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# grep

**grep** is extensively used as a primary text searching tool. It scans files for specified patterns and can be used with regular expressions, as well as simple strings, as shown in the table:

Command	Usage
<b>grep [pattern] &lt;filename&gt;</b>	Search for a pattern in a file and print all matching lines
<b>grep -v [pattern] &lt;filename&gt;</b>	Print all lines that do not match the pattern
<b>grep [0-9] &lt;filename&gt;</b>	Print the lines that contain the numbers 0 through 9
<b>grep -C 3 [pattern] &lt;filename&gt;</b>	Print context of lines (specified number of lines above and below the pattern) for matching the pattern; here, the number of lines is specified as 3

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