

# file

Determine file type.

- Give a description of the type of the specified file. Works fine for files with no file extension:

```
file {{filename}}
```

- Look inside a zipped file and determine the file type(s) inside:

```
file -z {{foo.zip}}
```

- Allow file to work with special or device files:

```
file -s {{filename}}
```

- Don't stop at first file type match; keep going until the end of the file:

```
file -k {{filename}}
```

- Determine the mime encoding type of a file:

```
file -i {{filename}}
```