing if def.po already up to date

Output file location:

`-o, --output-file=FILE`

write output to specified file

The results are written to standard output if no output file is specified or if it is `-`.

Output file location in update mode: The result is written back to def.po.

`--backup=CONTROL`

make a backup of def.po

`--suffix=SUFFIX`

override the usual backup suffix

The version control method may be selected via the `--backup` option or through the `VERSION_CONTROL` environment variable. Here are the values:

none, off

never make backups (even if `--backup` is given)

numbered, t

make numbered backups

existing, nil

numbered if numbered backups exist, simple otherwise

simple, never

always make simple backups

The backup suffix is `'~'`, unless set with `--suffix` or the `SIMPLE_BACKUP_SUFFIX` environment variable.

Operation modifiers:

`-m, --multi-domain`

apply ref.pot to each of the domains in def.po

`-N, --no-fuzzy-matching`

do not use fuzzy matching

`--previous`

keep previous msgids of translated messages

Input file syntax:

-P, --properties-input

input files are in Java .properties syntax

--stringtable-input

input files are in NeXTstep/GNUstep .strings syntax

Output details:

--lang=CATALOGNAME

set 'Language' field in the header entry

--color

use colors and other text attributes always

--color=WHEN

use colors and other text attributes if WHEN. WHEN may be 'always', 'never', 'auto', or 'html'.

--style=STYLEFILE

specify CSS style rule file for --color

-e, --no-escape

do not use C escapes in output (default)

-E, --escape

use C escapes in output, no extended chars

--force-po

write PO file even if empty

-i, --indent

indented output style

--no-location

suppress '#: filename:line' lines

-n, --add-location

preserve '#: filename:line' lines (default)

--strict

strict Uniform output style

-p, --properties-output

write out a Java .properties file

--stringtable-output

write out a NeXTstep/GNUstep .strings file

`-w, --width=NUMBER`

set output page width

`--no-wrap`

do not break long message lines, longer than the output page width, into several lines

`-s, --sort-output`

generate sorted output

`-F, --sort-by-file`

sort output by file location

Informative output:

`-h, --help`

display this help and exit

`-V, --version`

output version information and exit

`-v, --verbose`

increase verbosity level

`-q, --quiet, --silent`

suppress progress indicators

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## REPORTING BUGS

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## SEE ALSO

The full documentation for msgmerge is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the info and msgmerge programs are properly installed at your site, the command

`info msgmerge`

should give you access to the complete manual.