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Subject: Re: Transferring files to a Mac  
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In article <1994Nov17.154355.13275@wuphys.wustl.edu>, [lrn@howdy.wustl.edu](mailto:lrn@howdy.wustl.edu) (Larry Roger Nittler) wrote, in part:

> I have tried to use the PICT display driver in PV-WAVE (SGI) to make  
> plots to transfer to a Macintosh computer. When I transfer the pict  
> file to the Mac, using FTP, the Mac thinks it's a text file. (This is  
> true of all files I have tried to transfer, TIFF etc). Can anyone tell  
> me how to tell the Mac that a file is PICT (TIFF, . . .)?

Here is one solution, which has the virtue of making life easy once you have set things up properly. It assumes that you are using the `_fetch_` application on your mac to ftp over the files:

Step 1.

Run the application on the mac which you wish to use to view your imported files. For example, I use NIH Image. Save a document from this application to your hard disk.

Step 2.

Start fetch. Under the "customize" menu, select the "suffix mapping" menu item. Click on the "new" button. This brings up a dialog box. Type ".tiff" into the suffix window, leave the "binary" radio button clicked, and click on the "choose example" button. Now use the dialog box to select the sample document you saved in step one.

Step 3.

Whenever you create a tiff file on your unix box, name it with a ".tiff" extension.

And, viola. Whenever you bring such a file over to your mac using fetch, it will double-click open into the application you used in Step 1 above.

Hope this helps.

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