

ReplaceStringByKey

See Also

[ReplaceStringByKey](#), [CmpStr](#), [StringMatch](#), [strsearch](#), [TrimString](#), [ReplaceString](#)

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ReplaceStringByKey(keyStr, kwListStr, newTextStr [, keySepStr  
[, listSepStr [, matchCase]]])
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The ReplaceStringByKey function returns *kwListStr* after replacing the text value of the keyword-value pair specified by *keyStr*. *kwListStr* should contain keyword-value pairs such as "KEY=value1,KEY2=value2" or "Key:value1;KEY2:value2", depending on the values for *keySepStr* and *listSepStr*.

Use ReplaceStringByKey to add or modify text information in a string containing a "key1:value1;key2:value2;" style list such as those returned by functions like **AxisInfo** or **TraceInfo**.

If *keyStr* is not found in *kwListStr*, then the key and the value are appended to the end of the returned string. *keySepStr*, *listSepStr*, and *matchCase* are optional; their defaults are ":", ";", and 0 respectively.

Details

The actual string appended is:

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[listSepStr] keyStr keySepStr newTextStr listSepStr
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The optional leading list separator *listSepStr* is added only if *kwListStr* does not already end with a list separator.

kwListStr is searched for an instance of the key string bound by a ";" on the left and a ":" on the right. The text up to the next ";" is replaced by *newTextStr*.

If *newTextStr* is "", any existing value is deleted, but the key, the key separator, and the list separator are retained. To remove a keyword-value pair, use the **RemoveByKey** function.

kwListStr is treated as if it ends with a *listSepStr* even if it doesn't.

Searches for *keySepStr* and *listSepStr* are always case-sensitive. Searches for *keyStr* in *kwListStr* are case-insensitive. Setting the optional *matchCase* parameter to 1 makes the comparisons case-sensitive.

In Igor6, only the first byte of *keySepStr* and *listSepStr* was used. In Igor7 and later, all bytes are used.

If *listSepStr* is specified, then *keySepStr* must also be specified. If *matchCase* is specified, *keySepStr* and *listSepStr* must be specified.

Examples

```
Print ReplaceStringByKey("KY", "KY:a;KZ:c", "b")      // prints "KY:b;KZ:c"  
Print ReplaceStringByKey("KY", "ky=a;", "b", "=")       // prints "ky=b;"  
Print ReplaceStringByKey("KY", "KY:a,", "b", ":" , ",")// prints "KY:b,"  
Print ReplaceStringByKey("ky", "ZZ:a,", "b", ":" , ",")// prints "ZZ:a,ky:b,"  
Print ReplaceStringByKey("kz", "KZ:a,", "b", ":" , ",")// prints "KZ:b,"  
Print ReplaceStringByKey("kz", "KZ:a,", "b", ":" , ",", 1)// prints "KZ:a,kz:b,"
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See Also

The **ReplaceString**, **ReplaceNumberByKey**, **NumberByKey**, **StringByKey**, **ItemsInList**, **RemoveByKey**, **AxisInfo**, **IgorInfo**, **SetWindow**, and **TraceInfo** functions.