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How do I search my Linux / UNIX server for a file?

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Q. How do I search Linux box for a file?

A. You need to use find command, which search for files in a directory hierarchy (file system) and prints information about the files it found. It is run like as follows:

```
find {dir-name} -name {file-name}
```



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Find command examples

Find out file called foo.txt:

```
# find / -name foo.txt
```

Find out httpd.log file:

```
# find / -type f -name httpd.log
```

See also:

- [Find files that do not have any owners or do not belong to any user under Linux/UNIX](#) [2]

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