

## tf.assign

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assign(  
    ref,  
    value,  
    validate_shape=None,  
    use_locking=None,  
    name=None  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/python/ops/state\\_ops.py](#).

See the guide: [Variables > Variable helper functions](#)

Update 'ref' by assigning 'value' to it.

This operation outputs a Tensor that holds the new value of 'ref' after the value has been assigned. This makes it easier to chain operations that need to use the reset value.

## Args:

- **ref**: A mutable **Tensor**. Should be from a **Variable** node. May be uninitialized.
- **value**: A **Tensor**. Must have the same type as **ref**. The value to be assigned to the variable.
- **validate\_shape**: An optional **bool**. Defaults to **True**. If true, the operation will validate that the shape of 'value' matches the shape of the Tensor being assigned to. If false, 'ref' will take on the shape of 'value'.
- **use\_locking**: An optional **bool**. Defaults to **True**. If True, the assignment will be protected by a lock; otherwise the behavior is undefined, but may exhibit less contention.
- **name**: A name for the operation (optional).

## Returns:

A **Tensor** that will hold the new value of 'ref' after the assignment has completed.

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