Practical Examples of Linux Find Command

1. Find Files Using Name in Current Directory

Find all the files whose name is tecmint.txt in a current working directory.

find . -name tecmint.txt

./tecmint.txt

2. Find Files Under Home Directory

Find all the files under /home directory with name tecmint.txt.

find /home -name tecmint.txt

/home/tecmint.txt

3. Find Files Using Name and Ignoring Case

Find all the files whose name is tecmint.txt and contains both capital and small letters in /home directory.

find /home -iname tecmint.txt

./tecmint.txt

./Tecmint.txt

4. Find Directories Using Name

Find all directories whose name is Tecmint in / directory.

find / -type d -name Tecmint

/Tecmint

5. Find PHP Files Using Name

Find all php files whose name is tecmint.php in a current working directory.

find . -type f -name tecmint.php

./tecmint.php

6. Find all PHP Files in Directory

Find all php files in a directory.

find . -type f -name "*.php"

./tecmint.php

./login.php

./index.php

7. Find Files With 777 Permissions

Find all the files whose permissions are 777.

find . -type f -perm 0777 -print

13. Find Read Only Files

Find all Read Only files.

find / -perm /u=r

14. Find Executable Files

Find all Executable files.

find / -perm /a=x

15. Find Files with 777 Permissions and Chmod to 644

Find all 777 permission files and use chmod command to set permissions to 644.

find / -type f -perm 0777 -print -exec chmod 644 {} \;

16. Find Directories with 777 Permissions and Chmod to 755

Find all 777 permission directories and use chmod command to set permissions to 755.

find / -type d -perm 777 -print -exec chmod 755 {} \;

17. Find and remove single File

To find a single file called tecmint.txt and remove it.

find . -type f -name "tecmint.txt" -exec rm -f {} \;

18. Find and remove Multiple File

To find and remove multiple files such as .mp3 or .txt, then use.

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find . -type f -name "*.txt" -exec rm -f {} \;
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OR

find . -type f -name "*.mp3" -exec rm -f {} \;

19. Find all Empty Files

To file all empty files under certain path.

find /tmp -type f -empty

20. Find all Empty Directories

To file all empty directories under certain path.

find /tmp -type d -empty

21. File all Hidden Files

To find all hidden files, use below command.

find /tmp -type f -name ".*"

22. Find Single File Based on User

To find all or single file called tecmint.txt under / root directory of owner root.

find / -user root -name tecmint.txt

23. Find all Files Based on User

To find all files that belongs to user Tecmint under /home directory.

find /home -user tecmint

24. Find all Files Based on Group

To find all files that belongs to group Developer under /home directory.

find /home -group developer

25. Find Particular Files of User

To find all .txt files of user Tecmint under /home directory.

find /home -user tecmint -iname "*.txt"

32. Find 50MB Files

To find all 50MB files, use.

find / -size 50M

33. Find Size between 50MB - 100MB

To find all the files which are greater than 50MB and less than 100MB.

find / -size +50M -size -100M

34. Find and Delete 100MB Files

To find all 100MB files and delete them using one single command.

find / -size +100M -exec rm -rf {} \;

35. Find Specific Files and Delete

Find all .mp3 files with more than 10MB and delete them using one single command.

find / -type f -name *.mp3 -size +10M -exec rm {} \;