

## Group B Experiment No. 4

### Title :

**Aim :** To search for a string using **grep** system call

### Theory :

Grep is an essential Linux and Unix command. It is used to search text and strings in a given file. In other words, grep command searches the given file for lines containing a match to the given strings or words. It is one of the most useful commands on Linux and Unix-like system for developers and sysadmins. Let us see how to use grep on a Linux or Unix like system.

The grep command, which stands for **global regular expression print**, is one of the most versatile commands in a Linux terminal environment. It is an extremely powerful program that allows the user to sort input according to complex rules, which makes it a very popular link in numerous command chains. The grep command is primarily used to search a text or file for lines that contain a match to the specified words/strings. By default, grep displays the matched lines, and it can be used to search for lines of text that match one or more regular expressions, and it outputs only the matched lines.

### Syntaxes :

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grep 'word' filename
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grep 'word' file1 file2 file3
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```
grep 'string1 string2' filename
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cat otherfile | grep 'something'
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command | grep 'something'
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```
command option1 | grep 'data'
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grep --color 'data' fileName
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### Flow chart / Algorithm