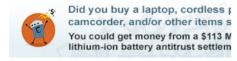


# Python String replace() Method

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### Description

The method **replace()** returns a copy of the string in which the occurrences of *old* have been replaced with *new*, optionally restricting the number of replacements to *max*.

## **Syntax**

Following is the syntax for **replace()** method –

```
str.replace(old, new[, max])
```

#### **Parameters**

**old** – This is old substring to be replaced.

**new** – This is new substring, which would replace old substring.

max - If this optional argument max is given, only the first count occurrences are replaced.

### Return Value

This method returns a copy of the string with all occurrences of substring old replaced by new. If the optional argument max is given, only the first count occurrences are replaced.

### Example

The following example shows the usage of replace() method.

```
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#!/usr/bin/python
str = "this is string example....wow!!! this is really string"
                       "was")
print str.replace("is",
print str.replace("is", "was", 3)
```

#### When we run above program, it produces following result -

thwas was string example....wow!!! thwas was really string thwas was string example....wow!!! thwas is really string

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