NAME

/etc/mailcap.order – the mailcap ordering specifications

DESCRIPTION

The order of entries in the /etc/mailcap file can be altered by editing the /etc/mailcap.order file. Each line of that file specifies a package and an optional mime type. Mailcap entries that match will be placed in the order of this file. Entries that don't match will be placed later.

Example

mime-support:*/*
gv:application/postscript
netscape:text/html
less:text/*
emacs:text/*

The above would make any entries provided by the **mime-support** package (as found in the /usr/lib/mime/packages directory) take priority over everything else. The **gv** package will be used over anything else when it comes to postscript documents. **Netscape** will be used for any html documents and **less** will be used for any remaining text documents. However, since neither netscape or less provide for editing documents, any edit or compose actions will fall through to the **emacs** rules.

After modifying this file, be sure to run /usr/sbin/update-mime (as root) to propagate the changes into the /etc/mailcap file.

Remember that this files takes *package* names and not *executable* names. If you want to define rules that reference specific programs, the best way is to include them in 7.mailcap or the user section of the /etc/mailcap file.

LIMITATIONS

There is currently no way to break out a certain type from a wildcard rule. If, for example, both xv and gimp were to specify "image/*" rules, it isn't possible to use xv for gif images but use gimp for jpeg images.

Also, I would like to add the ability to specify certain actions in the rules. For example, if netscape were to have an *edit* rule but I wanted to use emacs for editing/creating html documents, I could place a line like

emacs:text/* action=edit|compose

before the netscape entry. The **update-mime** program would then spit out entries such that netscape *view* rule comes **before** the emacs *view* rule but have the netscape *edit* rule comes **after** the emacs *edit* rule.

SEE ALSO

mailcap(5) run-mailcap(1) update-mime(8)

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