

Change string in all Posts Wordpress howto - Search and Replace String Wordpress in all Articles plugin

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My site pictures are stored on webserver (blog) folder under `/images/` and all my links from this blog are linking to www.pc-freak.net/images/.. however recently I decided to **run my own Content Delivery Network (CDN)** to serve images with NGINX instead of Apache because **this will save me a lot of Memory and increases significantly image picture download speed**. For that purpose the easiest way is to of course **redirect all images requests** to **NGINX** server running on separate *port 8080*. But as the *redirecting /images/ requests* will have a *minor negative effect on static content serve speed*, I thought the best way will be to create / run a separate subdomain **cdn.pc-freak.net** on a separate IP address to serve *blog linked images*.

Then to achieve that, I needed a way to convert all my blog posts <http://www.pc-freak.net/images/> string to <http://cdn.pc-freak.net/> luckily there is a wordpress plugin to search and replace a string:

"SA simple search for find strings in your database and replace the string. You can search in ID, post-content, GUID, titel, excerpt, meta-data, comments, comment-author, comment-e-mail, comment-url, tags/categories and categories-

description. It is possible to replace the user-ID in all tables and the user-login."

Using the plugin is straight forward:

```
cd /var/www/blog/wp-content/plugins
wget -q http://thedeadone.net/wp-content/sw/Wordpress/searchandreplace.zip
unzip searchandreplace.zip
Archive:  searchandreplace.zip
warning [searchandreplace.zip]: 15 extra bytes at beginning or within zipfile
(attempting to process anyway)
inflating: searchandreplace.php
```

To substitute any string within wordpress database **login to WP-Admin Panel** you will **notice in:**

“Tools” (section) -> "Search and Replace"

Search & Replace

One or more plugins have been activated or deactivated, please [empty the page cache](#) and check the [minify settings](#) to maintain the desired user experience. [Hide this message](#)

Global Search & Replace

This plugin modifies your database directly!

WARNING: You cannot undo any changes made by this plugin. It is therefore recommended you backup your database before running this plugin. [There is no warranty for this plugin!](#) Activate the plugin only if you want to use it!

Text search is case sensitive and has no pattern matching capabilities. This replace function matches raw text so it can be used to replace HTML tags too.

But it will not replace strings inside serialized data fields, like option values in the table options.

Step One: Use the following search (only) first, for a better understanding of what will happen when you do the replace. The SQL query and tables will be returned with the results. The search uses all fields in all tables! After verifying your results you can use the replace function.

All - search only!	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Field: <input type="text"/> Table: <input type="text"/>
Search for	<input type="text" value="pc-freak.net/images/"/>
All - search and replace!	<input type="radio"/> Field: <input type="text"/> Table: <input type="text"/>
Replace with	<input type="text" value="cdn.pc-freak.net"/>

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Search in

Content	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field: <input type="text" value="post_content"/> Table: <input type="text" value="_posts"/>
GUID	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field: <input type="text" value="guid"/> Table: <input type="text" value="_posts"/>
Titles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field: <input type="text" value="post_title, post_name"/> Table: <input type="text" value="_posts"/>
Excerpts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field: <input type="text" value="post_excerpt"/> Table: <input type="text" value="_posts"/>
Metadata	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field: <input type="text" value="meta_value"/> Table: <input type="text" value="postmeta"/>
Comments content	<input type="checkbox"/>	Field: <input type="text" value="comment_content"/> Table: <input type="text" value="_comments"/>

I've also made a [download mirror of Search and Replace current latest 2.7 WP plugins here](#).