

NAME

replace - a string-replacement utility

SYNOPSIS

replace *arguments*

DESCRIPTION

The **replace** utility program changes strings in place in files or on the standard input.

Invoke **replace** in one of the following ways:

```
shell> replace from to [from to] ... -- file_name [file_name] ...
```

```
shell> replace from to [from to] ... <file_name
```

from represents a string to look for and *to* represents its replacement. There can be one or more pairs of strings.

Use the -- option to indicate where the string-replacement list ends and the file names begin. In this case, any file named on the command line is modified in place, so you may want to make a copy of the original before converting it. *replace* prints a message indicating which of the input files it actually modifies.

If the -- option is not given, **replace** reads the standard input and writes to the standard output.

replace uses a finite state machine to match longer strings first. It can be used to swap strings. For example, the following command swaps a and b in the given files, file1 and file2:

```
shell> replace a b b a -- file1 file2 ...
```

The **replace** program is used by **mysql2mysql**. See [mysql2mysql\(1\)](#).

replace supports the following options.

- **-?**, **-I**
Display a help message and exit.
- **-#debug_options**
Enable debugging.
- **-s**
Silent mode. Print less information what the program does.
- **-v**
Verbose mode. Print more information about what the program does.
- **-V**
Display version information and exit.

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