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5.39 `file` — Determine file type

⇒ **5.14.1 `file` Synopsis.** *Modify the Synopsis to be:*

`file [-h] [`*file* ... `]`

⇒ **5.14.2 `file` Description.** *Add a new paragraph at the end of the subclause:*

If *file* is a symbolic link, by default the link shall be resolved and `file` shall test the type of file referenced by the symbolic link.

⇒ **5.14.3 `file` Options.** *Replace the entire Options subclause with:*

`-h` When a symbolic link is encountered, the link shall not be resolved and `file` shall identify the file as a symbolic link. If `-h` is not specified and *file* is a symbolic link that refers to a nonexistent file, `file` shall identify the file as a symbolic link, as if `-h` had been specified.

⇒ **5.14.6.1 `file` Standard Output.** *Insert a new paragraph between the second and third (the one beginning "If the file named ...")paragraphs:*

If *file* is identified as a symbolic link (see `-h`), the following alternative output format shall be used:

`"%s: %s %s0"`, <*file*>, <*type*>, <*contents of link*>

⇒ **5.14.6.1 `file` Standard Output.** *Add the following entry to the table named* `file` *Output Strings:*

If *file* is a	**<*type*> shall contain the string**
symbolic link	`symbolic link to`

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Section 6: Revisions to Software Developm ent Utilities Option

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