

Quickly Finding files in macOS with `mdfind`



macOS Mojave

I've just learned about a super cool command in [macOS](#): `mdfind`. It consults a database to find files using type or filename. `mdfind` is quite similar to [locate command](#), I think, but more powerful?

Find file by filename with `mdfind`

[macOS](#) comes with Apache webserver pre-installed – you just need to configure and active it. It starts with `httpd.conf` file, that is tricky to find unless you know where to look.

`mdfind` instantly solves this challenge:

```
greys@maverick:~ $ mdfind -name httpd.conf  
/private/etc/apache2/httpd.conf.pre-update  
/private/etc/apache2/original/httpd.conf  
/private/etc/apache2/httpd.conf
```

See Also

- [macOS commands](#)
- [Basic Unix commands](#)
- [locate command](#)
- [find command](#)