

catalog

The binary form of the message or explanation file. There are two kinds of catalogs: message catalogs and explanation catalogs. The `gencat(1)` command produces a catalog from the output of the `caterr(1)` command. The `-c` option of `caterr` calls `gencat` and generates a message or explanation catalog from a message text file in one step.

explanation catalog

A binary file, produced by the `gencat(1)` command, that contains the text of error message explanations. These explanations are accessed and displayed by the user with the `explain(1)` command.

group code

The name given to the catalog of messages for a product. The group code is a shorthand way to refer to the software products that share one message file. The group code should consist of 2 to 6 alphanumeric characters; a maximum of 10 characters are allowed. The group codes `Local`, `local`, and `LOCAL` and all group codes beginning with `Z` (uppercase only) are reserved for site use.

message catalog

A binary file produced by the `gencat(1)` command that contains the text of error messages as they are called from the software at run time.

message text file

The file that contains the source form of the messages and explanations. A message text file can contain messages, formatted and unformatted explanations, and comments.