

Week 9: Grep++

Becoming grep experts. (grexperts)

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Paw-nouncements

- Extratation: product development/management





Review of last week!



| Class | Matches | Quantifier | Matches |
|-----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| [abc] | a or b or c | a? | Zero or one (ie. optional) |
| [a-z] | a lowercase letter | a* | Zero or more |
| \s | whitespace | a+ | One or more |
| \d | digit | a{3} | Exactly 3 |
| \w | alphanumeric char | a{3,} | 3 or more |
| . | any single character | a{3,6} | Between 3 and 6 (inclusive) |
| [^abc] | Not any of a, b or c | | |
| [^A-Za-z] | Not a character | Other expressions | Matches |
| \S | Not a whitespace | ^(start) | “start” at the beginning of line/string |
| \D | Any non-digit | (end)\$ | “end” at the end of the line/string |
| \W | Any non-alphanumeric char | (this that) | “this” or “that” |
| \. | Just a period | | |

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- grep is fast for theoretical reasons you will learn in the future



most ambitious crossover in history?

use regex for the pattern...

... and globs for the filename(s).

\$ grep [flags] 'pattern' file

(a glob of kittens)



wrap the pattern with quotes!!

flags



http://linuxcommand.org/lc3_man_pages/grep1.html

-l to print filenames

-i (ignores case when searching)

-c (counts up the number lines that contains a match)

-v (inverse; print out lines that do NOT match)

-n (also print out the line numbers)

-E (use extended regex)



Matching multiple patterns/files

(escaped) pipe to match patterns



Bracket notation to match file names



```
$ grep "pattern1\|pattern2\|pattern3" {file1, file2, file3}
```

equivalent to

```
$ grep -E "pattern1|pattern2|pattern3" {file1, file2, file3}  
(-E flag if you don't want to use '\')
```





Globfield



Pregex



Igrepus





CRAFTING WITH CAT HAIR

Cute Handicrafts to Make with Your Cat



by Kaori Tsutaya
translated from the Japanese
by Amy Hirschman

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 - `$ grep -nE "Globfield|Pregex|Igreprus" apartment/{livingRoom,bedRoom}`
- Note how we use globs for directory!

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 - `$ grep -L "Globfield|Pregex|Igreprus" apartment/*`



HauntLab tips

- Remember to put quotes around regex patterns!
- Don't forget to give the script executable permissions!
- Experiment with running some commands you think will work at the command line first. Then, when you think you've got an answer that will work, transfer it to your script.

