Subject: Re: Getting the file type. (binary vs text files)
Posted by cbpporter on Tue, 19 Feb 2008 17:54:30 GMT
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captainc wrote on Tue, 19 February 2008 17:17I would like to test for file type. Mainly I want to check whether a file is binary or text. What is the best way to do this?
Actually, the difference between a text file and a binary file is not really present in it's hardware or filesystem representation (at least not under the OSs I know), just in the way we write read from it. It is just a formal difference. Still, if you want only ASCII text, you can read the file and check if all the characters are alphanumeric plus punctuation signs.