

NAME

`msgen` – create English message catalog

SYNOPSIS

`msgen` [*OPTION*] *INPUTFILE*

DESCRIPTION

Creates an English translation catalog. The input file is the last created English PO file, or a PO Template file (generally created by `xgettext`). Untranslated entries are assigned a translation that is identical to the `msgid`.

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

Input file location:

INPUTFILE

input PO or POT 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 -.

Input file syntax:

-P, --properties-input

input file is in Java .properties syntax

--stringtable-input

input file is 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

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REPORTING BUGS

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SEE ALSO

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

info msgen

should give you access to the complete manual.