

# Recursive File Operations

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**xargs** command will take in some stream of lines and execute the command it got from the argument on each line.

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$ find directory -name '*.mp4' | xargs rm
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The above command line will redirect the output of the **find** command to the input of the **xargs** command. This is the most usual use case.

**find** command will find all of the files which have the *mp4* extension inside of the *directory*. All of these files will then be redirected to the **xargs** command which will build an **rm** command for each of the input lines. This will in turn, remove all of the found files.