

NAME

ftype – extended file type command

SYNOPSIS

ftype [file] ...

DESCRIPTION

Ftype performs a series of tests on each *file* argument, to determine the file type. It is essentially an extended version of the *file*(1) command, which can recognise many file types that *file* reports simply as "ascii text" or "data." *Ftype* looks at the first one to eight bytes of each file argument, to determine whether it is one of the file formats it knows about. If not, it calls *file* to take a guess at it.

Ftype can recognise most of the Spinal Cord Research Centre's own file formats, as well as a number of other formats, such as PCL fonts, ARC archives, GPS and gpsras image files, and many others.

BUGS

The **-f** option of the *file* command is not implemented in *ftype*.

Because this command is merely a shell script, it can be very slow.

SEE ALSO

file(1)