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## Overview

An Input format validator is a program that tests the input data for correctness.

A validator program must be an application (executable or interpreted) capable of being invoked with a command line call. The details of this invocation are described in Section 2 Invocation.

## Invocation

The CCS will invoke the validator and passing it the input file on stdin.

The usage of the validator is as follows:

```
./validator < inputfile
```

## Output

The input format validator may output debug information on stdout and stderr. This information may be displayed to the user upon invocation of the validator.

## Exit codes

The input format validator must exit with code 42 on successful validation. Any other exit code is an error.