

Re: How can I replace this complex string?

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Duncan,

Three posts within three minutes is two too many and not enough time for anyone to answer.

Try doing a "Find what" for the following: `^#^#^#^w-^w` and leave the "Replace with" field blank. That will look for any digit, any digit, any digit, white space, dash, white space and delete it. If you had clicked on the "Special" button at the bottom of the Find and Replace dialog box you would have seen these options.

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"Duncan" <Duncan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:0E084D22-D7C6-477B-B77B-31CD8FDED0B0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
> Please tell me how to find and replace using MSWord a range of characters
> only at the beginning of a line but not the rest of the line.
> Specifically,
> I want to replace the 100 or so track numbers at the beginning of a list
> of
> song titles. Example 010 – (including the spaces before and after the
> dash)
> in a list of song titles copied over from Winamp. But I want to keep
> everything after the space following the dash. Incidentally, the entire
> list
> is treated like one paragraph by word.
> Boy I have tried all the combinations of wildcards etc. I can think of
> with
> only partial success. I can eliminate the range of numbers easily and the
> dash itself, but cannot get the spaces to go away. Thanks

- **References:**

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- ◇ *From:* Duncan

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