git-fmt-merge-msg

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NAME ---- git-fmt-merge-msg - Produce a merge commit message

SYNOPSIS --------

> 'git fmt-merge-msg' [-m <message>] [--into-name <branch>] [--log[=<n>] | --no-log]
> 'git fmt-merge-msg' [-m <message>] [--log[=<n>] | --no-log] -F <file>

DESCRIPTION ----------- Takes the list of merged objects on stdin and produces a suitable commit message to be used for the merge commit, usually to be passed as the '<merge-message>' argument of 'git merge'.

This command is intended mostly for internal use by scripts automatically invoking 'git merge'.

OPTIONS -------

--log[=<n>]
In addition to branch names, populate the log message with one-line descriptions from the actual commits that are being merged. At most <n> commits from each merge parent will be used (20 if <n> is omitted). This overrides the `merge.log` configuration variable.

--no-log
Do not list one-line descriptions from the actual commits being merged.

--summary

--no-summary
Synonyms to --log and --no-log; these are deprecated and will be removed in the future.

-m <message>

--message <message>
Use <message> instead of the branch names for the first line of the log message. For use with `--log`.

--into-name <branch>
Prepare the merge message as if merging to the branch `<branch>`, instead of the name of the real

branch to which the merge is made.

-F <file>

--file <file>
Take the list of merged objects from <file> instead of stdin.

CONFIGURATION ---------- include::config/fmt-merge-msg.adoc[]

merge.summary
Synonym to `merge.log`; this is deprecated and will be removed in the future.

EXAMPLES --------

```
$ git fetch origin master
$ git fmt-merge-msg --log <$GIT_DIR/FETCH_HEAD
```

Print a log message describing a merge of the "master" branch from the "origin" remote.

SEE ALSO -------- linkgit:git-merge[1]

GIT --- Part of the linkgit:git[1] suite

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