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Bash Find All File Names With White Spaces

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How do I find all files with one or more blank space (white spaces) in their name under UNIX like operating systems?

Simple use ls command along with egrep to list only file names with white spaces



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```
ls | egrep ' . '
```

Sample Outputs:

```
Find the memory used by a program.doc
Keep moving forward.doc
```

You can copy all such files to other directories using xargs:

```
ls | egrep ' . ' | xargs -I{} cp -v {} /tmp/
```

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