This command given by another AI is not accurate. It prints nothing even though there are files within the path. I want both file name and path - using find and perl pcre2 combination: Command used is:

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($ *=~ m{/(up($|[^a]))}i) { print $* }'

Results:

$ find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if (/^up/i || (/^up(?!a)/i)) { print }' (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS /g/hdd/dump/music $ find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($ *=~ m{/(up($|[^a]))}i) { print $* }' (venv313) j1304@dhawal123 MSYS /g/hdd/dump/music $

Edit

The issue with your command is in the regex pattern. The pattern m{/(up($|[^a]))}i is looking for files that have /up followed by either end-of-string OR a character that's not 'a'. But this won't match files that start with "up" at the beginning of a path component.

Here are corrected versions:

**Option 1: Match "up" at the start of filename (most likely what you want):**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up($|[^a])}i) { print $\_ }'

**Option 2: Match files/directories starting with "up" but not "upa":**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{(^|/)up(?!a)}i) { print $\_ }'

**Option 3: More explicit - match "up" followed by end-of-string or non-'a' character:**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{(^|/)up($|[^a])}i) { print $\_ }'

**Option 4: If you want files that contain "up" anywhere in the path (not starting with "upa"):**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{up(?!a)}i) { print $\_ }'

The key differences:

* (^|/) matches either start of string or a forward slash (to catch directory boundaries)
* (?!a) is a negative lookahead that ensures "up" is not followed by "a"
* Your original pattern was missing the directory boundary check

Try Option 2 or 3 first - they should give you the results you're looking for. Which specific matching behavior are you trying to achieve?

Retry

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See I have a file in path: search-ms:displayname=Search%20Results%20in%20Shiv%20Sangit&crumb=System.Generic.String%3Aup&crumb=location:D%3A%5Cdump%5Cmusic%5CShiv%20Sangit

named as "Upamanyukritam Shiva Stotram by T S Ranganathan ｜ Shiva Stuthi.opus" but when I tried your above command in folder "/d/dump/music" - file is further deep down in this tree in another folder

your above command did not detect and printed it in console with path:

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Edit

I see the issue! The problem is with your regex pattern. Looking at your filename "Upamanyukritam Shiva Stotram by T S Ranganathan ｜ Shiva Stuthi.opus", the pattern /up($|[^a]) won't match because:

1. The filename starts with "Up" (capital U)
2. After "up" comes "a" (in "Upamanyukritam"), and your pattern specifically excludes cases where "up" is followed by "a" with [^a]

Here are the corrected commands:

**If you want files starting with "up" (case-insensitive) regardless of what follows:**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up}i) { print $\_ }'

**If you want files starting with "up" but not "upa" (which seems to be your intent, but your current file actually starts with "upa"):**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up(?!a)}i) { print $\_ }'

**If you want to match your specific file (which starts with "upa"), use:**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up}i) { print $\_ }'

**To test and see what's happening, try this debug version:**

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'print "Checking: $\_"; if ($\_ =~ m{/up}i) { print "MATCH: $\_" }'

The issue was that your pattern [^a] was explicitly excluding files where "up" is followed by "a", but your target file "Upamanyukritam..." starts with "upa".

Try the first command - it should find your file.

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But see my prompt in another AI what I want which clearly shows that this could have been detected:

Give me a command to combine perl pcre2 in Msys with find to search for file name that contains either: words "up" (at the start of string) (case insensitive) followed by any words or characters OR words "up" (st the start of string) (case insensitive) not followed character a and followed by any other words or characters

Edit

I see the issue now! Looking at your original requirement, you want files that start with "up" in two cases:

1. "up" at start followed by any characters, OR
2. "up" at start NOT followed by "a" and then any characters

But your current file "Upamanyukritam..." starts with "upa" - this should match condition #1 (up followed by any characters).

The problem with your original command m{/(up($|[^a]))}i is that it's using AND logic instead of OR logic. It only matches "up" followed by (end-of-string OR not-'a'), which excludes "upa".

Here's the correct command using OR logic:

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up}i || $\_ =~ m{/up(?!a)}i) { print $\_ }'

But actually, since condition #1 ("up followed by any characters") already includes condition #2, you can simplify this to:

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up}i) { print $\_ }'

This should match your file "Upamanyukritam Shiva Stotram..." because:

* It contains "/up" (case insensitive)
* "up" is followed by characters (which satisfies your first condition)

If this still doesn't work, let's debug by seeing what paths find is actually returning:

bash

find . -type f -print | grep -i up

This will show if the file path actually contains "up" somewhere.

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That worked! (I used 2nd option - which is more logical then what I defined in my prompt)

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Great! I'm glad the second option worked for you:

bash

find . -type f -print | perl -nle 'if ($\_ =~ m{/up}i) { print $\_ }'

You're absolutely right that this is more logical than the original complex condition. Sometimes when we overthink the requirements, we end up with unnecessarily complicated logic. In this case, a simple "match any file path containing '/up' (case insensitive)" captures what you actually needed.

The beauty of this simpler approach is that it will match:

* Files starting with "up"
* Files starting with "upa", "upb", "upc", etc.
* Any file with "up" anywhere in the path

Which covers all the cases you were trying to handle with the more complex OR condition. Sometimes the simplest solution is the best one!