

Walk a directory/Recursively

From Rosetta Code

Walk a given directory *tree* and print files matching a given pattern.

Note: This task is for recursive methods. These tasks should read an entire directory tree, not a *single directory*. For code examples that read a *single directory*, see Walk a directory/Non-recursively.

Note: Please be careful when running any code examples found here.



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You are encouraged to solve this task according to the task description, using any language you may know.

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Ada

```

with Ada.Directories; use Ada.Directories;
with Ada.Text_IO;

procedure Test_Directory_Walk is
  procedure Walk (Name : String; Pattern : String) is
    procedure Print (Item : Directory_Entry_Type) is
      begin
        Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line (Full_Name (Item));
      end Print;
    procedure Walk (Item : Directory_Entry_Type) is
      begin
        if Simple_Name (Item) /= "." and then Simple_Name (Item) /= ".." then
          Walk (Full_Name (Item), Pattern);
        end if;
      exception
        when Name_Error => null;
      end Walk;
    begin
      Search (Name, Pattern, (others => True), Print'Access);
      Search (Name, "", (Directory => True, others => False), Walk'Access);
    end Walk;
  begin
    Walk (".", "*.adb");
  end Test_Directory_Walk;

```

The solution first enumerates files in a directory, that includes the subdirectories, if their names match the pattern. Then it steps down into each of the subdirectories. The pseudo directories . and .. are excluded. The behavior upon symbolic links depends on the OS and the implementation of the Ada.Directories package.

ALGOL 68

Works with: ALGOL 68G version Any - tested with release mk15-0.8b.fc9.i386 - uses non-standard library routines *get directory* and *grep in string*.

```

INT match=0, no match=1, out of memory error=2, other error=3;

STRING slash = "/", pwd=".", parent="..";

PROC walk tree = (STRING path, PROC (STRING)VOID call back)VOID: (
  []STRING files = get directory(path);
  FOR file index TO UPB files DO
    STRING file = files[file index];
    STRING path file = path+slash+file;
    IF file is directory(path file) THEN
      IF file NE pwd AND file NE parent THEN
        walk tree(path file, call back)
      FI
    ELSE
      call back(path file)
    FI
  OD
);

STRING re sort a68 = "[Ss]ort[^/]*[.]a68$";

PROC match sort a68 and print = (STRING path file)VOID:
  IF grep in string(re sort a68, path file, NIL, NIL) = match THEN
    print((path file, new line))
  FI;

walk tree(".", match sort a68 and print)

```

Sample Output:

```
./Shell_sort.c.a68
./Quick_sort.a68
./Shell_sort.a68
./Cocktail_Sort.a68
./Selection_Sort.a68
./Merge_sort.a68
./tmp/test_sort.a68
./Bobosort.a68
./Sorting_an_Array_of_Integers.a68
./Insertion_Sort.a68
./Permutation_Sort.a68
```

AutoHotkey

Display all TMP files in Temp directory and its subdirectories.

```
Loop, %A_Temp%\*.tmp,,1
out .= A_LoopFileName "`n"
MsgBox,% out
```

Batch File

```
dir /a-d %1
```

If you wanted to apply some command to each item in a directory tree, then use FOR with the switch /R. For example, to apply the ECHO command to every DLL file in C:\Windows\System32:

Works with: Windows NT version 4 or later (includes Windows XP and onward)

```
FOR /R C:\Windows\System32 %%F IN (*.DLL) DO ECHO "%%F"
```

This can be done from outside a batch file (entered directly at the command prompt) by changing the double percent signs (%%) to single percents (%):

```
FOR /R C:\Windows\System32 %F IN (*.DLL) DO ECHO "%F"
```

BBC BASIC

Works with: BBC BASIC for Windows

```

directory$ = "C:\Windows\"
pattern$ = "*.chm"
PROClisttree(directory$, pattern$)
END

DEF PROClisttree(dir$, filter$)
LOCAL dir%, sh%, res%
DIM dir% LOCAL 317
IF RIGHT$(dir$) <> "\" IF RIGHT$(dir$) <> "/" dir$ += "\"
SYS "FindFirstFile", dir$ + filter$, dir% TO sh%
IF sh% <> -1 THEN
    REPEAT
        IF (!dir% AND 16) = 0 PRINT dir$ + $(dir%+44)
        SYS "FindNextFile", sh%, dir% TO res%
    UNTIL res% = 0
    SYS "FindClose", sh%
ENDIF
SYS "FindFirstFile", dir$ + "*", dir% TO sh%
IF sh% <> -1 THEN
    REPEAT
        IF (!dir% AND 16) IF dir%?44 <> &2E THEN
            PROClisttree(dir$ + $(dir%+44) + "\", filter$)
        ENDIF
        SYS "FindNextFile", sh%, dir% TO res%
    UNTIL res% = 0
    SYS "FindClose", sh%
ENDIF
ENDPROC

```

C

Library: POSIX

Works with: POSIX version .1-2001

```

#include <sys/types.h>
#include <sys/stat.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <dirent.h>
#include <regex.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <err.h>

enum {
    WALK_OK = 0,
    WALK_BADPATTERN,
    WALK_NAMETOOLONG,
    WALK_BADIO,
};

#define WS_NONE          0
#define WS_RECURSIVE     (1 << 0)
#define WS_DEFAULT       WS_RECURSIVE
#define WS_FOLLOWLINK     (1 << 1)    /* follow symlinks */
#define WS_DOTFILES       (1 << 2)    /* per unix convention, .file is hidden */
#define WS_MATCHDIRS      (1 << 3)    /* if pattern is used on dir names too */

int walk_recur(char *dname, regex_t *reg, int spec)
{
    struct dirent *dent;
    DIR *dir;
    struct stat st;
    char fn[FILENAME_MAX];
    int res = WALK_OK;

```

```

int len = strlen(dname);
if (len >= FILENAME_MAX - 1)
    return WALK_NAMETOOLONG;

strcpy(fn, dname);
fn[len++] = '/';

if (!(dir = opendir(dname))) {
    warn("can't open %s", dname);
    return WALK_BADIO;
}

errno = 0;
while ((dent = readdir(dir))) {
    if (!(spec & WS_DOTFILES) && dent->d_name[0] == '.')
        continue;
    if (!strcmp(dent->d_name, ".") || !strcmp(dent->d_name, ".."))
        continue;

    strncpy(fn + len, dent->d_name, FILENAME_MAX - len);
    if (lstat(fn, &st) == -1) {
        warn("Can't stat %s", fn);
        res = WALK_BADIO;
        continue;
    }

    /* don't follow symlink unless told so */
    if (S_ISLNK(st.st_mode) && !(spec & WS_FOLLOWLINK))
        continue;

    /* will be false for symlinked dirs */
    if (S_ISDIR(st.st_mode)) {
        /* recursively follow dirs */
        if ((spec & WS_RECURSIVE))
            walk_recur(fn, reg, spec);

        if (!(spec & WS_MATCHDIRS)) continue;
    }

    /* pattern match */
    if (!regexexec(reg, fn, 0, 0, 0)) puts(fn);
}

if (dir) closedir(dir);
return res ? res : errno ? WALK_BADIO : WALK_OK;
}

int walk_dir(char *dname, char *pattern, int spec)
{
    regex_t r;
    int res;
    if (regcomp(&r, pattern, REG_EXTENDED | REG_NOSUB))
        return WALK_BADPATTERN;
    res = walk_recur(dname, &r, spec);
    regfree(&r);

    return res;
}

int main()
{
    int r = walk_dir(".", ".\\..c$", WS_DEFAULT|WS_MATCHDIRS);
    switch(r) {
    case WALK_OK: break;
    case WALK_BADIO: err(1, "IO error");
    case WALK_BADPATTERN: err(1, "Bad pattern");
    case WALK_NAMETOOLONG: err(1, "Filename too long");
    default: err(1, "Unknown error?");
    }
    return 0;
}

```

Library: BSD libc

With the `fts(3)` (<http://www.openbsd.org/cgi-bin/man.cgi?query=fts&apropos=0&sektion=3&manpath=OpenBSD+Current&arch=i386&format=html>) functions from

4.4BSD, this program can sort the files, and can also detect cycles (when a link puts a directory inside itself). This program makes a *logical traversal* that follows symbolic links to directories.

Works with: OpenBSD version 4.9

```
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <err.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <fnmatch.h>
#include <fts.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <stdio.h>

/* Compare files by name. */
int
entcmp(const FTSENT **a, const FTSENT **b)
{
    return strcmp((*a)->fts_name, (*b)->fts_name);
}

/*
 * Print all files in the directory tree that match the glob pattern.
 * Example: pmatch("/usr/src", "*.c");
 */
void
pmatch(char *dir, const char *pattern)
{
    FTS *tree;
    FTSENT *f;
    char *argv[] = { dir, NULL };

    /*
     * FTS_LOGICAL follows symbolic links, including links to other
     * directories. It detects cycles, so we never have an infinite
     * loop. FTS_NOSTAT is because we never use f->statp. It uses
     * our entcmp() to sort files by name.
     */
    tree = fts_open(argv, FTS_LOGICAL | FTS_NOSTAT, entcmp);
    if (tree == NULL)
        err(1, "fts_open");

    /*
     * Iterate files in tree. This iteration always skips
     * "." and ".." because we never use FTS_SEEDOT.
     */
    while ((f = fts_read(tree))) {
        switch (f->fts_info) {
            case FTS_DNR: /* Cannot read directory */
            case FTS_ERR: /* Miscellaneous error */
            case FTS_NS: /* stat() error */
                /* Show error, then continue to next files. */
                warn("%s", f->fts_path);
                continue;
            case FTS_DP:
                /* Ignore post-order visit to directory. */
                continue;
        }

        /*
         * Check if name matches pattern. If so, then print
         * path. This check uses FNM_PERIOD, so "*.c" will not
         * match ".invisible.c".
         */
        if (fnmatch(pattern, f->fts_name, FNM_PERIOD) == 0)
```

```

        puts(f->fts_path);

    /*
     * A cycle happens when a symbolic link (or perhaps a
     * hard link) puts a directory inside itself. Tell user
     * when this happens.
     */
    if (f->fts_info == FTS_DC)
        warnx("%s: cycle in directory tree", f->fts_path);
}

/* fts_read() sets errno = 0 unless it has error. */
if (errno != 0)
    err(1, "fts_read");

if (fts_close(tree) < 0)
    err(1, "fts_close");
}

int
main()
{
    pmatch(".", "*.c");
    return 0;
}

```

Windows

Library: Win32

Works with: MinGW

```

#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <wchar.h>

/* Print "message: last Win32 error" to stderr. */
void
oops(const wchar_t *message)
{
    wchar_t *buf;
    DWORD error;

    buf = NULL;
    error = GetLastError();
    FormatMessageW(FORMAT_MESSAGE_ALLOCATE_BUFFER |
        FORMAT_MESSAGE_FROM_SYSTEM | FORMAT_MESSAGE_IGNORE_INSERTS,
        NULL, error, 0, (wchar_t *)&buf, 0, NULL);

    if (buf) {
        fwprintf(stderr, L"%ls: %ls", message, buf);
        LocalFree(buf);
    } else {
        /* FormatMessageW failed. */
        fwprintf(stderr, L"%ls: unknown error 0x%x\n",
            message, error);
    }
}

/*
 * Print all files in a given directory tree that match a given wildcard
 * pattern.
 */
int
main()
{
    struct stack {
        wchar_t
        size +
        *path;
        pathlen.
    }

```



```

        size_t      patternlen,
        size_t      slashlen;
        HANDLE      ffh;
        WIN32_FIND_DATAW ffd;
        struct stack *next;
    } *dir, dir0, *ndir;
    size_t patternlen;
    int argc;
    wchar_t **argv, *buf, c, *pattern;

    /* MinGW never provides wmain(argc, argv). */
    argv = CommandLineToArgvW(GetCommandLineW(), &argc);
    if (argv == NULL) {
        oops(L"CommandLineToArgvW");
        exit(1);
    }

    if (argc != 3) {
        fprintf(stderr, L"usage: %ls dir pattern\n", argv[0]);
        exit(1);
    }

    dir0.path = argv[1];
    dir0.pathlen = wcslen(dir0.path);
    pattern = argv[2];
    patternlen = wcslen(pattern);

    if (patternlen == 0 ||
        wcscmp(pattern, L".") == 0 ||
        wcscmp(pattern, L"..") == 0 ||
        wcschr(pattern, L'/') ||
        wcschr(pattern, L'\\')) {
        fprintf(stderr, L"%ls: invalid pattern\n", pattern);
        exit(1);
    }

    /*
     * Must put backslash between path and pattern, unless
     * last character of path is slash or colon.
     *
     * 'dir' => 'dir\'
     * 'dir\' => 'dir\'
     * 'dir/' => 'dir/*'
     * 'c:' => 'c:*'
     *
     * 'c:*' and 'c:\*' are different files!
     */
    c = dir0.path[dir0.pathlen - 1];
    if (c == ':' || c == '/' || c == '\\')
        dir0.slashlen = dir0.pathlen;
    else
        dir0.slashlen = dir0.pathlen + 1;

    /* Allocate space for path + backslash + pattern + \0. */
    buf = calloc(dir0.slashlen + patternlen + 1, sizeof buf[0]);
    if (buf == NULL) {
        perror("calloc");
        exit(1);
    }
    dir0.path = wmemcpy(buf, dir0.path, dir0.pathlen + 1);

    dir0.ffh = INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE;
    dir0.next = NULL;
    dir = &dir0;

    /* Loop for each directory in linked list. */
loop:
    while (dir) {
        /*
         * At first visit to directory:
         *   Print the matching files. Then, begin to find
         *   subdirectories.
         *
         * At later visit:

```

```

*   dir->ffh is the handle to find subdirectories.
*   Continue to find them.
*/
if (dir->ffh == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
    /* Append backslash + pattern + \0 to path. */
    dir->path[dir->pathlen] = '\\';
    wmemcpy(dir->path + dir->slashlen,
            pattern, patternlen + 1);

    /* Find all files to match pattern. */
    dir->ffh = FindFirstFileW(dir->path, &dir->ffd);
    if (dir->ffh == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        /* Check if no files match pattern. */
        if (GetLastError() == ERROR_FILE_NOT_FOUND)
            goto subdirs;

        /* Bail out from other errors. */
        dir->path[dir->pathlen] = '\\0';
        oops(dir->path);
        goto popdir;
    }

    /* Remove pattern from path; keep backslash. */
    dir->path[dir->slashlen] = '\\0';

    /* Print all files to match pattern. */
    do {
        wprintf(L"%ls%ls\n",
                dir->path, dir->ffd.cFileName);
    } while (FindNextFileW(dir->ffh, &dir->ffd) != 0);
    if (GetLastError() != ERROR_NO_MORE_FILES) {
        dir->path[dir->pathlen] = '\\0';
        oops(dir->path);
    }
    FindClose(dir->ffh);

    /* Append * + \0 to path. */
    dir->path[dir->slashlen] = '*';
    dir->path[dir->slashlen + 1] = '\\0';

    /* Find first possible subdirectory. */
    dir->ffh = FindFirstFileExW(dir->path,
        FindExInfoStandard, &dir->ffd,
        FindExSearchLimitToDirectories, NULL, 0);
    if (dir->ffh == INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE) {
        dir->path[dir->pathlen] = '\\0';
        oops(dir->path);
        goto popdir;
    }
} else {
    /* Find next possible subdirectory. */
    if (FindNextFileW(dir->ffh, &dir->ffd) == 0)
        goto closeffh;
}

/* Enter subdirectories. */
do {
    const wchar_t *fn = dir->ffd.cFileName;
    const DWORD attr = dir->ffd.dwFileAttributes;
    size_t buflen, fnlen;

    /*
     * Skip '.' and '..', because they are links to
     * the current and parent directories, so they
     * are not subdirectories.
     *
     * Skip any file that is not a directory.
     *
     * Skip all reparse points, because they might
     * be symbolic links. They might form a cycle,
     * with a directory inside itself.
     */
    - - - - -

```

subdirs:

```

        if (wcscmp(fn, L".") == 0 ||
            wcscmp(fn, L"..") == 0 ||
            (attr & FILE_ATTRIBUTE_DIRECTORY) == 0 ||
            (attr & FILE_ATTRIBUTE_REPARSE_POINT))
            continue;

        ndir = malloc(sizeof *ndir);
        if (ndir == NULL) {
            perror("malloc");
            exit(1);
        }

        /*
         * Allocate space for path + backslash +
         * fn + backslash + pattern + \0.
         */
        fnlen = wcslen(fn);
        buflen = dir->slashlen + fnlen + patternlen + 2;
        buf = calloc(buflen, sizeof buf[0]);
        if (buf == NULL) {
            perror("malloc");
            exit(1);
        }

        /* Copy path + backslash + fn + \0. */
        wmemcpy(buf, dir->path, dir->slashlen);
        wmemcpy(buf + dir->slashlen, fn, fnlen + 1);

        /* Push dir to list. Enter dir. */
        ndir->path = buf;
        ndir->pathlen = dir->slashlen + fnlen;
        ndir->slashlen = ndir->pathlen + 1;
        ndir->ffh = INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE;
        ndir->next = dir;
        dir = ndir;
        goto loop; /* Continue outer loop. */
    } while (FindNextFileW(dir->ffh, &dir->ffd) != 0);

closeffh:
    if (GetLastError() != ERROR_NO_MORE_FILES) {
        dir->path[dir->pathlen] = '\\0';
        oops(dir->path);
    }
    FindClose(dir->ffh);

popdir:
    /* Pop dir from list, free dir, but never free dir0. */
    free(dir->path);
    if (ndir == dir->next)
        free(dir);
    dir = ndir;
}

return 0;
}

```

Common Lisp

Library: CL-FAD

This example uses the CL-FAD library to achieve compatibility where the ANSI CL standard leaves ambiguities about pathnames.

```
(defun mapc-directory-tree (fn directory)
  (dolist (entry (cl-fad:list-directory directory))
    (when (cl-fad:directory-pathname-p entry)
      (mapc-directory-tree fn entry))
    (funcall fn entry)))
```

```
CL-USER> (mapc-directory-tree (lambda (x)
                                (when (equal (pathname-type x) "lisp")
                                    (write-line (namestring x)))
                                "lang/"))
/home/sthalik/lang/lisp/.#bitmap.lisp
/home/sthalik/lang/lisp/avg.lisp
/home/sthalik/lang/lisp/bitmap.lisp
/home/sthalik/lang/lisp/box-muller.lisp
/home/sthalik/lang/lisp/displaced-subseq.lisp
[...]
```

C#

```

using System.IO;

namespace ConsoleApplication1
{
    class Program
    {
        static void Main(string[] args)
        {
            DirectoryInfo tDir = new DirectoryInfo(@"C:\");
            string Pattern = "a";

            TraverseDirs(tDir, Pattern);
            Console.Read();
        }

        private static void TraverseDirs(DirectoryInfo dir, string Pattern)
        {
            // Subdirs
            try // Avoid errors such as "Access Denied"
            {
                foreach (DirectoryInfo iInfo in dir.GetDirectories())
                {
                    if (iInfo.Name.StartsWith(Pattern))
                        Console.WriteLine("Found dir: " + iInfo.FullName);

                    TraverseDirs(iInfo, Pattern);
                }
            }
            catch (Exception)
            {
            }

            // Subfiles
            try // Avoid errors such as "Access Denied"
            {
                foreach (FileInfo iInfo in dir.GetFiles())
                {
                    if (iInfo.Name.StartsWith(Pattern))
                        Console.WriteLine("Found file: " + iInfo.FullName);
                }
            }
            catch (Exception)
            {
            }
        }
    }
}

```

C++

Library: boost

```

#include "boost/filesystem.hpp"
#include "boost/regex.hpp"
#include <iostream>

using namespace boost::filesystem;

int main()
{
    path current_dir("."); //
    boost::regex pattern("a.*"); // list all files starting with a
    for (recursive_directory_iterator iter(current_dir), end;
         iter != end;
         ++iter)
    {
        std::string name = iter->path().leaf();
        if (regex_match(name, pattern))
            std::cout << iter->path() << "\n";
    }
}

```

Clojure

The standard function *file-seq* does a tree walk.

```

(import '[java.io File])

(defn walk [dirpath pattern]
  (doseq [file (-> dirpath File. file-seq)]
    (if (re-matches pattern (.getName file))
        (println (.getPath file)))))

(walk "src" #".*\.clj")

```

D

module `std.file` provides different walk directory functions (`listdir`).

This one recursively walks the directory, which can either match by regular expression or unix shell style pattern.

```

import std.stdio;
import std.file;
import std.regex;

void main(string[] args) {
    auto path = args.length > 1 ? args[1] : "." ; // default current
    auto pattern = args.length > 2 ? args[2] : ".*.*"; // default all file
    bool useRegExp = (args.length > 3 && args[3] == "-re") ; // pattern matching method

    if (args.length > 3 && args[3] == "-re")
        // use Regular Expression
        foreach (d; listdir(path, RegExp(pattern)))
            writeln(d);
    else
        // use unix shell style pattern matching
        foreach (d; listdir(path, pattern))
            writeln(d);
}

```

This one does not itself walk into a sub directory, but can be recursive by a callback delegate function.

```

import std.stdio;
import std.file;
import std.regex;
import std.path;

void main(string[] args) {
    auto path = args.length > 1 ? args[1] : "." ; // default current
    auto pattern = args.length > 2 ? args[2] : "*.*"; // default all file
    bool useRegExp = (args.length > 3 && args[3] == "-re") ; // pattern matching method
    bool recursive = (args.length <= 4 || args[4] != "-nr") ; // recursive?

    bool matchNPrint(DirEntry* de) {
        bool bPrint = false ;
        if(!de.isdir) {
            if(useRegExp){
                if(search(de.name, pattern)) // this _search_ from regex module
                    writeln(de.name) ;
            }else{
                if(fnmatch(de.name, pattern)) // this _fnmatch_ from path module
                    writeln(de.name) ;
            }
        } else
            if(recursive)
                listdir(de.name, &matchNPrint) ; // recursive sub dir
        return true ; // continue
    }

    listdir(path, &matchNPrint) ;
}

```

E

```

def walkTree(directory, pattern) {
    for name => file in directory {
        if (name =~ rx`.*$pattern.*`) {
            println(file.getPath())
        }
        if (file.isDirectory()) {
            walkTree(file, pattern)
        }
    }
}

```

Example:

```

? walkTree(<file:/usr/share/man>, "rmdir")
/usr/share/man/man1/rmdir.1
/usr/share/man/man2/rmdir.2

```

F#

This code is tail-recursive and lazy.

```

open System.IO

let rec getAllFiles dir pattern =
    seq { yield! Directory.EnumerateFiles(dir, pattern)
          for d in Directory.EnumerateDirectories(dir) do
              yield! getAllFiles d pattern }

getAllFiles "c:\\temp" "*.xml"
|> Seq.iter (printfn "%s")

```

Factor

```

USE: io.directories.search

"." t [
    dup ".factor" tail? [ print ] [ drop ] if
] each-file

```

Forth

Works with: gforth version 0.6.2

Todo: track the full path and print it on matching files.

```

defer ls-filter

: dots? ( name len -- ? )
  dup 1 = if drop c@ [char] . =
  else 2 = if dup c@ [char] . = swap 1+ c@ [char] . = and
  else drop false then then ;

: ls-r ( dir len -- )
  open-dir if drop exit then ( dirid)
  begin
    dup pad 256 rot read-dir throw
  while
    pad over dots? 0= if \ ignore current and parent dirs
      pad over recurse
      pad over ls-filter if
        cr pad swap type
      else drop then
    else drop then
  repeat
  drop close-dir throw ;

: c-file? ( str len -- ? )
  dup 3 < if 2drop false exit then
  + 1- dup c@ 32 or
    dup [char] c <> swap [char] h <> and if drop false exit then
  1- dup c@ [char] . <> if drop false exit then
  drop true ;
' c-file? is ls-filter

s" ." ls-r

```

GAP


```

Walk := function(name, op)
    local dir, file, e;
    dir := Directory(name);
    for e in SortedList(DirectoryContents(name)) do
        file := Filename(dir, e);
        if IsDirectoryPath(file) then
            if not (e in [".", ".."]) then
                Walk(file, op);
            fi;
        else
            op(file);
        fi;
    od;
end;

# This will print filenames
Walk(".", Display);

```

Go

```

package main

import (
    "fmt"
    "path/filepath"
    "os"
)

func VisitFile(fp string, fi *os.FileInfo, err error) error {
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Println(err) // can't walk here,
        return nil      // but continue walking elsewhere
    }
    if !fi.IsRegular() {
        return nil // not a file. ignore.
    }
    matched, err := filepath.Match("*.mp3", fi.Name)
    if err != nil {
        fmt.Println(err) // malformed pattern
        return err       // this is fatal.
    }
    if matched {
        fmt.Println(fp)
    }
    return nil
}

func main() {
    filepath.Walk("/", VisitFile)
}

```

Groovy

Print all text files in the current directory tree

```

new File('.').eachFileRecurse {
    if (it.name =~ /\.*\.(txt)/) println it;
}

```

GUISS

Here we list all files that match the pattern `m*.txt` in "My Documents" and all of its subfolders:

```
Start,Find,Files and Folders,Dropdown: Look in>My Documents,  
Inputbox: filename>m*.txt,Button:Search
```

Haskell

```
import System.Environment  
import System.Directory  
import System.FilePath.Find  
  
search pat dir =  
    find always (fileName ~~? pat) dir  
  
main = do [pat] <- getArgs  
          dir  <- getCurrentDirectory  
          files <- search pat dir  
          mapM_ putStrLn files
```

IDL

```
result = file_search( directory, '*.txt', count=cc )
```

This will descend down the directory/ies in the variable "directory" (which can be an array) returning an array of strings with the names of the files matching `*.txt` and placing the total number of matches into the variable "cc"

Icon and Unicon

Icon

Icon doesn't support 'stat' or 'open' of a directory; however, information can be obtained by use of the system function to access command line.

Unicon

```

procedure main()
every write(!getdirs(".")) # writes out all directories from the current directory down
end

procedure getdirs(s) #: return a list of directories beneath the directory 's'
local D,d,f

if ( stat(s).mode ? ="d" ) & ( d := open(s) ) then {
  D := [s]
  while f := read(d) do
    if not ( "." ? =f ) then # skip . and ..
      D |||:= getdirs(s || "/" || f)
    close(d)
  return D
}
end

```

J

```

require 'dir'
>{."1 dirtree '*.html'

```

The verb `dirtree` returns a file listing of a directory tree as a boxed matrix with file names in the first column. The primitives `>{ ."1` will return the unboxed contents of the first column.

'*.html' can be replaced by another pattern, of course.

Java

Works with: Java version 1.4+

Done using no pattern. But with end string comparison which gave better results.

```

import java.io.File;
public class MainEntry {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        walkin(new File("/home/user")); //Replace this with a suitable directory
    }

    /**
     * Recursive function to descend into the directory tree and find all the files
     * that end with ".mp3"
     * @param dir A file object defining the top directory
     */
    public static void walkin(File dir) {
        String pattern = ".mp3";

        File listFile[] = dir.listFiles();
        if(listFile != null) {
            for(int i=0; i<listFile.length; i++) {
                if(listFile[i].isDirectory()) {
                    walkin(listFile[i]);
                } else {
                    if(listFile[i].getName().endsWith(pattern)) {
                        System.out.println(listFile[i].getPath());
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Works with: Java version 7+

Luckily, `java.nio.file.Files` gives us a `walkFileTree` method that does exactly what this task calls for.

```

import java.io.IOException;
import java.nio.file.*;
import java.nio.file.attribute.BasicFileAttributes;

public class WalkTree{
    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException{
        Path start = FileSystems.getDefault().getPath("/path/to/file");
        Files.walkFileTree(start, new SimpleFileVisitor<Path>(){
            @Override
            public FileVisitResult visitFile(Path file,
                                             BasicFileAttributes attrs) throws IOException{
                if(file.toString().endsWith(".mp3")){
                    System.out.println(file);
                }
                return FileVisitResult.CONTINUE;
            }
        });
    }
}

```

JavaScript

Works with: JScript

```

var fso = new ActiveXObject("Scripting.FileSystemObject");

function walkDirectoryTree(folder, folder_name, re_pattern) {
    WScript.Echo("Files in " + folder_name + " matching '" + re_pattern + "':");
    walkDirectoryFilter(folder.files, re_pattern);

    var subfolders = folder.SubFolders;
    WScript.Echo("Folders in " + folder_name + " matching '" + re_pattern + "':");
    walkDirectoryFilter(subfolders, re_pattern);

    WScript.Echo();
    var en = new Enumerator(subfolders);
    while (! en.atEnd()) {
        var subfolder = en.item();
        walkDirectoryTree(subfolder, folder_name + "/" + subfolder.name, re_pattern);
        en.moveNext();
    }
}

function walkDirectoryFilter(items, re_pattern) {
    var e = new Enumerator(items);
    while (! e.atEnd()) {
        var item = e.item();
        if (item.name.match(re_pattern))
            WScript.Echo(item.name);
        e.moveNext();
    }
}

walkDirectoryTree(dir, dir.name, '\\.txt$');

```

Mathematica

The built-in function FileNames does exactly this:

```

FileNames[] lists all files in the current working directory.
FileNames[form] lists all files in the current working directory whose names match the string patte
FileNames[{form1,form2,...}] lists all files whose names match any of the form_i.
FileNames[forms,{dir1,dir2,...}] lists files with names matching forms in any of the directories di
FileNames[forms,dirs,n] includes files that are in subdirectories up to n levels down.

```

Examples (find all files in current directory, find all png files in root directory, find all files on the hard drive):

```

FileNames["*"]
FileNames["*.png", $RootDirectory]
FileNames["*", {"*"}, Infinity]

```

the result can be printed with `Print /@ FileNames[....]`

MAXScript

```

fn walkDir dir pattern =
(
  dirArr = GetDirectories (dir + "\\*")

  for d in dirArr do
  (
    join dirArr (getDirectories (d + "\\*"))
  )

  append dirArr (dir + "\\") -- Need to include the original top level directory

  for f in dirArr do
  (
    print (getFiles (f + pattern))
  )
)

walkDir "C:" "*.txt"

```

Objective-C

```

NSString *dir = NSHomeDirectory();
NSDirectoryEnumerator *de = [[NSFileManager defaultManager] enumeratorAtPath:dir];

NSString *file;
while ((file = [de nextObject]))
if ([[file pathExtension] isEqualToString:@"mp3"])
NSLog(@"%@", file);

```

OCaml

```

#!/usr/bin/env ocaml
#load "unix.cma"
#load "str.cma"
open Unix

let walk_directory_tree dir pattern =
  let select str = Str.string_match (Str.regexp pattern) str 0 in
  let rec walk acc = function
    | [] -> (acc)
    | dir::tail ->
      let contents = Array.to_list (Sys.readdir dir) in
      let contents = List.rev_map (Filename.concat dir) contents in
      let dirs, files =
        List.fold_left (fun (dirs,files) f ->
          match (stat f).st_kind with
          | S_REG -> (dirs, f::files) (* Regular file *)
          | S_DIR -> (f::dirs, files) (* Directory *)
          | _ -> (dirs, files)
        ) ([],[]) contents
      in
      let matched = List.filter (select) files in
      walk (matched @ acc) (dirs @ tail)
  in
  walk [] [dir]
;;

let () =
  let results = walk_directory_tree "/usr/local/lib/ocaml" ".*\\.cma" in
  List.iter print_endline results;
;;

```

Oz

```
declare
[Path] = {Module.link ['x-oz://system/os/Path.ozf']}
[Regex] = {Module.link ['x-oz://contrib/regex']}

proc {WalkDirTree Root Pattern Proc}
  proc {Walk R}
    Entries = {Path.readdir R}
    Files = {Filter Entries Path.isFile}
    MatchingFiles = {Filter Files fun {$ File} {Regex.search Pattern File} \= false end}
    Subdirs = {Filter Entries Path.isDir}
  in
    {ForAll MatchingFiles Proc}
    {ForAll Subdirs Walk}
  end
in
  {Walk Root}
end
in
  {WalkDirTree "." ".*\\.oz$" System.showInfo}
```

Perl

Works with: Perl version 5.x

```
use File::Find qw(find);
my $dir = '.';
my $pattern = 'foo';
find sub {print $File::Find::name if /$pattern/}, $dir;
```

Perl 6

Uses File::Find from File-Tools (<http://github.com/tadzik/perl6-File-Tools>)

```
use File::Find;

say for find(dir => '.').grep(/foo/);
```

PHP

```
function findFiles($dir = '.', $pattern = '/./'){
    $prefix = $dir . '/';
    $dir = dir($dir);
    while (false !== ($file = $dir->read())){
        if ($file === '.' || $file === '..') continue;
        $file = $prefix . $file;
        if (is_dir($file)) findFiles($file, $pattern);
        if (preg_match($pattern, $file)){
            echo $file . "\n";
        }
    }
}

findFiles('./foo', '/\\.bar$/');
```

This implementation uses Perl compatible regular expressions to match the whole path of the file

PHP BFS (Breadth First Search)

```
/*
This script performs a BFS search with recursion protection
it is often faster to search using this method across a
filesystem due to a few reasons:

* filesystem is accessed in native node order
* a recursive function is not required allowing infinite depth
* multiple directory handles are not required
* the file being searched for is often not that deep in the fs

This method also leverages PHP array hashing to speed up loop
detection while minimizing the amount of RAM used to track the
search history.

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*/

if ($_SERVER['argc'] < 3) {
    printf(
        "\n" .
        "Usage: %s (path) (search) [stop]\n" .
        "      path    the path to search\n" .
        "      search   the filename to search for\n" .
        "      stop     stop when file found, default 1\n" .
        "\n"
    , $_SERVER['argv'][0]);
    exit(1);
}

$path = $_SERVER['argv'][1];
$search = $_SERVER['argv'][2];
if ($_SERVER['argc'] > 3)
    $stop = $_SERVER['argv'][3] == 1;
else
    $stop = true;

/* get the absolute path and ensure it has a trailing slash */
$path = realpath($path);
if (substr($path, -1) !== DIRECTORY_SEPARATOR)
    $path .= DIRECTORY_SEPARATOR;

$queue = array($path => 1);
$done = array();
$index = 0;
while(!empty($queue)) {
    /* get one element from the queue */
    foreach($queue as $path => $unused) {
        unset($queue[$path]);
        $done[$path] = null;
        break;
    }
    unset($unused);

    $dh = @opendir($path);
    if (!$dh) continue;
    while(($filename = readdir($dh)) !== false) {
        /* dont recurse back up levels */
        if ($filename == '..' || $filename == '.')
            continue;

        /* check if the filename matches the search term */
        if ($filename == $search) {
            echo "$path$filename\n";
            if ($stop)
                break 2;
        }
    }
}
```



```

/* get the full path */
$filename = $path . $filename;

/* resolve symlinks to their real path */
if (is_link($filename))
    $filename = realpath($filename);

/* queue directories for later search */
if (is_dir($filename)) {
    /* ensure the path has a trailing slash */
    if (substr($filename, -1) != DIRECTORY_SEPARATOR)
        $filename .= DIRECTORY_SEPARATOR;

    /* check if we have already queued this path, or have done it */
    if (array_key_exists($filename, $queue) || array_key_exists($filename, $queue))
        continue;

    /* queue the file */
    $queue[$filename] = null;
}
closedir($dh);
}
}

```

PicoLisp

```

(let Dir "."
  (recur (Dir)
    (for F (dir Dir)
      (let Path (pack Dir "/" F)
        (cond
          ((=T (car (info Path))) # Is a subdirectory?
           (recurse Path) )      # Yes: Recurse
          ((match `(chop "s@.1") (chop F)) # Matches 's*.1'?
           (println Path) ) ) ) ) ) ) # Yes: Print it

```

Output:

```

"./src64/sym.l"
"./src64/subr.l"
...

```

Pop11

Built-in procedure `sys_file_match` searches directories or directory trees using shell-like patterns (three dots indicate search for subdirectory tree).

```

lvars repp, fil;
;;; create path repeater
sys_file_match('.../*.p', '', false, 0) -> repp;
;;; iterate over paths
while (repp() ->> fil) /= termin do
    ;;; print the path
    printf(fil, '%s\n');
endwhile;

```

PowerShell

In PowerShell the `Get-ChildItem` cmdlet allows for recursive filtering on file names with simple wildcards:

```
Get-ChildItem -Recurse -Include *.mp3
```

For more complex filtering criteria the result of `Get-ChildItem` can be piped into the `Where-Object` cmdlet:

```
Get-ChildItem -Recurse |  
Where-Object { $_.Name -match 'foo[0-9]' -and $_.Length -gt 5MB }
```

To perform an action on every matching file the results can be piped into the `ForEach-Object` cmdlet:

```
Get-ChildItem -Recurse |  
Where-Object { $_.Name -match 'foo[0-9]' } |  
ForEach-Object { ... }
```

Note: To include only *files* instead of directories too each of the above needs an additional `Where-Object` filter:

```
| Where-Object { !$_.PSIsContainer }
```

PureBasic

```
Procedure.s WalkRecursive(dir,path.s,Pattern.s=".txt$")  
Static RegularExpression  
If Not RegularExpression  
    RegularExpression=CreateRegularExpression(#PB_Any,Pattern)  
EndIf  
  
While NextDirectoryEntry(dir)  
    If DirectoryEntryType(dir)=#PB_DirectoryEntry_Directory  
        If DirectoryEntryName(dir)<>".." And DirectoryEntryName(dir)<>"."  
            If ExamineDirectory(dir+1,path+DirectoryEntryName(dir),"")  
                WalkRecursive(dir+1,path+DirectoryEntryName(dir)+"\",Pattern)  
            FinishDirectory(dir+1)  
        Else  
            Debug "Error in "+path+DirectoryEntryName(dir)  
        EndIf  
    EndIf  
Else ; e.g. #PB_DirectoryEntry_File  
    If MatchRegularExpression(RegularExpression,DirectoryEntryName(dir))  
        Debug DirectoryEntryName(dir)  
    EndIf  
EndIf  
Wend  
EndProcedure
```

```
;- Implementation; Find all .log-files in the C:\Windows tree  
ExamineDirectory(1,"C:\WINDOWS\","")  
WalkRecursive(1,"C:\WINDOWS\",".log$")  
FinishDirectory(1)
```

Python

Works with: Python version 3.x

Works with: Python version 2.3+

This uses the standard `os.walk()` (<http://docs.python.org/py3k/library/os.html?highlight=os.walk#os.walk>) module function to walk a directory tree, and the `fnmatch` (<http://docs.python.org/py3k/library/fnmatch.html>) module for matching file names.

```
import fnmatch
import os

rootPath = '/'
pattern = '*.mp3'

for root, dirs, files in os.walk(rootPath):
    for filename in fnmatch.filter(files, pattern):
        print( os.path.join(root, filename))
```

Works with: Python version 2.x

Works with: Python version 3.x

A more strictly comparable port of this 2.3+ code to earlier versions of Python would be:

```
from fnmatch import fnmatch
import os, os.path

def print_fnmatches(pattern, dir, files):
    for filename in files:
        if fnmatch(filename, pattern):
            print os.path.join(dir, filename)

os.path.walk('/', print_fnmatches, '*.mp3')
```

The old `os.path.walk` function was a challenge for many to use because of the need to pass a function into the walk, and any arguments to that function through to it ... as shown. It's sometimes useful to pass mutable objects (lists, dictionaries, or instances of user-defined classes) to the inner function ... for example, to collect all the matching files for later processing.

Of course the function being passed down through `os.path.walk()` can also be an instance of an object which maintains it's own data collections. Any matching criteria can be set as attributes of that object in advance and methods of that object can be called upon for later processing as well. That would be an object oriented approach which would obviate the need for the "arguments" to be passed through `os.path.walk()` at all.

Works with: Python version 2.5

Library: Path

(Note: This uses a non-standard replacement to the **os.path** module)

```

from path import path

rootPath = '/'
pattern = '*.mp3'

d = path(rootPath)
for f in d.walkfiles(pattern):
    print f

```

R

```

dir("/bar/foo", "mp3", recursive=T)

```

REALbasic

```

Sub printFiles(parentDir As FolderItem, pattern As String)
    For i As Integer = 1 To parentDir.Count
        If parentDir.Item(i).Directory Then
            printFiles(parentDir.Item(i), pattern)
        Else
            Dim rg as New RegEx
            Dim myMatch as RegExMatch
            rg.SearchPattern = pattern
            myMatch = rg.search(parentDir.Item(i).Name)
            If myMatch <> Nil Then Print(parentDir.Item(i).AbsolutePath)
        End If
    Next
End Sub

```

Accepts a FolderItem object and a Regex pattern as a string:

```

Dim f As FolderItem = GetFolderItem("C:\Windows\system32")
Dim pattern As String = "((?:[a-z][a-z+))(\.)(dll)" //all file names ending in .dll
printFiles(f, pattern)

```

Ruby

Using the Find core Module

```

require 'find'

Find.find('/your/path') do |f|
    # print file and path to screen if filename ends in ".mp3"
    puts f if f.match(/\.mp3$/)
end

```

Scala

NOTE: As of 2011-11-20 this example does not actually work on Scala 2.8.1 or 2.9.1. @SEE: <http://stackoverflow.com/questions/3444748/porting-new-iterable-code-from-scala-2-7-7-to-2-8>

This is not implemented in the Scala library. Here is a possible solution, building on class *java.io.File* and on scala language and library iteration facilities

```
package io.utils

import java.io.File

/** A wrapper around file, allowing iteration either on direct children
    or on directory tree */
class RichFile(file: File) {

  def children = new Iterable[File] {
    def elements =
      if (file.isDirectory) file.listFiles.elements else Iterator.empty;
  }

  def andTree : Iterable[File] = (
    Seq(file)
    ++ children.flatMap(child => new RichFile(child).andTree))
}

/** implicitly enrich java.io.File with methods of RichFile */
object RichFile {
  implicit def toRichFile(file: File) = new RichFile(file)
}
```

Class *RichFile* gets a *java.io.File* in constructor. Its two methods return *Iterables* on items of type *File*. *children* allow iterations on the direct children (empty if file is not a directory). *andTree* contains a file and all files below, as a concatenation (++) of a sequence which contains only a file (*Seq.single*) and actual descendants. The method *flatMap* in *Iterable* takes a function argument which associates each item (*child*) to another *Iterable* (*andTree* called recursively on that child) and returns the concatenation of those iterables.

The purpose of the object *RichFile* is to publish the implicit method *toRichFile*. When this method is available in scope (after *import RichFile.toRichFile* or *import RichFile._*), it is called behind the scene when a method of class *RichFile* is called on an instance of type *File* : with *f* of type *File*, code *f.children* (resp. *f.andTree*) becomes *toRichFile(f).children* (resp. *toRichFile(f).andTree*). It is as if class *File* had been added the methods of class *RichFile*.

Using it :

```
package test.io.utils

import io.utils.RichFile._ // this makes implicit toRichFile active
import java.io.File

object Test extends Application {
  val root = new File("/home/user")
  for(f <- root.andTree) Console.println(f)

  // filtering comes for free
  for(f <- root.andTree; if f.getName.endsWith(".mp3")) Console.println(f)
}
```

Scheme

Varies slightly depending on the implementation of scheme.

Works with: Chicken Scheme

```
(use posix)
(use files)
(use srfi-13)

(define (walk FN PATH)
  (for-each (lambda (ENTRY)
    (cond ((not (null? ENTRY))
      (let ((MYPATH (make-pathname PATH ENTRY)))
        (cond ((directory-exists? MYPATH)
          (walk FN MYPATH) ))
        (FN MYPATH) )))) (directory PATH #t) ))

(walk (lambda (X) (cond ((string-suffix? ".scm" X) (display X)(newline) ))) "/home/user/")
```

See also: (**find-files ...**) function in the **posix** module.

Works with: Gauche

```
(use file.util)
(use srfi-13)

(define (walk FN PATH)
  (for-each (lambda (ENTRY)
    (cond ((not (null? ENTRY))
      (let ((MYPATH ENTRY))
        (cond ((file-is-directory? MYPATH)
          (walk FN MYPATH) ))
        (FN MYPATH) )))) (directory-list PATH :add-path? #t :children? #t) ))

(walk (lambda (X) (cond ((string-suffix? ".scm" X) (display X)(newline) ))) "/home/user/")
```

See also: (**find-file-in-paths ...**) function in the **file.util** module.

Works with: PLT Scheme

```
#lang scheme

(require srfi/13)

(define (walk FN PATH)
  (for-each (lambda (ENTRY)
    (cond ((not (null? ENTRY))

      (let ((MYPATH (build-path PATH ENTRY)))

        (cond ((directory-exists? MYPATH)
          (walk FN MYPATH) ))

        (FN MYPATH) )))) (directory-list PATH)))

(walk (lambda (X) (cond ((string-suffix? ".scm" (path->string X)) (display X)(newline) ))) "/home/u
```



See also: **(find-files ...)** function in the **file** module.

Sample output:

```
/home/user/one.scm
/home/user/lang/two.scm
[...]
```

Smalltalk

Works with: GNU Smalltalk

```
Directory extend [
  wholeContent: aPattern do: twoBlock [
    self wholeContent: aPattern withLevel: 0 do: twoBlock.
  ]
  wholeContent: aPattern withLevel: 1 do: twoBlock [
    |cont|
    cont := (self contents) asSortedCollection.
    cont remove: '.'; remove: '..'.
    cont
    do: [ :n | |fn ps|
      ps := (Directory pathSeparator) asString.
      fn := (self name), ps, n.
      ((File name: fn) isDirectory)
      ifTrue: [
        twoBlock value: (n, ps) value: 1.
        (Directory name: fn) wholeContent: aPattern withLevel: (l+1) do: twoBlock.
      ]
      ifFalse: [
        ( n =~ aPattern )
        ifMatched: [ :m |
          twoBlock value: n value: 1
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
].
```

```
|d|
d := Directory name: '.'.
d wholeContent: '\.st$' do: [ :f :l |
  0 to: l do: [ :i | (Character tab) display ].
  f displayNl
].
```

Tcl

Works with: Tcl version 8.4

```
proc walkin {fromDir pattern} {
  foreach fname [glob -nocomplain -directory $fromDir *] {
    if {[file isdirectory $fname]} {
      walkin $fname $pattern
    } elseif {[string match $pattern [file tail $fname]]} {
      puts [file normalize $fname]
    }
  }
}
# replace directory with something appropriate
walkin /home/user *.mp3
```

Visual Basic .NET

Works with: Visual Basic .NET version 9.0+

This uses the OS pattern matching

```
Sub walkTree(ByVal directory As IO.DirectoryInfo, ByVal pattern As String)
  For Each file In directory.GetFiles(pattern)
    Console.WriteLine(file.FullName)
  Next
  For Each subDir In directory.GetDirectories
    walkTree(subDir, pattern)
  Next
End Sub
```

UNIX Shell

Works with: Bourne Again SHell

The "find" command gives a one-line solution for simple patterns:

```
find . -name '*.txt' -type f
```

"find" can also be used to find files matching more complex patterns as illustrated in the section on Unix Pipes below.

Using "bash" version 4 or later, you can use "globstar" or "dotglob", depending on whether you want hidden directories to be searched:


```

#!/bin/bash
# Warning: globstar excludes hidden directories.
# Turn on recursive globbing (in this script) or exit if the option is not supported:
shopt -s globstar || exit

for f in **
do
    if [[ "$f" =~ \.txt$ ]]; then
        echo "$f"
    fi
done

```

Here is a solution that does not use "find".

```

#!/bin/bash

indent_print()
{
    for((i=0; i < $1; i++)); do
        echo -ne "\t"
    done
    echo "$2"
}

walk_tree()
{
    local oldifs bn lev pr pmat
    if [[ $# -lt 3 ]]; then
        if [[ $# -lt 2 ]]; then
            pmat=".*"
        else
            pmat="$2"
        fi
        walk_tree "$1" "$pmat" 0
        return
    fi
    lev=$3
    [ -d "$1" ] || return
    oldifs=$IFS
    IFS="
"

    for el in $1/*; do
        bn=$(basename "$el")
        if [[ -d "$el" ]]; then
            indent_print $lev "$bn/"
            pr=$( walk_tree "$el" "$2" $(( lev + 1 )) )
            echo "$pr"
        else
            if [[ "$bn" =~ $2 ]]; then
                indent_print $lev "$bn"
            fi
        fi
    done
    IFS=$oldifs
}

walk_tree "$1" "\.sh$"

```

A simplified version that gives the same output:

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash

walk_tree() {
    ls "$1" | while IFS= read i; do
        if [ -d "$1/$i" ]; then
            echo "$i/"
            walk_tree "$1/$i" "$2" | sed -r 's/^\t/'
        else
            echo "$i" | grep -E "$2"
        fi
    done
}

walk_tree "$1" "\.sh$"
```

UnixPipes

As illustrated above, the "find" command can be used with the -name option to match simple patterns. To find files matching more complex patterns, the results of "find" can be piped, e.g.

```
find . -type f | egrep '\.txt$|\.TXT$'
```

One way to run a command against each file that is found is to use "xargs", but if there is any possibility that a filename contains a space or tab character, then the following model should be used:

```
find . -type f -name "*.txt" -print0 | xargs -0 fgrep sometext
```

Zsh

Zsh has recursive globbing. The GLOB_DOTS option allows files beginning with a period to be matched.

```
setopt GLOB_DOTS
print -l -- **/*.txt
```

GLOB_DOTS can be set temporarily with the 'D' modifier.

```
print -l -- **/*.txt(D)
```

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