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

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NAME

msginit - initialize a message catalog

SYNOPSIS

msginit [OPTION]

DESCRIPTION

Creates a new PO file, initializing the meta information with values from the user's environment.

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

Input file location:

-i, --input=INPUTFILE

input POT file

If no input file is given, the current directory is searched for the POT file. If it is -, standard input is read.

Output file location:

-o, --output-file=FILE

write output to specified PO file

If no output file is given, it depends on the `--locale` option or the user's locale setting. If it is `-`, the results are written to standard output.

#### 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:

`-l, --locale=LL_CC[.ENCODING]`

set target locale

`--no-translator`

assume the PO file is automatically generated

`--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`

`-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

#### 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 msginit is maintained as a Texinfo manual.

If the info and msginit programs are properly installed at your site, the command

info msginit

should give you access to the complete manual.

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