GREP

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total 1
                                    81 Oct 23 22:19 acd8
crw-r---- 1 root
                   operator
                                    29 Oct 23 22:19 acpi
                    wheel
                                    79 Oct 23 22:19 ad0
                   operator
                                    82 Oct 23 22:19 ad0s1
                    operator
                                    83 Oct 23 18:19 ad0s1a
                   operator
                   operator
                                    84 Oct 23 22:19 ad0s1b
                                    85 Oct 23 22:19 ad0s1c
                    operator
                                    86 Oct 23 18:19 ad0s1d
                    operator
                   operator
                                    87 Oct 23 18:19 ad0s1e
                                    88 Oct 23 18:19 ad0s1f
                    operator
                                    80 Oct 23 22:19 ad1
                    operator
                                    30 Oct 23 22:19 agpgart
                   wheel
                                    28 Oct 23 22:19 ata
                   operator
                                    35 Oct 23 22:19 atkbd8
                    whee I
                                   92 Oct 23 22:19 bpf0
                   whee I
                                   38 Oct 23 22:19 bpsm8
                    wheel
                                    12 Oct 23 22:41 console
                    wheel
                                    72 Oct 23 22:19 consolect1
                   wheel
                                   13 Oct 23 22:19 ctty
                   wheel
                                    47 Oct 23 22:19 cuad@
                   dialer
                                    48 Oct 23 22:19 cuad0. init
                                   49 Oct 23 22:19 cuad@.lock
crw-rw---- 1 uucp dialer
                                0, 53 Oct 23 22:19 cuad1
сги-ги--- 1 uucp dialer
byte 1358
```

What is grep?

- Global Regular Expression Print
- grep is a command line search utility in Unix

Try: Search for a word in a .cpp file

- grep 'cat' cat.cpp

What can it do?

- Copy next input line into pattern space
- Apply regular expression to patter space

Copies matches to output

Copy

Apply

Output

grep Family

egrep

Allows for more complex patterns

fgrep

- Good for searching text characters
- Uses sequence operations
- e.g.: () ,"", `

grep

- Uses all regular expressions
- Only one that allows saving

Commands

Command	Description
-b	Precedes each line by the file block #
-C	Prints only a count of the number of lines matching the pattern
-i	Ignores upper/lower case matching
-n	Shows the line numbers
-s	Silent Mode(no output)
-V	Inverse Output (lines that don't match)
-X	Prints only lines that entirely match
-f file	List of strings to be matched are in a file

Searching

- grep can search for files with the same name in a directory
- Find command locates the path of a file



Limitations

Cannot modify a link

Cannot print part of a line

Cannot read only part of a file

Only hold one buffer based on the current line

Have Fun!

- Try figuring out how to make search results more specific
- There is a way!

