

# EXEC

Exec executes commands such as open, close, and copy. When we use it in conjunction with **find**, we can then do something with it.

“With every file that you find, I want you to execute a copy command.”

`-exec cp {} <argument>`

The `{}` represents each file as the **find** command finds them

**`find . -type f -iname flag* -exec cp {} My_Flags \;`**

- Find all files that begin with the word flag and then copy them to the My\_Flags directory

**`find . -type f ! -iname *.png -exec cp -v {} NoPNGsAllowed \;`**

- **!** indicates NOT the following file (not a .png in this example)
- **-v** (after cp) indicates verbose, which will show us the activity that is going on.