NAME
msgcat − combines several message catalogs

SYNOPSIS
msgcat [*OPTION*] [*INPUTFILE*]...

DESCRIPTION
Concatenates and merges the specified PO files. Find messages which are common to two or more of the specified PO files. By using the **−−more−than** option, greater commonality may be requested before messages are printed. Conversely, the **−−less−than** option may be used to specify less commonality before messages are printed (i.e. **−−less−than**=*2* will only print the unique messages). Translations, comments, extracted comments, and file positions will be cumulated, except that if **−−use−first** is specified, they will be taken from the first PO file to define them.

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

Input file location:
INPUTFILE ...
    input files

−f, **−−files−from**=*FILE*
    get list of input files from FILE

−D, **−−directory**=*DIRECTORY*
    add DIRECTORY to list for input files search

If input file is -, standard input is read.

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 -.

Message selection:
-<, **−−less−than**=*NUMBER*
    print messages with less than this many definitions, defaults to infinite if not set

->, **−−more−than**=*NUMBER*
    print messages with more than this many definitions, defaults to 0 if not set

−u, **−−unique**
    shorthand for **−−less−than**=*2*, requests that only unique messages be printed

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:
−t, **−−to−code**=*NAME*
    encoding for output

−−use−first
    use first available translation for each message, don't merge several translations

−−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**
> write the .po file using indented style

−−no−location
> do not write '#: filename:line' lines

−n, **−−add−location**
> generate '#: filename:line' lines (default)

−−strict
> write out strict Uniforum conforming .po file

−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

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SEE ALSO

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

info msgcat

should give you access to the complete manual.