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file — determine format of file

SYNOPSIS

file files

DESCRIPTION

File will examine each of its arguments and give a guess as to the contents of the file. It is the only program that will give device numbers of special files.

BUGS

If the file is not instantly recognized, its type is given as 'unknown'. There should be some heuristic to recognize source file 'signatures' in each of the standard languages.