

# Re: Global Change in text files

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On Wed, 21 Sep 2005 08:40:47 -0400, "Jeff Belorit"  
wrote in microsoft.public.windows.server.scripting:

>I have about 100 .txt files in a directory that I need to make a global  
>change to. I think there is a way to do this with the find command in a  
>batch program.  
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>Currently, all of the files have lines of text that point to the path  
>c:\inetpub\ftproot. I need to modify this path to  
>c:\ftpdata\users  
>  
>Does anyone have a quick script to do this?

Looks like a job for SED; see: (<<http://www.student.northpark.edu/pemente/sed/sedfaq4.html#s4.41>>  
and <<http://www.student.northpark.edu/pemente/sed/sedfaq4.html#s4.43>>),  
or other similar utilities, e.g. <[http://www.funduc.com/search\\_replace.htm](http://www.funduc.com/search_replace.htm)>.

With SED, this should work:

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FOR %n IN (*.txt) DO SED "s/c:\\inetpub\\ftproot/c:\\ftpdata\\users/g' %n >%~nn.new
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Michael Bednarek <http://mbednarek.com/> "POST NO BILLS"

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