

Package: replace (via r-universe)

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Title Replace Variable Names in R Scripts

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Description Choose a target, a replacement, files or folders, and whether you want to replace standard variables, function calls, argument names, formal names, or package names.

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Description

Use to replace code in a collection of files, keeping control on the type of replacement.

Usage

```
replace_in_files(
  target,
  replacement,
  paths = "R",
  what = c("var", "fun"),
  regex = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

target	a string
replacement	a string
paths	a vector of paths or folders, if the latter all R scripts (".R", ".r") are considered
what	one or several of "var", "fun", "arg", "formal", "package", "comment", "expression". They are mapped to token types found in the output of <code>getParseData()</code> . See details.
regex	a boolean. Whether to use regular expressions for detection and replacement. "var": standard variable names <code>target</code>, includes element names <code>foo\$target</code> "fun": function calls <code>target()</code> (if called through <code>lapply</code> etc a function will be matched with "var", not "fun") "arg": Function argument name <code>foo(target = bar)</code> "formal": a function's formal definition <code>function(target) {}</code> or <code>function(target =) {}</code> "package": <code>target::foo</code> or <code>target:::foo</code> "comment": comments, usually more useful with <code>regex = TRUE</code> "string": strings like <code>"target"</code> "expression": complex calls

For comments the `"#"` should be included in `target` and in the replacement and for strings, the quotes should be included in `target` (unless we use `regex = TRUE`).

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