### NAME

ngettext - translate message and choose plural form

### SYNOPSIS

ngettext [OPTION] [TEXTDOMAIN] MSGID MSGID-PLURAL COUNT

### DESCRIPTION

The **ngettext** program translates a natural language message into the user's language, by looking up the translation in a message catalog, and chooses the appropriate plural form, which depends on the number *COUNT* and the language of the message catalog where the translation was found.

Display native language translation of a textual message whose grammatical form depends on a number.

- -d, --domain=*TEXTDOMAIN* retrieve translated message from TEXTDOMAIN
- -c, --context=CONTEXT specify context for MSGID

-e enable expansion of some escape sequences

-E (ignored for compatibility)

## [TEXTDOMAIN]

retrieve translated message from TEXTDOMAIN

## MSGID MSGID-PLURAL

translate MSGID (singular) / MSGID-PLURAL (plural)

COUNT

choose singular/plural form based on this value

# Informative output:

-h, --help

display this help and exit

#### -V, --version

display version information and exit

If the TEXTDOMAIN parameter is not given, the domain is determined from the environment variable TEXTDOMAIN. If the message catalog is not found in the regular directory, another location can be specified with the environment variable TEXTDOMAINDIR. Standard search directory: /usr/local/share/locale

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# **REPORTING BUGS**

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## SEE ALSO

The full documentation for **ngettext** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **ngettext** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

## info ngettext

should give you access to the complete manual.