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Finé, Oronce

Flourished France, 1494–1555

Oronce Finé was a French mathematician, physician, cartographer, and horologist. He was also in and out of prison. Finé proposed the idea of using lunar eclipse timings to determine longitude.

## Alternate name

Orontius Finaeus

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