

**NAME**

sensible-editor – sensible editing

**SYNOPSIS**

**sensible-editor** [OPTIONS...]

**DESCRIPTION**

**sensible-editor** makes sensible decisions on which editor to call. Programs in Debian can use this script as their default editor. **sensible-editor** try to do in the following order:

- 1 if **VISUAL** environment variable exists, execute **VISUAL** [OPTIONS]
- 2 if **EDITOR** environment variable exists, execute **EDITOR**[OPTIONS]
- 3 source the contents of file `~/selected_editor` and, if **SELECTED\_EDIT OR** environment variable exists execute **SELECTED\_EDITOR**[OPTIONS]
- 4 run **editor** [OPTIONS] command
- 5 finally run **nano-tiny** [OPTIONS] command

**SEE ALSO**

**environ**(7) for documentation of the EDITOR, VISUAL variables  
**select-editor**(1) for changing a user's default editor.  
**editor**(1) for default system wide editor.

**BUGS**

This command is protected against trivial fork bomb, when user set **EDITOR=sensible-editor** wider loops are still possible.

**STANDARD**

Documentation of behavior of sensible-utils under a debian system is available under section 11.4 of debian-policy usually installed under `/usr/share/doc/debian-policy` (you might need to install debian-policy)