

## 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 if 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`