NAME
msgfilter − edit translations of message catalog

SYNOPSIS
msgfilter [*OPTION*] *FILTER* [*FILTER-OPTION*]

DESCRIPTION
Applies a filter to all translations of a translation catalog.

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

Input file location:

−i, **−−input**=*INPUTFILE*
> input PO file

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

If no input file is given or if it 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 -.

The FILTER can be any program that reads a translation from standard input and writes a modified translation to standard output.

Filter input and output:

−−newline
> add a newline at the end of input and remove a newline from the end of output

Useful FILTER-OPTIONs when the FILTER is 'sed':

−e, **−−expression**=*SCRIPT*
> add SCRIPT to the commands to be executed

−f, **−−file**=*SCRIPTFILE*
> add the contents of SCRIPTFILE to the commands to be executed

−n, **−−quiet**, **−−silent**
> suppress automatic printing of pattern space

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:

−−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**

−−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

−−indent

> indented output style

−−keep−header

> keep header entry unmodified, don't filter it

−−no−location

> suppress '#: filename:line' lines

−n, **−−add−location**

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

−−strict

> strict Uniforum 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 **msgfilter** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **msgfilter** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

> **info msgfilter**

should give you access to the complete manual.