

**NAME**

mimeopen – Open files by mimetype

**SYNOPSIS**

mimeopen [options] [-] files

**DESCRIPTION**

This script tries to determine the mimetype of a file and open it with the default desktop application. If no default application is configured the user is prompted with an “open with” menu in the terminal.

To use this script you need the freedesktop mime-info database and the freedesktop desktop-file-utils package. See *File::MimeInfo::Applications* (3) for more details.

**OPTIONS****-a, --ask**

Do not execute the default application but ask which application to run. This does not change the default application.

**-d, --ask-default**

Let the user choose a new default program for given files.

**-n, --no-ask**

Don't ask the user which program to use. Choose the default program or the first program known to handle the file mimetype. This does not set the default application.

**-M, --magic-only**

Do not check for extensions, globs or inode type, only look at the content of the file. This is particularly useful if for some reason you don't trust the name or the extension a file has.

**--database=mimedir:mimedir:...**

Force the program to look in these directories for the shared mime-info database. The directories specified by the basedir specification are ignored.

**-D, --debug**

Print debug information about how the mimetype was determined.

**-h, --help****-u, --usage**

Print a help message and exits.

**-v, --version**

Print the version of the program and exit.

**DEPRECATED OPTIONS****-L, --dereference**

Follow symbolic links. Deprecated because this is the logical default for this command. Ignored silently.

**BUGS**

If you find bugs, please file them in our Github issue tracker at <https://github.com/mbeijen/File-MimeInfo/issues>.

See *File::MimeInfo::Applications* (3) and *File::DesktopEntry* (3) for some limitations.

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**SEE ALSO**

*mimetype* (1), *update-mime-database* (1), *update-desktop-database* (1), *File::MimeInfo* (3),  
*File::MimeInfo::Applications* (3)