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XGETTEXT(1) GNU XGETTEXT(1)

NAME

xgettext - extract gettext strings from source

SYNOPSIS

xgettext [OPTION] [INPUTFILE]...

DESCRIPTION

Extract translatable strings from given input files.

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

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:

-d, --default-domain=NAME

use NAME.po for output (instead of messages.po)

-o, --output=FILE

write output to specified file

-p, --output-dir=DIR

 output files will be placed in directory DIR

If output file is -, output is written to standard output.

Choice of input file language:

-L, --language=NAME

 recognise the specified language (C, C++, ObjectiveC, PO, Shell, Python, Lisp, EmacsLisp, librep, Scheme, Smalltalk, Java, JavaProperties, C#, awk, YCP, Tcl, Perl, PHP, GCC-source, NXStringTable, RST, Glade, Lua, JavaScript, Vala, Desktop)

-C, --c++

 shorthand for --language=C++

By default the language is guessed depending on the input file name extension.

Input file interpretation:

--from-code=NAME

 encoding of input files (except for Python, Tcl, Glade)

By default the input files are assumed to be in ASCII.

Operation mode:

-j, --join-existing

 join messages with existing file

-x, --exclude-file=FILE.po

 entries from FILE.po are not extracted

-cTAG, --add-comments=TAG

 place comment blocks starting with TAG and preceding keyword lines in output
 file

-c, --add-comments

 place all comment blocks preceding keyword lines in output file

--check=NAME

 perform syntax check on messages (ellipsis-unicode, space-ellipsis,
 quote-unicode, bullet-unicode)

--sentence-end=TYPE

 type describing the end of sentence (single-space, which is the default,
 or double-space)

Language specific options:

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-a, --extract-all
extract all strings (only languages C, C++, ObjectiveC, Shell, Python, Lisp,
EmacsLisp, librep, Scheme, Java, C#, awk, Tcl, Perl, PHP, GCC-source, Glade,
Lua, JavaScript, Vala)

-kWORD, --keyword=WORD
look for WORD as an additional keyword

-k, --keyword
do not to use default keywords (only languages C, C++, ObjectiveC, Shell,
Python, Lisp, EmacsLisp, librep, Scheme, Java, C#, awk, Tcl, Perl, PHP, GCC-
source, Glade, Lua, JavaScript, Vala, Desktop)

--flag=WORD:ARG:FLAG
additional flag for strings inside the argument number ARG of keyword WORD
(only languages C, C++, ObjectiveC, Shell, Python, Lisp, EmacsLisp, librep,
Scheme, Java, C#, awk, YCP, Tcl, Perl, PHP, GCC-source, Lua, JavaScript,
Vala)

-T, --trigraphs
understand ANSI C trigraphs for input (only languages C, C++, ObjectiveC)

--its=FILE
apply ITS rules from FILE (only XML based languages)

--qt recognize Qt format strings (only language C++)

--kde recognize KDE 4 format strings (only language C++)

--boost
recognize Boost format strings (only language C++)

--debug
more detailed formatstring recognition result

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 Uniforum conforming .po file

--properties-output
write out a Java .properties file

--stringtable-output
write out a NeXTstep/GNUstep .strings file

--itstool
write out itstool comments

-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

--copyright-holder=STRING
set copyright holder in output

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--foreign-user
    omit FSF copyright in output for foreign user

--package-name=PACKAGE
    set package name in output

--package-version=VERSION
    set package version in output

--msgid-bugs-address=EMAIL@ADDRESS
    set report address for msgid bugs

-m[STRING], --msgstr-prefix[=STRING]
    use STRING or "" as prefix for msgstr values

-M[STRING], --msgstr-suffix[=STRING]
    use STRING or "" as suffix for msgstr values
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Informative output:

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-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 xgettext is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the info

and xgettext programs are properly installed at your site, the command

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info xgettext
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should give you access to the complete manual.