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:

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-i, --input=INPUTFILE
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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*

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.