

# locate

Find filenames quickly.

- Look for pattern in the database. Note: the database is recomputed periodically (usually weekly or daily):

```
locate {{pattern}}
```

- Look for a file by its exact filename (a pattern containing no globbing characters is interpreted as `*pattern*`):

```
locate */{{filename}}
```

- Recompute the database. You need to do it if you want to find recently added files:

```
sudo updatedb
```