

How to show only a given line or range of lines?

```
sed -n '1p' file_name  
sed -n '1,5p' file_name  
sed -n '$p' file_name
```

How to see all the users from India Country?

```
sed -n '/India/p' file_name
```

How to use multiple expression in sed command?

Example: If you wanna only see 2 and 5th line

```
sed -n -e '2p' -e '5p' file_name
```

How to see all the users from India and Germany?

```
sed -n -e '/India/p' -e '/Germany/p' file_name
```

How to see next 4 lines from 2nd line?

```
sed -n '2,+4p' file_name
```

How to see every 2nd line from first line?

```
sed -n '1~2p' file_name
```

How to read expression from external file?

```
sed -f ex_file file_name
```

How to replace a word in a file and show?

```
sed 's/<string_to_change>/<new_string>/g' file_name
```

How to replace a word in a file and show except a given line or only in given line?

```
sed '5 s/<string_to_change>/<new_string>/g' file_name  
sed '5! s/<string_to_change>/<new_string>/g' file_name
```

How to replace a word and edit in your file?

```
sed -i's/<string_to_change>/<new_string>/g' file_name
```

How to change salary or country of a user (Paul)?

```
sed '/Paul/ s/25000/35000/g' file_name  
sed '/Paul/ s/India/US/g' file_name
```

How to delete a line?

```
sed '1d' file_name (to delete first line)  
sed '1,2d' file_name  
sed '$d' file_name
```

How to delete user from India country?

```
sed '/India/d' file_name
```

How to delete empty line?

sed '/^\$/d' file_name

How to replace tab with space?

sed 's/\t/ /g' file_name

How to copy output of sed command in separate file?

sed -n '/India/ w new_file_name' file_name

How to add new line after a given line no.?

sed '5 a new_text' file_name

How to add new line after a given string, so it will add text after Paul?

sed '/Paul/ a new_text' file_name

How to edit existing line instead of adding new line?

sed '5 c new_text' file_name (it will add text at line 5)

How to add new line before a given string, so it will add text before Paul?

sed '/Paul/ i new_text' file_name

How to see the hidden characters?

sed -n 'l' file_name

How to wrap your file content with given no. of characters?

sed -n 'l 50' file_name

How to read content from a file and use in our command?

sed '3 r externalfile' file_name

How to stop execution of sed command as soon as first occurrence found?

sed '/India/ q' file_name

sed '5 q' file_name (stop execution at line 5)

How to provide exit status for your sed command?

sed '/India/ q 100' file_name

How to execute external command line date in your expression?

sed '2 e date' file_name

How to see the line number in file?

sed '=' file_name

SED Regular Expressions

^ start of line
\$ end of line
. single character
[] match character set
[^] exclusive Set
***** zero or more occurrence

examples:

```
sed -n '/^2/p' file_name  
sed -n '/ia$/p' file_name
```

How to find a 5 letter name which start with S and end with a?

```
sed -n '/^S...a$/p' names
```

How to find names start with V?

```
sed -n '/^V/p' names
```

How to find names end with a?

```
sed -n '/a$/p' names
```

How to use wild card?

```
ls -ltr *.txt
```

How to see names start with only A and C?

```
sed -n '/[AC]/p' names  
sed -n '/[AC]/p' names
```

How to see names start with only A to D?

```
sed -n '/^[A-D]/p' names
```

POSIX Classes

Example: `sed -n '[:alpha:]/p' posix`

```
[:alnum:]  
[:alpha:]  
[:digit:]  
[:blank:]  
[:lower:]  
[:upper:]  
[:punct:]  
[:space:]
```

