

# :mod:`quopri` --- Encode and decode MIME quoted-printable data

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.. module:: quopri
   :synopsis: Encode and decode files using the MIME quoted-printable encoding.
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**Source code:** :source:`Lib/quopri.py`

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.. index::
   pair: quoted-printable; encoding
   single: MIME; quoted-printable encoding
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This module performs quoted-printable transport encoding and decoding, as defined in [RFC 1521](#): "MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions) Part One: Mechanisms for Specifying and Describing the Format of Internet Message Bodies". The quoted-printable encoding is designed for data where there are relatively few nonprintable characters; the base64 encoding scheme available via the :mod:`base64` module is more compact if there are many such characters, as when sending a graphics file.

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.. function:: decode(input, output, header=False)

   Decode the contents of the *input* file and write the resulting decoded binary
   data to the *output* file. *input* and *output* must be :term:`binary file objects
   <file object>`. If the optional argument *header* is present and true, underscore
   will be decoded as space. This is used to decode "Q"-encoded headers as
   described in :rfc:`1522`: "MIME (Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions)
   Part Two: Message Header Extensions for Non-ASCII Text".
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.. function:: encode(input, output, quotetabs, header=False)
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Encode the contents of the *\*input\** file and write the resulting quoted-printable data to the *\*output\** file. *\*input\** and *\*output\** must be :term:`binary file objects <file object>`. *\*quotetabs\**, a non-optional flag which controls whether to encode embedded spaces and tabs; when true it encodes such embedded whitespace, and when false it leaves them unencoded. Note that spaces and tabs appearing at the end of lines are always encoded, as per :rfc:`1521`. *\*header\** is a flag which controls if spaces are encoded as underscores as per :rfc:`1522`.

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.. function:: decodestring(s, header=False)
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Like :func:`decode`, except that it accepts a source :class:`bytes` and returns the corresponding decoded :class:`bytes`.

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.. function:: encodestring(s, quotetabs=False, header=False)
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Like :func:`encode`, except that it accepts a source :class:`bytes` and returns the corresponding encoded :class:`bytes`. By default, it sends a ``False`` value to *\*quotetabs\** parameter of the :func:`encode` function.

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.. seealso::
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Module :mod:`base64`  
    Encode and decode MIME base64 data
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