

GREP COMMAND

The 'grep' command is used for searching and manipulating text patterns within files. Its name stands for "global regular expression print"

Syntax :

```
grep [options] pattern [file...]
```

1. Options : modify behavior of grep
2. Pattern: Regular expression
3. File: file name to search within

Common Option:

1. Basic Search: To search for the word

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ grep 'good' bhavana.txt  
Its a good friday
```

2. Case-Insensitive Search(-i): To search for the word regardless of case

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ grep -i 'good' bhavana.txt  
GoodDay  
Its a good friday
```

3. Count Matches(-c): To count how many times word appears

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ grep -c 'good' bhavana.txt  
1
```

4. Display line number(-n): To show line numbers of matching lines

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ grep -n 'good' bhavana.txt  
4:Its a good friday
```

5. Recursive Search(-r): To search for word in all files within a directory

```
(kali@kali)-[~]  
$ grep -r 'good' bhavana.txt  
Its a good friday
```

6. Invert Match(-v): To display the line do not contain a particular word

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ grep -v 'good' bhavana.txt  
hello,  
Welcome to Linux  
GoodDay
```

7. Search for Whole Words Only(-w):

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ grep -w 'good' bhavana.txt  
Its a good friday
```

8. Match Line Starting with specific String(^word)

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ cat bhavana.txt | grep '^It'  
Its a good friday
```

9. Only Matched parts rather than whole Line(-o)

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ grep -o 'good' bhavana.txt  
good
```

10. head : Displays only first few lines

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ head -1 bhavana.txt  
hello,
```

11. Tail : Displays only last few lines

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ tail -1 bhavana.txt  
Its a good friday
```