

## Using the shell

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Yabs

```
$ whatis grep
grep (1) - print lines that match patterns
$ cat file.txt
word
hello
swordfish
$ grep -n word file.txt
1:word
3:swordfish
$ grep -ci WORD file.txt
2
$
```

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[https://github.com/Najoj/yabsbashcourse/blob/main/  
exercises/2/grep](https://github.com/Najoj/yabsbashcourse/blob/main/exercises/2/grep)

```
$ whatis sed
sed (1) - stream editor for filtering and
transforming text
$ cat file.txt
word
hello
swordfish
$ sed "s/ord/in/" file.txt
win
hello
swinfish
$
```

```
$ sed "2,4d" file.txt
$ sed "s/this/that/" file.txt
$ sed "s/this/that/g" file.txt
$ sed '10,20s/this/that/' file.txt
$ sed '10,20d' file.txt
$ sed 'p' file.txt
$ sed -e '2p' -e '3d' file.txt
$ sed -i "s/this/that/g" file.txt
$ sed -f script-file.sed file.txt
```

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```
$ whatis awk
awk (1) - pattern scanning and text processing
language
$ awk "{ print $1 }"
$ awk 'BEGIN { printf "wc -l\n" }
      { s+=1 }
      END { printf "%d\n", s }' file.txt
$ awk "/match/ {...} < file.txt
$ awk -f script-file.awk file1.txt file2.txt
```

### Built-in variables and functions

ARGC	Number of arguments.
NR	Lines read so far.
ENVIRON	Environment variables.
FILENAME	Name of file provided.
getline	Set \$0 to next input line.
next	Skip to next line.
nextfile	Skip the rest of this file.

See man page for more.

```
$ sed 'END { print NR }' < file.txt
```



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# find

Does *not* take files as arguments.

```
$ whatis find
```

```
find (1) - search for files in a directory hierarchy
```

```
$ find /home/user -name "file.txt"
```

```
./file.txt
```

```
$ find /home -name "file.txt" -exec grep "hi" {} +
```

```
$ find / -name "file.txt" -exec grep "hi" {} \
```

```
;
```

```
$
```

# find

Useful options:

<code>-name n</code>	Name of file, case sensitive
<code>-iname n</code>	Name of file, case insensitive
<code>-path n</code>	Path of file, case sensitive
<code>-ipath n</code>	Path of file, case insensitive
<code>-type n</code>	Type of file. d directory, f file, etc.
<code>-maxdepth n</code>	Descend at most n directories
<code>-mindepth n</code>	Descend at least n directories
<code>-exec cmd {} +</code>	Execute cmd on each file found

Can use some logic, for example:

```
find /some/dir -name n -or -name m
```

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```
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exercises/2/find
```

## xargs

```
$ whatis xargs
xargs (1) - build and execute command lines from
standard input
$ cat file.txt
a
b
fileB.txt
$ cat file.txt | xargs ls
a:
fileA.txt

b:
fileB.txt
$ ls a b
```

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exercises/2/xargs
```

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