**ftp Library Package 2.1 for Tcl/Tk Manual Pages**

**COMMAND** **ftp::Type***handle  ?ascii|binary?*   The **ftp::Type** command sets the ftp file transfer type either to *ascii*, *binary*, or to *tenex*. In every case, also if the type name is unspecified, it returns the current type.

Only **ascii** and **binary** types are currently supported. There is some early (alhpa) support for Tenex mode. The ascii type is normally used to convert text files to a format suitable for text editors on the platform depended destination machine. The binary type allows undisturbed transfers of non-text files, such as compressed files, images and executables.

**EXAMPLE**

# get file transfer type  
set current\_type [ftp::Type $conn]  
  
# set file transfer type  
ftp::Type $conn ascii

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