

## Re: to replace a field of a line – help

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Hi Stefan,

Thanks for ur reply.

Here the point is I don't know the content of the 4th field ie. good.

And I want to replace it directly with a new word.

How can I do that ?

Regards

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"Stefan Lagotzki" <[lago20@gmx.de](mailto:lago20@gmx.de)> wrote in message  
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> spanda <[spanda@cisco.com](mailto:spanda@cisco.com)>:

> > I want to replace a field of a line without knowing the content of the  
> > field.

> > i.e if a line is "he is a good guy" and I want to replace the 4th field

> > (good) and the new line

> > should be "he is a nice guy".

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> awk '{gsub(/good/, "nice", \$4); print}' input.txt > output.txt

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> Test:

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> echo "he is a good guy" | awk '{gsub(/good/, "nice", \$4); print}'

> he is a nice guy

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> HTH,

> Stefan

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