Replace scalar values using .replace()

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The popular name dataset

Year of Birth	Gender	Ethnicity	Child's First Name	Count	Rank
2011	FEMALE	ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	SOPHIA	119	1
2011	FEMALE	ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	CHLOE	106	2

Replace values in pandas

```
start_time = time.time()
names['Gender'].loc[names.Gender=='MALE'] = 'BOY'
print("Replace values using .loc[]: {} sec".format(time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Results from the first method calculated in 0.0311849 seconds
```

Replace values using .replace()

```
start_time = time.time()
names['Gender'].replace('MALE', 'BOY', inplace=True)
print("Time using .replace(): {} sec".fomrat(time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Time using .replace(): 0.0016758441925 sec
```

```
Differerence in speed: 1,704.52411439%
```

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Replace values using lists

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Replace multiple values with one value

Year of Birth	Gender	Ethnicity	Child's First Name	Count	Rank
2011	FEMALE	WHITE NON HISP	HELENA	97	4

```
start_time = time.time()
names['Ethnicity'].loc[(names["Ethnicity"] == 'WHITE NON HISPANIC') |
(names["Ethnicity"] == 'WHITE NON HISP')] = 'WNH'
print("Results from the above operation calculated in %s seconds" %
 (time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Results from the second method calculated in 0.0276169776917 seconds
```

Replace multiple values using .replace() I

```
start_time = time.time()
names['Ethnicity'].replace(['WHITE NON HISPANIC','WHITE NON HISP'],
'WNH', inplace=True)
print("Time using .replace(): {} sec".format(time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Time using .replace():  0.00144791603088 sec
```

```
Difference in speed: 2160.68681809%
```

```
names['Ethnicity'].replace(['WHITE NON HISP'], 'WHITE NON HISPANIC', inplace=True)
names['Ethnicity'].replace(['BLACK NON HISP'], 'BLACK NON HISPANIC', inplace=True)
```

```
names['Ethnicity'].replace(['BLACK NON HISP','WHITE NON HISP'], ['BLACK NON HISPANIC',
'WHITE NON HISPANIC'], inplace=True)
```

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Replace values using dictionaries

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Replace single values with dictionaries

```
start_time = time.time()
names['Gender'].replace({'MALE':'BOY', 'FEMALE':'GIRL'},
inplace=True)
print("Time using .replace() with dictionary: {} sec".format(time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Time using .replace() with dictionary: 0.00197792053223 sec
```

```
start_time = time.time()
names['Gender'].replace('MALE', 'BOY', inplace=True)
names['Gender'].replace('FEMALE', 'GIRL', inplace=True)
print("Time using multiple .replace(): {} sec".format(time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Time using multiple .replace(): 0.00307083129883 sec
```

```
Difference in speed: 55.2555448407%
```

Replace multiple values using dictionaries

```
start_time = time.time()
names.replace({'Ethnicity': {'ASIAN AND PACI': 'ASIAN', 'ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER': 'ASIAN',
                             'BLACK NON HISPANIC': 'BLACK', 'BLACK NON HISP': 'BLACK',
                             'WHITE NON HISPANIC': 'WHITE', 'WHITE NON HISP': 'WHITE'}})

print("Time using .replace() with dictionary: {} sec".format (time.time() - start_time))
```

```
Time using .replace() with dictionary: 0.0028018 sec
```

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