

**NAME**

`git-fmt-merge-msg` – Produce a merge commit message

**SYNOPSIS**

```
git fmt-merge-msg [-m <message>] [--log[=<n>] | --no-log]
git fmt-merge-msg [-m <message>] [--log[=<n>] | --no-log] -F <file>
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Takes the list of merged objects on stdin and produces a suitable commit message to be used for the merge commit, usually to be passed as the *<merge-message>* argument of *git merge*.

This command is intended mostly for internal use by scripts automatically invoking *git merge*.

**OPTIONS**

- `--log[=<n>]`  
In addition to branch names, populate the log message with one-line descriptions from the actual commits that are being merged. At most *<n>* commits from each merge parent will be used (20 if *<n>* is omitted). This overrides the **merge.log** configuration variable.
- `--no-log`  
Do not list one-line descriptions from the actual commits being merged.
- `--[no-]summary`  
Synonyms to `--log` and `--no-log`; these are deprecated and will be removed in the future.
- `-m <message>`, `--message <message>`  
Use *<message>* instead of the branch names for the first line of the log message. For use with **--log**.
- `-F <file>`, `--file <file>`  
Take the list of merged objects from *<file>* instead of stdin.

**CONFIGURATION**

`merge.branchdesc`

In addition to branch names, populate the log message with the branch description text associated with them. Defaults to false.

`merge.log`

In addition to branch names, populate the log message with at most the specified number of one-line descriptions from the actual commits that are being merged. Defaults to false, and true is a synonym for 20.

`merge.summary`

Synonym to **merge.log**; this is deprecated and will be removed in the future.

**EXAMPLES**

```
$ git fetch origin master
$ git fmt-merge-msg --log <$GIT_DIR/FETCH_HEAD
```

Print a log message describing a merge of the "master" branch from the "origin" remote.

**SEE ALSO**

**git-merge(1)**

**GIT**

Part of the **git(1)** suite