

NAME

msgcomm – match two message catalogs

SYNOPSIS

msgcomm [*OPTION*] [*INPUTFILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

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 and extracted comments will be preserved, but only from the first PO file to define them. File positions from all PO files will be cumulated.

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 1 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:

--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 Uniform 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
 - omit-header**
don't write header with 'msgid ""' entry
- 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 **msgcomm** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **msgcomm** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

info msgcomm

should give you access to the complete manual.