

# The find command - Tryhackme

## I. Overview

Use to search for files in a directory hierarchy

Syntax: **find where what**

- **where**: specify the directory where to look
- **what**: specify what to look for

## II. Usage

### 1. Decentralization.

r: read - 100  
w: write - 010  
x: execute - 001  
-: deny - 000

### 2. Some common Flag :

- **-type**: specify type of target
  - d : directory
  - f : file
- **-name**: specify a name or pattern ( -name abc.xyz )
  - If use wildcards, need to enclose your pattern in quotes ( "\*.xyz" )
- **-iname**: use the same as -name , but case insensitive
- **-user**: specify username of owner of file. ( -user s0vvu -name vl.txt )
- **-size**: specify size of a file.
  - **Prefix**: "-", "+", "=",
    - -n : size < n
    - +n : size > n
    - n : size =n
  - **Suffix**:
    - c: bytes
    - k: KB
    - m: MB
- **-perm**: specify permission

#### Prefix :

- "-": return files with **at least** the permissions you specify.
- "/": return files that match **any** of the permissions you have set
- **time-related**: e.g: **-amin -30** ( find file was accessed < 30' ago)
  - min: minutes
  - time: days
  - a: accessed

- m: modified
- c: changed
- +,-,": Use the same as size

### III. Practice

1. Find all files owned by the user "kittykat":

**All file => directory = / & -type f & '-user kittykat'**

Find all files owned by the user "kittykat"

```
find / -type f -user kittykat
```

Correct Answer

2. Find all files that are exactly 150 bytes in size

**Directory: / & -type f & -size 150c**

Find all files that are exactly 150 bytes in size

```
find / -type f -size 150c
```

Correct Answer

3. Find all files in the /home directory (recursive) with size less than 2 KiB's and extension ".txt"

**Directory: /home & -type f & -size -2k && -name "\*.txt"**

Find all files in the /home directory (recursive) with size less than 2 KiB's and extension ".txt"

```
find /home -type f -size -2k -name "*.txt"
```

Correct Answer

4. Find all files that are exactly readable and writeable by the owner, and readable by everyone else (use octal format)

**Directory: / & -type f & -perm (owner:6, g:4 ,other:4 ) 644**

Find all files that are exactly readable and writeable by the owner, and readable by everyone else (use octal format)

```
find / -type f -perm 644
```

Correct Answer

5. Find all files that are **only** readable by anyone (use octal format)

**Dir: / & -type f & -perm /444**

Find all files that are **only** readable by anyone (use octal format)

```
find / -type f -perm /444
```

Correct Answer

6. Find all files with write permission for the group "others", regardless of any other permissions, with extension ".sh" (use symbolic format)

**Dir: / & -type f & -perm -o=w & -name "\*.sh"**

Find all files with write permission for the group "others", regardless of any other permissions, with extension ".sh" (use symbolic format)

```
find / -type f -perm -o=w -name "*.sh"
```

Correct Answer

7. Find all files in the /usr/bin directory (recursive) that are owned by root and have at least the SUID permission (use symbolic format)

**Dir: /usr/bin & -type f & -user root & -perm -u=s(s: execute file as permission of owner)**

Find all files in the /usr/bin directory (recursive) that are owned by root and have at least the SUID permission (use symbolic format)

```
find /usr/bin -type f -user root -perm -u=s
```

Correct Answer

8. Find all files that were not accessed in the last 10 days with extension ".png"

**Dir: / & -type f & -atime -10 & -name "\*.png"**

Find all files that were not accessed in the last 10 days with extension ".png"

find / -type f -atime +10 -name "\*.png"

Correct Answer

9. Find all files in the /usr/bin directory (recursive) that have been modified within the last 2 hours

**Dir: /usr/bin & -type f & -mmin -120.**

Find all files in the /usr/bin directory (recursive) that have been modified within the last 2 hours

find /usr/bin -type f -mmin -120

Correct Answer

## IV. Have you found it?

**#stdout:**

- **1>...**: redirect stdout
- Display result on terminal .

**#stderr:**

- **2>FILENAME** : redirect erro
- Hiện thị ra các lỗi trong quá trình thực hiện một lệnh hoặc một công việc nào đó.
- Display erro during perform a command or a action.

- **-exec**: runs the specified command on the selected files, but the command line is built by appending each selected file name at the end