find命令报错提示

# \*问题-find:paths must precede expression问题

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## 问题发现：

用find命令查找时

例如命令 find /home -name w\* ，报错

find: paths must precede expression: webfd

Usage: find [-H] [-L] [-P] [-Olevel] [-D help|tree|search|stat|rates|opt|exec] [path...] [expression]

## 原因分析：

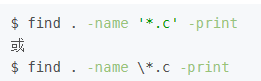
会出错，查文档找出

find: paths must precede expression   
Usage: find [-H] [-L] [-P] [-Olevel] [-D help|tree|search|stat|rates|opt|exec]   
[path…] [expression]   
This happens because **\*.c** has been expanded by the shell resulting in find   
actually receiving a command line like this:

find . -name bigram.c code.c frcode.c locate.c –print

That command is of course not going to work. Instead of doingthings

**This way, you should enclose the pattern in quotes or escape the wildcard:**

**-print不带也可以。**

**即出现这个提示是因为星号代表为当前目录下所有的文件，然后被当做shell展开**

**这就是网上说的多文件的查找的时候需要增加单引号。**

## 避免方法

find查找多个文件或目录的时候，pattern需要利用引号括起来。