

# MIME Sniffing

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# Abstract

The MIME Sniffing standard defines sniffing resources.

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## § 1. Introduction

The HTTP Content-Type header field is intended to indicate the MIME type of an HTTP response. However, many HTTP servers supply a Content-Type header field value that does not match the actual contents of the response. Historically, web browsers have tolerated these servers by examining the content of HTTP responses in addition to the Content-Type header field in order to determine the effective MIME type of the response.

Without a clear specification for how to "sniff" the MIME type, each user agent has been forced to reverse-engineer the algorithms of other user agents in order to maintain interoperability. Inevitably, these efforts have not been entirely successful, resulting in divergent behaviors among user agents. In some cases, these divergent behaviors have had security implications, as a user agent could interpret an HTTP response as a different MIME type than the server intended.

These security issues are most severe when an "honest" server allows potentially malicious users to upload their own files and then serves the contents of those files with a low-privilege MIME type. For example, if a server believes that the client will treat a contributed file as an image (and thus treat it as benign), but a user agent believes the content to be HTML (and thus privileged to execute any scripts contained therein), an attacker might be able to steal the user's authentication credentials and mount other cross-site scripting attacks. (Malicious servers, of course, can specify an arbitrary MIME type in the Content-Type header field.)

This document describes a content sniffing algorithm that carefully balances the compatibility needs of user agent with the security constraints imposed by existing web content. The algorithm originated from research conducted by Adam Barth, Juan Caballero, and Dawn Song, based on content sniffing algorithms present in popular user agents, an extensive database of existing web content, and metrics collected from implementations deployed to a sizable number of users. [\[SECCONTSNIFF\]](#)

## § 2. Conformance requirements

The keywords "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "NOT RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in RFC 2119. For readability, these keywords will generally not appear in all uppercase letters. [\[RFC2119\]](#)

Requirements phrased in the imperative as part of algorithms (such as "strip any leading space characters" or "return false and abort these steps") are to be interpreted with the meaning of the keyword used in introducing the algorithm.

Conformance requirements phrased as algorithms or specific steps can be implemented in any manner, so long as the end result is equivalent. In particular, note that the algorithms defined in this specification are intended to be easy to understand and are not intended to be performant.

## § 3. Terminology

This specification depends on the Infra Standard. [\[INFRA\]](#)

An **HTTP token code point** is U+0021 (!), U+0023 (#), U+0024 (\$), U+0025 (%), U+0026 (&), U+0027 ('), U+002A (\*), U+002B (+), U+002D (-), U+002E (.), U+005E (^), U+005F (\_), U+0060 (`), U+007C (|), U+007E (~), or an [ASCII alphanumeric](#).

Note

*This matches the value space of the [token](#) token production. [\[HTTP\]](#)*

An **HTTP quoted-string token code point** is U+0009 TAB, a [code point](#) in the range U+0020 SPACE to U+007E (~), inclusive, or a [code point](#) in the range U+0080 through U+00FF (ÿ), inclusive.

Note

*This matches the effective value space of the [quoted-string](#) token production. By definition it is a superset of the [HTTP token code points](#). [\[HTTP\]](#)*

A **binary data byte** is a [byte](#) in the range 0x00 to 0x08 (NUL to BS), the [byte](#) 0x0B (VT), a [byte](#) in the range 0x0E to 0x1A (SO to SUB), or a [byte](#) in the range 0x1C to 0x1F (FS to US).

A **whitespace byte** (abbreviated 0xWS) is any one of the following [bytes](#): 0x09 (HT), 0x0A (LF), 0x0C (FF), 0x0D (CR), 0x20 (SP).

A **tag-terminating byte** (abbreviated 0xTT) is any one of the following [bytes](#): 0x20 (SP), 0x3E (">").

Equations are using the mathematical operators as defined in [\[ENCODING\]](#). In addition, the bitwise NOT is represented by  $\sim$ .

## § 4. MIME types

### § 4.1. MIME type representation

A **MIME type** represents an *internet media type* as defined by *Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) Part Two: Media Types*. It can also be referred to as a [MIME type record](#). [\[MIMETYPE\]](#)

Note

*Standards are encouraged to consistently use the term [MIME type](#) to avoid confusion with the use of media type as described in Media Queries. [\[MEDIAQUERIES\]](#)*

A [MIME type](#)'s **type** is a non-empty [ASCII string](#).

A [MIME type](#)'s **subtype** is a non-empty [ASCII string](#).

A [MIME type](#)'s **parameters** is an [ordered map](#) whose [keys](#) and [values](#) are [ASCII strings](#). It is initially empty.

### § 4.2. MIME type miscellaneous

The **essence** of a [MIME type](#) *mimeType* is *mimeType*'s [type](#), followed by U+002F (/), followed by *mimeType*'s [subtype](#).

A [MIME type](#) is **supported by the user agent** if the user agent has the capability to interpret a [resource](#) of that [MIME type](#) and present it to the user.

This needs more work. See [w3c/preload #113](#).

### § 4.3. MIME type writing

A **valid MIME type string** is a string that matches the [media-type](#) token production. In particular, a [valid MIME type string](#) may include [parameters](#). [\[RFC7231\]](#)

Note

*A [valid MIME type string](#) is supposed to be used for conformance checkers only.*

Example

"text/html" is a [valid MIME type string](#).

"text/html;" is not a [valid MIME type string](#), though [parse a MIME type](#) returns a [MIME type record](#) for it identical to if the input had been "text/html".

A **valid MIME type string with no parameters** is a [valid MIME type string](#) that does not contain U+003B (;).

## § 4.4. Parsing a MIME type

To **parse a MIME type**, given a string *input*, run these steps:

1. Remove any leading and trailing [HTTP whitespace](#) from *input*.
2. Let *position* be a [position variable](#) for *input*, initially pointing at the start of *input*.
3. Let *type* be the result of [collecting a sequence of code points](#) that are not U+002F (/) from *input*, given *position*.
4. If *type* is the empty string or does not solely contain [HTTP token code points](#), then return failure.
5. If *position* is past the end of *input*, then return failure.
6. Advance *position* by 1. (This skips past U+002F (/).)
7. Let *subtype* be the result of [collecting a sequence of code points](#) that are not U+003B (;) from *input*, given *position*.
8. Remove any trailing [HTTP whitespace](#) from *subtype*.
9. If *subtype* is the empty string or does not solely contain [HTTP token code points](#), then return failure.
10. Let *mimeType* be a new [MIME type record](#) whose *type* is *type*, in [ASCII lowercase](#), and *subtype* is *subtype*, in [ASCII lowercase](#).
11. While *position* is not past the end of *input*:
  1. Advance *position* by 1. (This skips past U+003B (;).)
  2. [Collect a sequence of code points](#) that are [HTTP whitespace](#) from *input* given *position*.

Note

*This is roughly equivalent to [skip ASCII whitespace](#), except that [HTTP whitespace](#) is used rather than [ASCII whitespace](#).*

3. Let *parameterName* be the result of [collecting a sequence of code points](#) that are not U+003B (;) or U+003D (=) from *input*, given *position*.
4. Set *parameterName* to *parameterName*, in [ASCII lowercase](#).
5. If *position* is not past the end of *input*, then:
  1. If the [code point](#) at *position* within *input* is U+003B (;), then [continue](#).
  2. Advance *position* by 1. (This skips past U+003D (=).)
6. If *position* is past the end of *input*, then [break](#).
7. Let *parameterValue* be null.
8. If the [code point](#) at *position* within *input* is U+0022 ("), then:
  1. Set *parameterValue* to the result of [collecting an HTTP quoted string](#) from *input*, given *position* and the *extract-value* flag.

2. [Collect a sequence of code points](#) that are not U+003B (;) from *input*, given *position*.

¶ Example

Given `text/html; charset="shift_jis"iso-2022-jp` you end up with `text/html; charset=shift_jis`.

9. Otherwise:

1. Set *parameterValue* to the result of [collecting a sequence of code points](#) that are not U+003B (;) from *input*, given *position*.
2. Remove any trailing [HTTP whitespace](#) from *parameterValue*.
3. If *parameterValue* is the empty string, then [continue](#).

10. If all of the following are true

- *parameterName* is not the empty string
- *parameterName* solely contains [HTTP token code points](#)
- *parameterValue* solely contains [HTTP quoted-string token code points](#)
- *mimeType*'s [parameters](#)[*parameterName*] [does not exist](#)

then [set](#) *mimeType*'s [parameters](#)[*parameterName*] to *parameterValue*.

12. Return *mimeType*.

To **parse a MIME type from bytes**, given a [byte sequence](#) *input*, run these steps:

1. Let *string* be *input*, [isomorphic decoded](#).
2. Return the result of [parse a MIME type](#) with *string*.

## § 4.5. Serializing a MIME type

To **serialize a MIME type**, given a [MIME type](#) *mimeType*, run these steps:

1. Let *serialization* be the concatenation of *mimeType*'s [type](#), U+002F (/), and *mimeType*'s [subtype](#).
2. [For each](#) *name* → *value* of *mimeType*'s [parameters](#):
  1. Append U+003B (;) to *serialization*.
  2. Append *name* to *serialization*.
  3. Append U+003D (=) to *serialization*.
  4. If *value* does not solely contain [HTTP token code points](#) or *value* is the empty string, then:
    1. Precede each occurrence of U+0022 (") or U+005C (\) in *value* with U+005C (\).
    2. Prepend U+0022 (") to *value*.
    3. Append U+0022 (") to *value*.



5. Append *value* to *serialization*.

3. Return *serialization*.

To **serialize a MIME type to bytes**, given a [MIME type](#) *mimeType*, run these steps:

1. Let *stringSerialization* be the result of [serialize a MIME type](#) with *mimeType*.
2. Return *stringSerialization*, [isomorphic encoded](#).

## § 4.6. MIME type groups

An **image MIME type** is a [MIME type](#) whose [type](#) is "image".

An **audio or video MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [type](#) is "audio" or "video", or whose [essence](#) is "application/ogg".

A **font MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [type](#) is "font", or whose [essence](#) is one of the following: [\[RFC8081\]](#)

- application/font-cff
- application/font-off
- application/font-sfnt
- application/font-ttf
- application/font-woff
- application/vnd.ms-fontobject
- application/vnd.ms-opentype

A **ZIP-based MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [subtype](#) ends in "+zip" or whose [essence](#) is one of the following:

- application/zip

An **archive MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [essence](#) is one of the following:

- application/x-rar-compressed
- application/zip
- application/x-gzip

An **XML MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [subtype](#) ends in "+xml" or whose [essence](#) is "text/xml" or "application/xml". [\[RFC7303\]](#)

An **HTML MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [essence](#) is "text/html".

A **scriptable MIME type** is an [XML MIME type](#), [HTML MIME type](#), or any [MIME type](#) whose [essence](#) is "application/pdf".

A **JavaScript MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [essence](#) is one of the following:

- application/ecmascript
- application/javascript
- application/x-ecmascript
- application/x-javascript
- text/ecmascript
- text/javascript
- text/javascript1.0
- text/javascript1.1
- text/javascript1.2

- text/javascript1.3
- text/javascript1.4
- text/javascript1.5
- text/jscript
- text/livescript
- text/x-ecmascript
- text/x-javascript

A [string](#) is a **JavaScript MIME type essence match** if it is an [ASCII case-insensitive](#) match for one of the [JavaScript MIME type](#) essence strings.

Note

*This hook is used by the [type](#) attribute of [script](#) elements.*

A **JSON MIME type** is any [MIME type](#) whose [subtype](#) ends in "+json" or whose [essence](#) is "application/json" or "text/json".

## § 5. Handling a resource

A **resource** is ....

For each [resource](#) it handles, the user agent must keep track of the following associated metadata:

- A **supplied MIME type**, the [MIME type](#) determined by the [supplied MIME type detection algorithm](#).
- A **check-for-apache-bug flag**, which defaults to unset.
- A **no-sniff flag**, which defaults to set if the user agent does not wish to perform sniffing on the [resource](#) and unset otherwise.

Note

*The user agent can choose to use outside information, such as previous experience with a site, to determine whether to opt out of sniffing for a particular [resource](#). The user agent can also choose to opt out of sniffing for all [resources](#). However, opting out of sniffing does not exempt the user agent from using the [MIME type sniffing algorithm](#).*

- A **computed MIME type**, the [MIME type](#) determined by the [MIME type sniffing algorithm](#).

### § 5.1. Interpreting the resource metadata

The [supplied MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) is provided to the user agent by an external source associated with that [resource](#). The method of obtaining this information varies depending upon how the [resource](#) is retrieved.

To determine the [supplied MIME type](#) of a [resource](#), user agents must use the following **supplied MIME type detection algorithm**:

1. Let *supplied-type* be null.
2. If the [resource](#) is retrieved via HTTP, execute the following steps:
  1. If one or more Content-Type headers are associated with the [resource](#), execute the following steps:
    1. Set *supplied-type* to the value of the last Content-Type header associated with the [resource](#).

Note

*File extensions are not used to determine the [supplied MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) retrieved via HTTP because they are unreliable and easily spoofed.*

2. Set the [check-for-apache-bug flag](#) if *supplied-type* is **exactly** equal to one of the values in the following table:

Bytes in Hexadecimal	Bytes in ASCII
74 65 78 74 2F 70 6C 61 69 65	text/plain

Bytes in Hexadecimal	Bytes in ASCII
74 65 78 74 2F 70 6C 61 69 6E 3B 20 63 68 61 72 73 65 74 3D 49 53 4F 2D 38 38 35 39 2D 31	text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1
74 65 78 74 2F 70 6C 61 69 6E 3B 20 63 68 61 72 73 65 74 3D 69 73 6F 2D 38 38 35 39 2D 31	text/plain; charset=iso-8859-1
74 65 78 74 2F 70 6C 61 69 6E 3B 20 63 68 61 72 73 65 74 3D 55 54 46 2D 38	text/plain; charset=UTF-8

#### Note

*The [supplied MIME type detection algorithm](#) detects these exact [byte](#) sequences because some older installations of Apache contain [a bug](#) that causes them to supply one of these Content-Type headers when serving files with unrecognized [MIME types](#).*

#### [HTTP]

3. If the [resource](#) is retrieved directly from the file system, set *supplied-type* to the [MIME type](#) provided by the file system.
4. If the [resource](#) is retrieved via another protocol (such as FTP), set *supplied-type* to the [MIME type](#) as determined by that protocol, if any.

#### [FTP]

5. If *supplied-type* is not a [MIME type](#), the [supplied MIME type](#) is undefined.

Abort these steps.

6. The [supplied MIME type](#) is *supplied-type*.

## § 5.2. Reading the resource header

A **resource header** is the [byte sequence](#) at the beginning of a [resource](#), as determined by [reading the resource header](#).

To **read the resource header**, perform the following steps:

1. Let *buffer* be a [byte sequence](#).
2. Read [bytes](#) of the [resource](#) into *buffer* until one of the following conditions is met:
  - the end of the [resource](#) is reached.
  - the number of [bytes](#) in *buffer* is greater than or equal to 1445.
  - a reasonable amount of time has elapsed, as determined by the user agent.

#### Note

*If the number of [bytes](#) in *buffer* is greater than or equal to 1445, the [MIME type sniffing algorithm](#) will be deterministic for the majority of cases.*

However, certain factors (such as a slow connection) may prevent the user agent from reading 1445 [bytes](#) in a reasonable amount of time.

3. The [resource header](#) is *buffer*.

Note

*The [resource header](#) need only be determined once per [resource](#).*

## § 6. Matching a MIME type pattern

A **byte pattern** is a [byte sequence](#) used as a template to be matched against in the [pattern matching algorithm](#).

A **pattern mask** is a [byte sequence](#) used to determine the significance of [bytes](#) being compared against a [byte pattern](#) in the [pattern matching algorithm](#).

Note

*In a [pattern mask](#), 0xFF indicates the [byte](#) is strictly significant, 0xDF indicates that the [byte](#) is significant in an ASCII case-insensitive way, and 0x00 indicates that the [byte](#) is not significant.*

To determine whether a [byte sequence](#) matches a particular [byte pattern](#), use the following **pattern matching algorithm**. It is given a [byte sequence](#) *input*, a [byte pattern](#) *pattern*, a [pattern mask](#) *mask*, and a [set](#) of [bytes](#) to be ignored *ignored*, and returns true or false.

1. Assert: *pattern*'s [length](#) is equal to *mask*'s [length](#).
2. If *input*'s [length](#) is less than *pattern*'s [length](#), return false.
3. Let *s* be 0.
4. While *s* < *input*'s [length](#):
  1. If *ignored* does not [contain](#) *input*[*s*], [break](#).
  2. Set *s* to *s* + 1.
5. Let *p* be 0.
6. While *p* < *pattern*'s [length](#):
  1. Let *maskedData* be the result of applying the bitwise AND operator to *input*[*s*] and *mask*[*p*].
  2. If *maskedData* is not equal to *pattern*[*p*], return false.
  3. Set *s* to *s* + 1.
  4. Set *p* to *p* + 1.
7. Return true.

### § 6.1. Matching an image type pattern

To determine which [image MIME type byte pattern](#) a [byte sequence](#) *input* matches, if any, use the following **image type pattern matching algorithm**:

1. Execute the following steps for each row *row* in the following table:
  1. Let *patternMatched* be the result of the [pattern matching algorithm](#) given *input*, the value in the first column of *row*, the value in the second column of *row*, and the value in the third column of *row*.
  2. If *patternMatched* is true, return the value in the fourth column of *row*.

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	<a href="#">Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</a>	<a href="#">Image MIME Type</a>	Note
00 00 01 00	FF FF FF FF	None.	image/x-icon	A Windows Icon signature.
00 00 02 00	FF FF FF FF	None.	image/x-icon	A Windows Cursor signature.
42 4D	FF FF	None.	image/bmp	The string "BM", a BMP signature.
47 49 46 38 37 61	FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	image/gif	The string "GIF87a", a GIF signature.
47 49 46 38 39 61	FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	image/gif	The string "GIF89a", a GIF signature.
52 49 46 46 00 00 00 00 57 45 42 50 56 50	FF FF FF FF 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	image/webp	The string "RIFF" followed by four <a href="#">bytes</a> followed by the string "WEBPVP".
89 50 4E 47 0D 0A 1A 0A	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	image/png	An error-checking <a href="#">byte</a> followed by the string "PNG" followed by CR LF SUB LF, the PNG signature.
FF D8 FF	FF FF FF	None.	image/jpeg	The JPEG Start of Image marker followed by the indicator <a href="#">byte</a> of another marker.

2. Return undefined.

## § 6.2. Matching an audio or video type pattern

To determine which [audio or video MIME type byte pattern](#) a [byte sequence](#) *input* matches, if any, use the following **audio or video type pattern matching algorithm**:

- Execute the following steps for each row *row* in the following table:
  - Let *patternMatched* be the result of the [pattern matching algorithm](#) given *input*, the value in the first column of *row*, the value in the second column of *row*, and the value in the third column of *row*.
  - If *patternMatched* is true, return the value in the fourth column of *row*.

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	<a href="#">Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</a>	<a href="#">Audio or Video MIME Type</a>	Note
2E 73 6E 64	FF FF FF FF	None.	audio/basic	The string ".snd", the basic audio signature.
46 4F 52 4D 00 00 00 00 41 49 46 46	FF FF FF FF 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	None.	audio/aiff	The string "FORM" followed by four <a href="#">bytes</a> followed by the string "AIFF", the AIFF signature.
49 44 33	FF FF FF	None.	audio/mpeg	The string "ID3", the ID3v2-tagged MP3 signature.
4F 67 67 53 00	FF FF FF FF FF	None.	application/ogg	The string "OggS" followed by NUL, the Ogg container signature.

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	<a href="#">Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</a>	<a href="#">Audio or Video MIME Type</a>	<a href="#">Note</a>
4D 54 68 64 00 00 00 06	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	audio/midi	The string "MThd" followed by four <a href="#">bytes</a> representing the number 6 in 32 bits (big-endian), the MIDI signature.
52 49 46 46 00 00 00 00 41 56 49 20	FF FF FF FF 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	None.	video/avi	The string "RIFF" followed by four <a href="#">bytes</a> followed by the string "AVI ", the AVI signature.
52 49 46 46 00 00 00 00 57 41 56 45	FF FF FF FF 00 00 00 00 FF FF FF FF	None.	audio/wave	The string "RIFF" followed by four <a href="#">bytes</a> followed by the string "WAVE", the WAVE signature.

- If *input* [matches the signature for MP4](#), return "video/mp4".
- If *input* [matches the signature for WebM](#), return "video/webm".
- If *input* [matches the signature for MP3 without ID3](#), return "audio/mpeg".
- Return undefined.

### § 6.2.1. Signature for MP4

To determine whether a [byte sequence](#) **matches the signature for MP4**, use the following steps:

- Let *sequence* be the [byte sequence](#) to be matched, where *sequence*[*s*] is [byte](#) *s* in *sequence* and *sequence*[0] is the first [byte](#) in *sequence*.
- Let *length* be the number of [bytes](#) in *sequence*.
- If *length* is less than 12, return false.
- Let *box-size* be the four [bytes](#) from *sequence*[0] to *sequence*[3], interpreted as a 32-bit unsigned big-endian integer.
- If *length* is less than *box-size* or if *box-size* modulo 4 is not equal to 0, return false.
- If the four [bytes](#) from *sequence*[4] to *sequence*[7] are not equal to 0x66 0x74 0x79 0x70 ("ftyp"), return false.
- If the three [bytes](#) from *sequence*[8] to *sequence*[10] are equal to 0x6D 0x70 0x34 ("mp4"), return true.
- Let *bytes-read* be 16.

Note

*This ignores the four [bytes](#) that correspond to the version number of the "major brand".*

- While *bytes-read* is less than *box-size*, continuously loop through these steps:
  - If the three [bytes](#) from *sequence*[*bytes-read*] to *sequence*[*bytes-read* + 2] are equal to 0x6D 0x70 0x34 ("mp4"), return true.
  - Increment *bytes-read* by 4.



10. Return false.

### § 6.2.2. Signature for WebM

To determine whether a [byte sequence](#) matches the signature for WebM, use the following steps:

1. Let *sequence* be the [byte sequence](#) to be matched, where *sequence*[*s*] is [byte](#) *s* in *sequence* and *sequence*[0] is the first [byte](#) in *sequence*.
2. Let *length* be the number of [bytes](#) in *sequence*.
3. If *length* is less than 4, return false.
4. If the four [bytes](#) from *sequence*[0] to *sequence*[3], are not equal to 0x1A 0x45 0xDF 0xA3, return false.
5. Let *iter* be 4.
6. While *iter* is less than *length* and *iter* is less than 38, continuously loop through these steps:
  1. If the two bytes from *sequence*[*iter*] to *sequence*[*iter* + 1] are equal to 0x42 0x82,
    1. Increment *iter* by 2.
    2. If *iter* is greater or equal than *length*, abort these steps.
    3. Let *number size* be the result of [parsing a vint](#) starting at *sequence*[*iter*].
    4. Increment *iter* by *number size*.
    5. If *iter* is less than *length* - 4, abort these steps.
    6. Let *matched* be the result of [matching a padded sequence](#) 0x77 0x65 0x62 0x6D ("webm") on *sequence* at offset *iter*.
    7. If *matched* is true, abort these steps and return true.
  2. Increment *iter* by 1.
7. Return false.

To **parse a vint** on a [byte sequence](#) *sequence* of size *length*, starting at index *iter* use the following steps:

1. Let *mask* be 128.
2. Let *max vint length* be 8.
3. Let *number size* be 1.
4. While *number size* is less than *max vint length*, and less than *length*, continuously loop through these steps:
  1. If the *sequence*[*index*] & *mask* is not zero, abort these steps.
  2. Let *mask* be the value of *mask* >> 1.
  3. Increment *number size* by one.
5. Let *index* be 0.
6. Let *parsed number* be *sequence*[*index*] & ~*mask*.
7. Increment *index* by one.
8. Let *bytes remaining* be the value of *number size*.

9. While *bytes remaining* is not zero, execute these steps:
  1. Let *parsed number* be *parsed number* << 8.
  2. Let *parsed number* be *parsed number* | *sequence[index]*.
  3. Increment *index* by one.
  4. If *index* is greater or equal than *length*, abort these steps.
  5. Decrement *bytes remaining* by one.

10. Return *parsed number* and *number size*

**Matching a padded sequence pattern** on a sequence *sequence* at starting at byte *offset* and ending at by *end* means returning true if *sequence* has a length greater than *end*, and contains exactly, in the range [*offset*, *end*], the bytes in *pattern*, in the same order, eventually preceded by bytes with a value of 0x00, false otherwise.

### § 6.2.3. Signature for MP3 without ID3

To determine whether a [byte sequence](#) matches the signature for MP3 without ID3, use the following steps:

1. Let *sequence* be the [byte sequence](#) to be matched, where *sequence[s]* is [byte s](#) in *sequence* and *sequence[0]* is the first [byte](#) in *sequence*.
2. Let *length* be the number of [bytes](#) in *sequence*.
3. Initialize *s* to 0.
4. If the result of the operation [match mp3 header](#) is false, return false.
5. [Parse an mp3 frame](#) on *sequence* at offset *s*
6. Let *skipped-bytes* be the return value of the execution of [mp3 framesize computation](#)
7. If *skipped-bytes* is less than 4, or *skipped-bytes* is greater than *s - length*, return false.
8. Increment *s* by *skipped-bytes*.
9. If the result of the operation [match mp3 header](#) operation is false, return false, else, return true.

To **match an mp3 header**, using a [byte sequence](#) *sequence* of length *length* at offset *s* execute these steps:

1. If *length* is less than 4, return false.
2. If *sequence[s]* is not equal to 0xff and *sequence[s + 1]* & 0xe0 is not equal to 0xe0, return false.
3. Let *layer* be the result of *sequence[s + 1]* & 0x06 >> 1.
4. If *layer* is 0, return false.
5. Let *bit-rate* be *sequence[s + 2]* & 0xf0 >> 4.
6. If *bit-rate* is 15, return false.
7. Let *sample-rate* be *sequence[s + 2]* & 0x0c >> 2.

8. If *sample-rate* is 3, return false.
9. Let *freq* be the value given by *sample-rate* in the table *sample-rate*.
10. Let *final-layer* be the result of  $4 - (\text{sequence}[s + 1])$ .
11. If *final-layer* & 0x06 >> 1 is not 3, return false.
12. Return true.

To **compute an mp3 frame size**, execute these steps:

1. If *version* is 1, let *scale* be 72, else, let *scale* be 144.
2. Let *size* be  $\text{bitrate} * \text{scale} / \text{freq}$ .
3. If *pad* is not zero, increment *size* by 1.
4. Return *size*.

To **parse an mp3 frame**, execute these steps:

1. Let *version* be  $\text{sequence}[s + 1] \& 0x18 \gg 3$ .
2. Let *bitrate-index* be  $\text{sequence}[s + 2] \& 0xf0 \gg 4$ .
3. If the *version* & 0x01 is non-zero, let *bitrate* be the value given by *bitrate-index* in the table *mp2.5-rates*
4. If *version* & 0x01 is zero, let *bitrate* be the value given by *bitrate-index* in the table *mp3-rates*
5. Let *samplerate-index* be  $\text{sequence}[s + 2] \& 0x0c \gg 2$ .
6. Let *samplerate* be the value given by *samplerate-index* in the *sample-rate* table.
7. Let *pad* be  $\text{sequence}[s + 2] \& 0x02 \gg 1$ .

mp3-rates table

index	mp3-rates
0	0
1	32000
2	40000
3	48000
4	56000
5	64000
6	80000
7	96000
8	112000
9	128000
10	160000
11	192000
12	224000
13	256000
14	320000

mp2.5-rates

index	mp2.5-rates
0	0
1	8000
2	16000
3	24000
4	32000
5	40000
6	48000
7	56000
8	64000
9	80000
10	96000
11	112000
12	128000
13	144000
14	160000

sample-rate table

index	samplerate
0	44100
1	48000
2	32000

## § 6.3. Matching a font type pattern

To determine which [font MIME type byte pattern](#) a [byte sequence](#) *input* matches, if any, use the following **font type pattern matching algorithm**:

1. Execute the following steps for each row *row* in the following table:
  1. Let *patternMatched* be the result of the [pattern matching algorithm](#) given *input*, the value in the first column of *row*, the value in the second column of *row*, and the value in the third column of *row*.
  2. If *patternMatched* is true, return the value in the fourth column of *row*.

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	Leading <a href="#">Bytes</a> to Be Ignored	<a href="#">Font MIME Type</a>	Note
00 4C 50	00 FF FF	None.	application/vnd.ms-fontobject	34 <a href="#">bytes</a> followed by the string "LP", the Embedded OpenType signature.
00 01 00 00	FF FF FF FF	None.	font/ttf	4 <a href="#">bytes</a> representing the version number 1.0, a TrueType signature.

<u>Byte Pattern</u>	<u>Pattern Mask</u>	<u>Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</u>	<u>Font MIME Type</u>	<u>Note</u>
4F 54 54 4F	FF FF FF FF	None.	font/otf	The string "OTTO", the OpenType signature.
74 74 63 66	FF FF FF FF	None.	font/collection	The string "ttcf", the TrueType Collection signature.
77 4F 46 46	FF FF FF FF	None.	font/woff	The string "wOFF", the Web Open Font Format 1.0 signature.
77 4F 46 32	FF FF FF FF	None.	font/woff2	The string "wOF2", the Web Open Font Format 2.0 signature.

2. Return undefined.

## § 6.4. Matching an archive type pattern

To determine which [archive MIME type byte pattern](#) a [byte sequence](#) *input* matches, if any, use the following **archive type pattern matching algorithm**:

- Execute the following steps for each row *row* in the following table:
  - Let *patternMatched* be the result of the [pattern matching algorithm](#) given *input*, the value in the first column of *row*, the value in the second column of *row*, and the value in the third column of *row*.
  - If *patternMatched* is true, return the value in the fourth column of *row*.

<u>Byte Pattern</u>	<u>Pattern Mask</u>	<u>Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</u>	<u>Archive MIME Type</u>	<u>Note</u>
1F 8B 08	FF FF FF	None.	application/x-gzip	The GZIP archive signature.
50 4B 03 04	FF FF FF FF	None.	application/zip	The string "PK" followed by ETX EOT, the ZIP archive signature.
52 61 72 20 1A 07 00	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	application/x-rar-compressed	The string "Rar " followed by SUB BEL NUL, the RAR archive signature.

2. Return undefined.

## § 7. Determining the computed MIME type of a resource

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#), user agents must use the following **MIME type sniffing algorithm**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is undefined or if the [supplied MIME type](#)'s [essence](#) is "unknown/unknown", "application/unknown", or "\*/\*", execute the [rules for identifying an unknown MIME type](#) with the [sniff-scriptable flag](#) equal to the inverse of the [no-sniff flag](#) and abort these steps.
2. If the [no-sniff flag](#) is set, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).  
Abort these steps.
3. If the [check-for-apache-bug flag](#) is set, execute the [rules for distinguishing if a resource is text or binary](#) and abort these steps.
4. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is an [XML MIME type](#), the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).  
Abort these steps.
5. If the [supplied MIME type](#)'s [essence](#) is "text/html", execute the [rules for distinguishing if a resource is a feed or HTML](#) and abort these steps.
6. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is an [image MIME type supported by the user agent](#), let *matched-type* be the result of executing the [image type pattern matching algorithm](#) with the [resource header](#) as the [byte sequence](#) to be matched.
7. If *matched-type* is not undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is *matched-type*.  
Abort these steps.
8. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is an [audio or video MIME type supported by the user agent](#), let *matched-type* be the result of executing the [audio or video type pattern matching algorithm](#) with the [resource header](#) as the [byte sequence](#) to be matched.
9. If *matched-type* is not undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is *matched-type*.  
Abort these steps.
10. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

### § 7.1. Identifying a resource with an unknown MIME type

The **sniff-scriptable flag** is used by the [rules for identifying an unknown MIME type](#) to determine whether to sniff for [scriptable MIME types](#).

If the setting of the [sniff-scriptable flag](#) is not specified when calling the [rules for identifying an unknown MIME type](#), the [sniff-scriptable flag](#) must default to unset.

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) resource with an unknown [MIME type](#), execute the following **rules for identifying an unknown MIME type**:

1. If the [sniff-scriptable flag](#) is set, execute the following steps for each row *row* in the following table:

1. Let *patternMatched* be the result of the [pattern matching algorithm](#) given *resource's resource header*, the value in the first column of *row*, the value in the second column of *row*, and the value in the third column of *row*.
2. If *patternMatched* is true, return the value in the fourth column of *row*.

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	<a href="#">Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</a>	<a href="#">Computed MIME Type</a>	<a href="#">Note</a>
3C 21 44 4F 43 54 59 50 45 20 48 54 4D 4C TT	FF FF DF DF DF DF DF DF DF FF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<!DOCTYPE HTML" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 48 54 4D 4C TT	FF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<HTML" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 48 45 41 44 TT	FF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<HEAD" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 53 43 52 49 50 54 TT	FF DF DF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<SCRIPT" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 49 46 52 41 4D 45 TT	FF DF DF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<IFRAME" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 48 31 TT	FF DF FF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<H1" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 44 49 56 TT	FF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<DIV" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 46 4F 4E 54 TT	FF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<FONT" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 54 41 42 4C 45 TT	FF DF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<TABLE" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 41 TT	FF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<A" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 53 54 59 4C 45 TT	FF DF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<STYLE" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 54 49 54 4C 45 TT	FF DF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<TITLE" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 42 TT	FF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<B" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	<a href="#">Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</a>	<a href="#">Computed MIME Type</a>	<a href="#">Note</a>
3C 42 4F 44 59 TT	FF DF DF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<BODY" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 42 52 TT	FF DF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<BR" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 50 TT	FF DF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The case-insensitive string "<P" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 21 2D 2D TT	FF FF FF FF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/html	The string "<! - -" followed by a <a href="#">tag-terminating byte</a> .
3C 3F 78 6D 6C	FF FF FF FF FF	<a href="#">Whitespace bytes.</a>	text/xml	The string "<?xml".
25 50 44 46 2D	FF FF FF FF FF	None.	application/pdf	The string "%PDF-", the PDF signature.

What about feeds?

2. Execute the following steps for each row *row* in the following table:

- Let *patternMatched* be the result of the [pattern matching algorithm](#) given *resource*'s [resource header](#), the value in the first column of *row*, the value in the second column of *row*, and the value in the third column of *row*.
- If *patternMatched* is true, return the value in the fourth column of *row*.

<a href="#">Byte Pattern</a>	<a href="#">Pattern Mask</a>	<a href="#">Leading Bytes to Be Ignored</a>	<a href="#">Computed MIME Type</a>	<a href="#">Note</a>
25 21 50 53 2D 41 64 6F 62 65 2D	FF FF FF FF FF FF FF FF	None.	application/postscript	The string "%!PS-Adobe-", the PostScript signature.
FE FF 00 00	FF FF 00 00	None.	text/plain	UTF-16BE BOM
FF FE 00 00	FF FF 00 00	None.	text/plain	UTF-16LE BOM
EF BB BF 00	FF FF FF 00	None.	text/plain	UTF-8 BOM

User agents may implicitly extend this table to support additional [MIME types](#).

However, user agents should not implicitly extend this table to include additional [byte patterns](#) for any [computed MIME type](#) already present in this table, as doing so could introduce privilege escalation vulnerabilities.

User agents must not introduce any privilege escalation vulnerabilities when extending this table.

- Let *matchedType* be the result of executing the [image type pattern matching algorithm](#) given *resource*'s [resource header](#).
- If *matchedType* is not undefined, return *matchedType*.
- Set *matchedType* to the result of executing the [audio or video type pattern matching algorithm](#) given *resource*'s [resource header](#).



6. If *matchedType* is not undefined, return *matchedType*.
7. Set *matchedType* to the result of executing the [archive type pattern matching algorithm](#) given *resource*'s [resource header](#).
8. If *matchedType* is not undefined, return *matchedType*.
9. If *resource*'s [resource header](#) contains no [binary data bytes](#), return "text/plain".
10. Return "application/octet-stream".

## § 7.2. Sniffing a mislabeled binary resource

To determine whether a binary [resource](#) has been mislabeled as plain text, execute the following **rules for distinguishing if a resource is text or binary**:

1. Let *length* be the number of [bytes](#) in the [resource header](#).
2. If *length* is greater than or equal to 2 and the first 2 bytes of the [resource header](#) are equal to 0xFE 0xFF (UTF-16BE BOM) or 0xFF 0xFE (UTF-16LE BOM), the [computed MIME type](#) is "text/plain".

Abort these steps.

3. If *length* is greater than or equal to 3 and the first 3 bytes of the [resource header](#) are equal to 0xEF 0xBB 0xBF (UTF-8 BOM), the [computed MIME type](#) is "text/plain".

Abort these steps.

4. If the [resource header](#) contains no [binary data bytes](#), the [computed MIME type](#) is "text/plain".

Abort these steps.

5. The [computed MIME type](#) is "application/octet-stream".

⚠Warning!

***It is critical that the [rules for distinguishing if a resource is text or binary](#) never determine the [computed MIME type](#) to be a [scriptable MIME type](#), as this could allow a privilege escalation attack.***

## § 7.3. Sniffing a mislabeled feed

To determine whether a feed has been mislabeled as HTML, execute the following **rules for distinguishing if a resource is a feed or HTML**:

1. Let *sequence* be the [resource header](#), where *sequence*[*s*] is [byte](#) *s* in *sequence* and *sequence*[0] is the first [byte](#) in *sequence*.
2. Let *length* be the number of [bytes](#) in *sequence*.

3. Initialize  $s$  to 0.

4. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to 3 and the three [bytes](#) from  $sequence[0]$  to  $sequence[2]$  are equal to 0xEF 0xBB 0xBF (UTF-8 BOM), increment  $s$  by 3.

5. While  $s$  is less than  $length$ , continuously loop through these steps:

1. Enter loop  $L$ :

1. If  $sequence[s]$  is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If  $sequence[s]$  is equal to 0x3C (" $<$ "), increment  $s$  by 1 and exit loop  $L$ .

3. If  $sequence[s]$  is not a [whitespace byte](#), the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

4. Increment  $s$  by 1.

2. Enter loop  $L$ :

1. If  $sequence[s]$  is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to  $s + 3$  and the three [bytes](#) from  $sequence[s]$  to  $sequence[s + 2]$  are equal to 0x21 0x2D 0x2D (" $! - -$ "), increment  $s$  by 3 and enter loop  $M$ :

1. If  $sequence[s]$  is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to  $s + 3$  and the three [bytes](#) from  $sequence[s]$  to  $sequence[s + 2]$  are equal to 0x2D 0x2D 0x3E (" $- - >$ "), increment  $s$  by 3 and exit loops  $M$  and  $L$ .

3. Increment  $s$  by 1.

3. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to  $s + 1$  and  $sequence[s]$  is equal to 0x21 (" $!$ "), increment  $s$  by 1 and enter loop  $M$ :

1. If  $sequence[s]$  is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to  $s + 1$  and  $sequence[s]$  is equal to 0x3E (" $>$ "), increment  $s$  by 1 and exit loops  $M$  and  $L$ .

3. Increment  $s$  by 1.

4. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to  $s + 1$  and  $sequence[s]$  is equal to 0x3F (" $?$ "), increment  $s$  by 1 and enter loop  $M$ :

1. If  $sequence[s]$  is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If  $length$  is greater than or equal to  $s + 2$  and the two

[bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 1]* are equal to 0x3F 0x3E ("?>"), increment *s* by 2 and exit loops *M* and *L*.

3. Increment *s* by 1.

5. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s + 3* and the three [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 2]* are equal to 0x72 0x73 0x73 ("rss"), the [computed MIME type](#) is "application/rss+xml".

Abort these steps.

6. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s + 4* and the four [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 3]* are equal to 0x66 0x65 0x65 0x64 ("feed"), the [computed MIME type](#) is "application/atom+xml".

Abort these steps.

7. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s + 7* and the seven [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 6]* are equal to 0x72 0x64 0x66 0x3A 0x52 0x44 0x46 ("rdf:RDF"), increment *s* by 7 and enter loop *M*:

1. If *sequence[s]* is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s + 24* and the twenty-four [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 23]* are equal to 0x68 0x74 0x74 0x70 0x3A 0x2F 0x2F 0x70 0x75 0x72 0x6C 0x2E 0x6F 0x72 0x67 0x2F 0x72 0x73 0x73 0x2F 0x31 0x2E 0x30 0x2F ("http://purl.org/rss/1.0/"), increment *s* by 24 and enter loop *N*:

1. If *sequence[s]* is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s + 43* and the forty-three [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 42]* are equal to 0x68 0x74 0x74 0x70 0x3A 0x2F 0x2F 0x77 0x77 0x77 0x2E 0x77 0x33 0x2E 0x6F 0x72 0x67 0x2F 0x31 0x39 0x39 0x39 0x2F 0x30 0x32 0x2F 0x32 0x32 0x2D 0x72 0x64 0x66 0x2D 0x73 0x79 0x6E 0x74 0x61 0x78 0x2D 0x6E 0x73 0x23 ("http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"), the [computed MIME type](#) is "application/rss+xml".

Abort these steps.

3. Increment *s* by 1.

3. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s + 24* and the twenty-four [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s + 23]* are equal to 0x68 0x74 0x74 0x70 0x3A 0x2F 0x2F 0x77 0x77 0x77 0x2E 0x77 0x33 0x2E 0x6F 0x72 0x67 0x2F

0x31 0x39 0x39 0x39 0x2F 0x30 0x32 0x2F 0x32 0x32  
0x2D 0x72 0x64 0x66 0x2D 0x73 0x79 0x6E 0x74 0x61  
0x78 0x2D 0x6E 0x73 0x23 ("http://www.w3.org  
/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"), increment *s* by 24 and  
enter loop *N*:

1. If *sequence[s]* is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. If *length* is greater than or equal to *s* + 43 and the forty-three [bytes](#) from *sequence[s]* to *sequence[s* + 42] are equal to 0x68 0x74 0x74 0x70 0x3A 0x2F 0x2F 0x70 0x75 0x72 0x6C 0x2E 0x6F 0x72 0x67 0x2F 0x72 0x73 0x73 0x2F 0x31 0x2E 0x30 0x2F ("http://purl.org/rss/1.0/"), the [computed MIME type](#) is "application/rss+xml".

Abort these steps.

3. Increment *s* by 1.
4. Increment *s* by 1.
8. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

6. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

#### Note

*It might be more efficient for the user agent to implement the [rules for distinguishing if a resource is a feed or HTML](#) in parallel with its algorithm for detecting the character encoding of an HTML document.*

## § 8. Context-specific sniffing

A **context** is ....

In certain [contexts](#), it is only useful to identify [resources](#) that belong to a certain subset of [MIME types](#).

In such [contexts](#), it is appropriate to use a [context-specific sniffing algorithm](#) in place of the [MIME type sniffing algorithm](#) in order to determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#).

A **context-specific sniffing algorithm** determines the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) only if the [resource](#) is a [MIME type](#) relevant to a particular [context](#).

### § 8.1. Sniffing in a browsing context

Use the [MIME type sniffing algorithm](#).

### § 8.2. Sniffing in an image context

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) with an [image MIME type](#), execute the following **rules for sniffing images specifically**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is an [XML MIME type](#), the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. Let *image-type-matched* be the result of executing the [image type pattern matching algorithm](#) with the [resource header](#) as the [byte sequence](#) to be matched.

3. If *image-type-matched* is not undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is *image-type-matched*.

Abort these steps.

4. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

### § 8.3. Sniffing in an audio or video context

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) with an [audio or video MIME type](#), execute the following **rules for sniffing audio and video specifically**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is an [XML MIME type](#), the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. Let *audio-or-video-type-matched* be the result of executing the [audio or video type pattern matching algorithm](#) with the [resource header](#) as the [byte sequence](#) to be matched.
3. If *audio-or-video-type-matched* is not undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is *audio-or-video-type-matched*.

Abort these steps.

4. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

## § 8.4. Sniffing in a plugin context

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource fetched](#) in a plugin context, execute the following **rules for sniffing in a plugin context**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is "application/octet-stream".
2. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

## § 8.5. Sniffing in a style context

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource fetched](#) in a style context, execute the following **rules for sniffing in a style context**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is undefined, ....
2. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

## § 8.6. Sniffing in a script context

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource fetched](#) in a script context, execute the following **rules for sniffing in a script context**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is undefined, ....
2. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

## § 8.7. Sniffing in a font context

To determine the [computed MIME type](#) of a [resource](#) with a [font MIME type](#), execute the following **rules for sniffing fonts specifically**:

1. If the [supplied MIME type](#) is an [XML MIME type](#), the [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

Abort these steps.

2. Let *font-type-matched* be the result of executing the [font type pattern matching algorithm](#) with the [resource header](#) as the [byte sequence](#) to be matched.

3. If *font-type-matched* is not undefined, the [computed MIME type](#) is *font-type-matched*.

Abort these steps.

4. The [computed MIME type](#) is the [supplied MIME type](#).

## § 8.8. Sniffing in a text track context

The [computed MIME type](#) is "text/vtt".

## § 8.9. Sniffing in a cache manifest context

The [computed MIME type](#) is "text/cache-manifest".

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  - collecting an http quoted string
  - fetch
  - http whitespace
- [HTML] defines the following terms:
  - script
  - type
- [HTTP] defines the following terms:
  - media-type
  - quoted-string
  - token
- [INFRA] defines the following terms:
  - ascii alphanumeric
  - ascii case-insensitive
  - ascii lowercase
  - ascii string
  - ascii whitespace
  - break
  - byte
  - byte sequence
  - code point
  - collect a sequence of code points
  - collecting a sequence of code points
  - contain
  - continue
  - exist
  - for each
  - isomorphic decode
  - isomorphic encode
  - key
  - length
  - ordered map
  - position variable
  - set (for map)
  - skip ascii whitespace
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