

# Nice to know Stuff

**Find a specific folder by name and delete it recursively.** Search down from current directory:

```
# find . -type d -name "@eaDir" -print0 | xargs -0 rm -rf
```

```
michael@backup-server:/mnt/backup-disk/web$ find . -type d -name "@eaDir"
./enjoy/img/@eaDir
./enjoy/img/base/backgrounds/@eaDir
./tools/images/@eaDir
./download/languages/@eaDir
./download/templates/default/@eaDir
./download/templates/@eaDir
./download/templates/simple_image_gallery/@eaDir
./download/@eaDir
./download/index_icons/michael/@eaDir
./download/index_icons/winvista/@eaDir
./download/index_icons/kde/@eaDir
./download/index_icons/apache/@eaDir
./download/index_icons/winxp/@eaDir
./download/index_icons/osx/@eaDir
./download/files/@eaDir
./download/files/programs/@eaDir
./download/files/programs/MorphVOX Pro/@eaDir
..
```

**Find a specific file by name and delete it.** Search down from current directory:

```
# find . -type f -name "Thumbs.db" -print0 | xargs -0 rm -f
```

```
michael@backup-server:/mnt/backup-disk/web$ find . -type f -name "Thumbs.db"
./enjoy/img/Thumbs.db
./enjoy/img/base/backgrounds/Thumbs.db
./tools/images/Thumbs.db
./download/index_icons/michael/Thumbs.db
./download/index_icons/winvista/Thumbs.db
./download/index_icons/kde/Thumbs.db
./download/index_icons/apache/Thumbs.db
./download/index_icons/winxp/Thumbs.db
./download/index_icons/osx/Thumbs.db
./_index_content/Thumbs.db
./books/index_icons/michael/Thumbs.db
```

```
./books/index_icons/winvista/Thumbs.db
./books/index_icons/kde/Thumbs.db
./books/index_icons/apache/Thumbs.db
..
```

## Account Type: “Standard” or “Administrator”.

On the command line, run the **command** `id` or `groups` and see whether you are in the `sudo` group. On Ubuntu, normally, administrators are in the `sudo` group.

**You may also have administrative access if you've been directly added to the list of sudoers** — this is more likely if the administrator is familiar with Linux or Unix in general and didn't use the default Ubuntu method. Try running `sudo echo ok` and enter your password; if this prints `ok`, you're an administrator.

## “grep” the available space from “df” output:

```
# df | grep -oP '/sda1.* \K\d+(?=\s+\d+%)'
```

```
michael@backup-server:~$ df | grep -oP '/sda1.* \K\d+(?=\s+\d+%)'
994425716
```

```
michael@backup-server:~$ df
```

Filesystem	1K-blocks	Used	Available	Use%
Mounted on				
/dev/root	15039728	1152500	13243704	9%
/				
devtmpfs	470184	0	470184	0%
/dev				
tmpfs	474792	0	474792	0%
/dev/shm				
tmpfs	474792	6308	468484	2%
/run				
tmpfs	5120	4	5116	1%
/run/lock				
tmpfs	474792	0	474792	0%
/sys/fs/cgroup				
/dev/mmcblk0p1	41853	21327	20526	51%
/boot				
tmpfs	94956	0	94956	0%
/run/user/1001				
/dev/sda1	1441091564	373256712	994561592	28%
/mnt/backup-disk				

**Explanation:** Here, we match `/sda3`, then as many characters as possible until we find a stretch of

numbers (\d+) which is followed by one or more spaces (\s+), then one or more numbers (\d+) and a %. The foo(?=bar) construct is a positive lookahead, it allows you to search for the string foo only if it is followed by the string bar. The \K is a PCRE trick that means “discard anything matched up to this point”. Combined with -o, it lets you use strings that precede your pattern to anchor your match but not print them.

**Without -P, things are trickier. You would need multiple passes. For example:**

```
df | grep -o '/sda3.*%' | grep -Eo '[0-9]+ *[0-9]+%' | grep -Eo '^[0-9]+'
```

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## Split text on whitespace in terminal output

To split text on whitespace you can use grep. There's an infinite amount of ways to do this. This is one of them.

```
# echo 'string --with ###ALLKINDS### 0f ::outputs' | grep -oP '^[^\s]+'
```

```
# echo 'string --with ###ALLKINDS### 0f ::outputs' | grep -oP '^[^\s]+'
string
--with
###ALLKINDS###
0f
::outputs
```

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## curl only write to file if successful status 200

Make curl get the contents of a URL and write to file, but only write to file if the response is successful:

```
# curl -s -S -f -o blackgate-feed.json "$blackgate_rz"
```

- -s keeps curl quiet by hiding progress meter and error messages
- -S shows an error message if it fails (stderr)
- -f Fail silently (no output at all) on server errors, keeping stdout clean
- -o specifies an output file

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## Pipe video stream from raspberry pi to local computer with ffplay

I use this to get a live video stream from my Raspberry Pi with Camera attached

Execute this on the Pi, where TARGET\_IP is my local computer where I will watch the stream, and PORT is an arbitrary port number.

```
# raspivid -t 999999 -o - | nc -u $TARGET_IP $PORT
```

Execute this on the local computer where you will watch the video stream

```
# nc -ul $PORT | ffplay -
```

- <https://www.raspberrypi.org/blog/camera-board-available-for-sale/>
- <https://blog.philippklaus.de/2013/06/using-the-raspberry-pi-camera-board-on-arch-linux-arm/>

## Generating a pseudorandom password or string in Linux bash

Define a function in e.g. ~/.bashrc

```
genpasswd() {  
    tr -dc A-Za-z0-9 < /dev/urandom | head -c ${1:-36} | xargs  
}
```

Where 36 is default length if no parameter is given

### Usage:

```
# genpasswd  
GVQ3ZHqrBRDzB1QwASA9uk6YsZPto2GWeRWR  
  
# genpasswd 7  
qvPWx7N
```

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