

**NAME**

grepor – From a list of files select those containing ANY of one or more specified strings.

**SYNOPSIS**

```
echo "fileX fileY ..." | ${HOME}/bin/grepor "pattern1" "pattern2" ...
```

**DESCRIPTION**

If no parameter is given this shell script prints usage information. If one or more parameters are given, it uses `cat | sort -u` to store the input list of filenames in a variable. Then it egreps the files in turn and reports those that contain strings matching ANY of the given regular expressions.

**SEE ALSO**

`grepand` which selects the files containing ALL of one or more specified strings  
`grep` which searches for a string in a list of files

**APPLICATION NOTE**

Complicated logical conditions can be imposed on a search by pipelining invocations of `grepand` with `grepor`. For example,

```
/bin/ls -lF | grep -v "/" | grep -v "@" | grepor "A" "B" | grepand "C" "D"
```

produces a list of the files in the current directory that contain either "A" or "B" and also both "C" and "D". The `-F` option of `/bin/ls` requests that it append `/` to the names of directories and `@` to the names of links; the first two `grep` commands are used to remove the directory and link names from the list that is presented to `grepor`.

**EXAMPLES**

```
unix[1] /usr/bin/find ${HOME} -xdev -name Makefile | grepor "sub*.f" "book.ps"
/home/mike/Prof/Research/ODEPAR/Makefile
/home/mike/src/lib/Makefile
/home/mike/Texts/CF2/Makefile
/home/mike/Texts/IMP/Makefile
unix[2]
```

In this example the script is used to search for Makefiles including either a string matching "sub\*.f" or a string matching "book.ps".