

find

find searches a directory for files

find /tmp -type d -print

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directory which files action to do
to search with the
 files



here are my favourite find arguments!

-name

the filename! eg
-name '*.txt'

-type [TYPE]

f: regular file l: symlink
d: directory + more!

-path

search the full path!
-path '/home/*//*.go'

-maxdepth NUM

only descend NUM levels
when searching a directory

-mtime NUM

files that were modified
at most NUM days
in the past (also ctime, atime)

-print

action: print filename of
files found. The default.
Use -print0 with xargs -0!

-exec COMMAND

action: run COMMAND on
every file found

-delete

action: delete all files found

locate

The locate command
searches a database of
every file on your system.

good: faster than find
bad: can get out of date

\$sudo updatedb
updates the database