

NAME

gettext – translate message

SYNOPSIS

gettext [*OPTION*] [[*TEXTDOMAIN*] *MSGID*]

gettext [*OPTION*] -s [*MSGID*]...

DESCRIPTION

The **gettext** program translates a natural language message into the user's language, by looking up the translation in a message catalog.

Display native language translation of a textual message.

-d, --domain=TEXTDOMAIN

retrieve translated messages from TEXTDOMAIN

-e enable expansion of some escape sequences

-E (ignored for compatibility)

-h, --help

display this help and exit

-n suppress trailing newline

-V, --version

display version information and exit

[*TEXTDOMAIN*] *MSGID*

retrieve translated message corresponding to MSGID from TEXTDOMAIN

If the TEXTDOMAIN parameter is not given, the domain is determined from the environment variable TEXTDOMAIN. If the message catalog is not found in the regular directory, another location can be specified with the environment variable TEXTDOMAINDIR. When used with the **-s** option the program behaves like the 'echo' command. But it does not simply copy its arguments to stdout. Instead those messages found in the selected catalog are translated. Standard search directory: /usr/share/locale

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REPORTING BUGS

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SEE ALSO

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

info gettext

should give you access to the complete manual.