sed
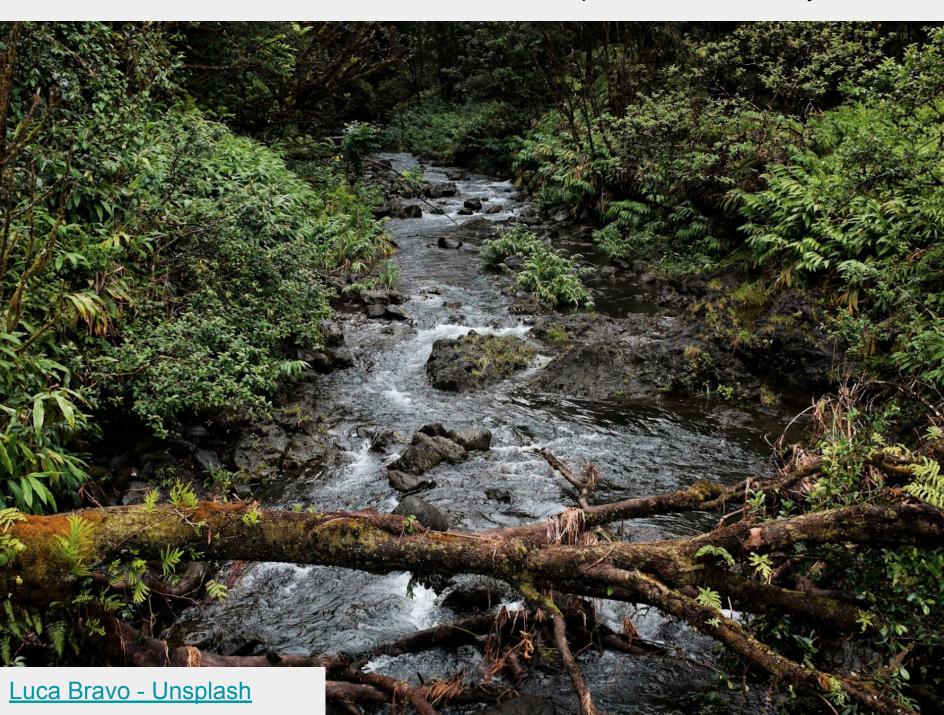
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General form:

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`--in-place` or `-i` to modify a file in place

`--in-place=suffix`

Or

`-isuffix`

To create a backup file with suffix extension

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  - Replace second:
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- To refer to the whole matched pattern: &
- `sed -E 's/(.+\.com)/www.&/'`