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### ***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'msgcomm.1'***

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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

Report bugs in the bug tracker at <https://savannah.gnu.org/projects/gettext> or by email to [bug-gettext@gnu.org](mailto:bug-gettext@gnu.org).

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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.

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