

NAME

find2perl - translate find command lines to Perl code

SYNOPSIS

```
find2perl [paths] [predicates] | perl
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DESCRIPTION

find2perl is a little translator to convert find command lines to equivalent Perl code. The resulting code is typically faster than running find itself.

"paths" are a set of paths where find2perl will start its searches and "predicates" are taken from the following list.

`! PREDICATE`

Negate the sense of the following predicate. The `!` must be passed as a distinct argument, so it may need to be surrounded by whitespace and/or quoted from interpretation by the shell using a backslash (just as with using `find(1)`).

`(PREDICATES)`

Group the given PREDICATES. The parentheses must be passed as distinct arguments, so they may need to be surrounded by whitespace and/or quoted from interpretation by the shell using a backslash (just as with using `find(1)`).

`PREDICATE1 PREDICATE2`

True if `_both_ PREDICATE1 and PREDICATE2 are true; PREDICATE2 is not evaluated if PREDICATE1 is false.`

`PREDICATE1 -o PREDICATE2`

True if either one of PREDICATE1 or PREDICATE2 is true; PREDICATE2 is not evaluated if PREDICATE1 is true.

`-follow`

Follow (dereference) symlinks. The checking of file attributes depends on the position of the `-follow` option. If it precedes the file check option, an `stat` is done which means the file check applies to the file the symbolic link is pointing to. If `-follow` option follows the file check option, this now applies to the symbolic link itself, i.e. an `lstat` is done.

`-depth`

Change directory traversal algorithm from breadth-first to depth-first.

`-prune`

Do not descend into the directory currently matched.

`-xdev`

Do not traverse mount points (prunes search at mount-point directories).

`-name GLOB`

File name matches specified GLOB wildcard pattern. GLOB may need to be quoted to avoid interpretation by the shell (just as with using `find(1)`).

`-iname GLOB`

Like `-name`, but the match is case insensitive.

`-path GLOB`

Path name matches specified GLOB wildcard pattern.

- `-ipath GLOB`
Like `-path`, but the match is case insensitive.
- `-perm PERM`
Low-order 9 bits of permission match octal value PERM.
- `-perm -PERM`
The bits specified in PERM are all set in file's permissions.
- `-type X`
The file's type matches perl's `-x` operator.
- `-fstype TYPE`
Filesystem of current path is of type TYPE (only NFS/non-NFS distinction is implemented).
- `-user USER`
True if USER is owner of file.
- `-group GROUP`
True if file's group is GROUP.
- `-nouser`
True if file's owner is not in password database.
- `-nogroup`
True if file's group is not in group database.
- `-inum INUM`
True file's inode number is INUM.
- `-links N`
True if (hard) link count of file matches N (see below).
- `-size N`
True if file's size matches N (see below) N is normally counted in 512-byte blocks, but a suffix of "c" specifies that size should be counted in characters (bytes) and a suffix of "k" specifies that size should be counted in 1024-byte blocks.
- `-atime N`
True if last-access time of file matches N (measured in days) (see below).
- `-ctime N`
True if last-changed time of file's inode matches N (measured in days, see below).
- `-mtime N`
True if last-modified time of file matches N (measured in days, see below).
- `-newer FILE`
True if last-modified time of file matches N.
- `-print`
Print out path of file (always true). If none of `-exec`, `-ls`, `-print0`, or `-ok` is specified, then `-print` will be added implicitly.
- `-print0`
Like `-print`, but terminates with `\0` instead of `\n`.

`-exec OPTIONS ;`

`exec()` the arguments in `OPTIONS` in a subprocess; any occurrence of `{}` in `OPTIONS` will first be substituted with the path of the current file. Note that the command `"rm"` has been special-cased to use perl's `unlink()` function instead (as an optimization). The `;` must be passed as a distinct argument, so it may need to be surrounded by whitespace and/or quoted from interpretation by the shell using a backslash (just as with using `find(1)`).

`-ok OPTIONS ;`

Like `-exec`, but first prompts user; if user's response does not begin with a `y`, skip the `exec`. The `;` must be passed as a distinct argument, so it may need to be surrounded by whitespace and/or quoted from interpretation by the shell using a backslash (just as with using `find(1)`).

`-eval EXPR`

Has the perl script `eval()` the `EXPR`.

`-ls`

Simulates `-exec ls -dils {} ;`

`-tar FILE`

Adds current output to tar-format `FILE`.

`-cpio FILE`

Adds current output to old-style cpio-format `FILE`.

`-ncpio FILE`

Adds current output to "new"-style cpio-format `FILE`.

Predicates which take a numeric argument `N` can come in three forms:

- * `N` is prefixed with a `+`: match values greater than `N`
- * `N` is prefixed with a `-`: match values less than `N`
- * `N` is not prefixed with either `+` or `-`: match only values equal to `N`

SEE ALSO

`find`