

NAME

captype – Prints the types of capture files

SYNOPSIS

captype [**-h**] [**-v**] *<infile>* ...

DESCRIPTION

Captype is a program that opens one or more capture files and prints the capture file type of each *<infile>*.

Captype is able to detect and read the same capture files that are supported by **Wireshark**. The input files don't need a specific filename extension; the file format and an optional gzip, zstd or lz4 compression will be automatically detected. Near the beginning of the DESCRIPTION section of wireshark(1) or <https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages/wireshark.html> is a detailed description of the way **Wireshark** handles this, which is the same way **Captype** handles this.

OPTIONS

-h|**--help**

Print the version number and options and exit.

-v|**--version**

Print the full version information and exit.

SEE ALSO

pcap(3), wireshark(1), mergcap(1), editcap(1), tshark(1), dumpcap(1), capinfos(1), pcap-filter(7) or tcpdump(8)

NOTES

Captype is part of the **Wireshark** distribution. The latest version of **Wireshark** can be found at <https://www.wireshark.org>.

HTML versions of the Wireshark project man pages are available at <https://www.wireshark.org/docs/man-pages>.

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