ripgrep Fast recursive search

CONCEPTS

> rg skips ignored, hidden and binary files by default. If a match is missing, try rg -uu before blaming the pattern.

Walk tree from . or <path>
↓ skip ignored
Filter globs, types, hidden
↓ skip binary
Match regex per line
↓ format
Print path:line:text
What happens to each file

> ripgrep never edits files: --replace only changes what is printed.

SEARCHING

`rg <pattern> [<path>...]`
Search paths recursively (default .)

`rg -e <pat1> -e <pat2>`
Match any of several patterns

`rg -i <pattern>`
Case-insensitive

`rg -S <pattern>`
Smart case: ignore case unless uppercase used

`rg -F <text>`
Fixed string, no regex

`rg -w <word>`
Match whole words only

FILTERING FILES

`rg -g '<glob>' <pattern>`
Only paths matching the glob

`rg -g '!<glob>' <pattern>`
Exclude paths matching the glob

`rg -t <type> <pattern>`
Only files of a type (py, rust, md...)

`rg -T <type> <pattern>`
Exclude a file type

FILTERING FILES (cont.)

`rg --files`
List files that would be searched

IGNORE RULES

`rg --hidden <pattern>`
Search hidden files and dirs

`rg --no-ignore <pattern>`
Ignore .gitignore, .ignore and .rgignore

`rg -uu <pattern>`
Also search hidden files

`rg -uuu <pattern>`
Also search binary files

OUTPUT

`rg -o <pattern>`
Print only the matched text

`rg -l <pattern>`
List files with matches

`rg -c <pattern>`
Count matching lines per file

`rg -A <n> / -B <n> / -C <n>`
Lines after, before, around a match

REGEX AND REPLACE

`rg -r '<text>' <pattern>`
Replace matches in the output only

`rg 'a(\w+)' -r 'b$1'`
Use capture group $1 in replacement

`rg -o -r '$1' '<pat>(<grp>)'`
Extract just a capture group

`rg -U '<a>\n<b>'`
Multiline match across lines

`rg -P '<pattern>'`
PCRE2 engine: lookaround, backrefs

CONFIG AND TOOLING

`export RIPGREP_CONFIG_PATH=<file>`
Point rg at a config file