

php grep

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i am looking for a way to grep through a LARGE text file quickly and efficiently. i need to pull out just one line of the file. i have found the most efficient method so far to be:

```
$handle = popen('grep regex /path/to/file.txt', 'r');  
$output = fread($handle, 2096);  
pclose($handle);
```

i have used most other methods of reading text in php, but they have proved to be very inefficient, and security is a major issue. any help with this subject will be much appreciated.

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