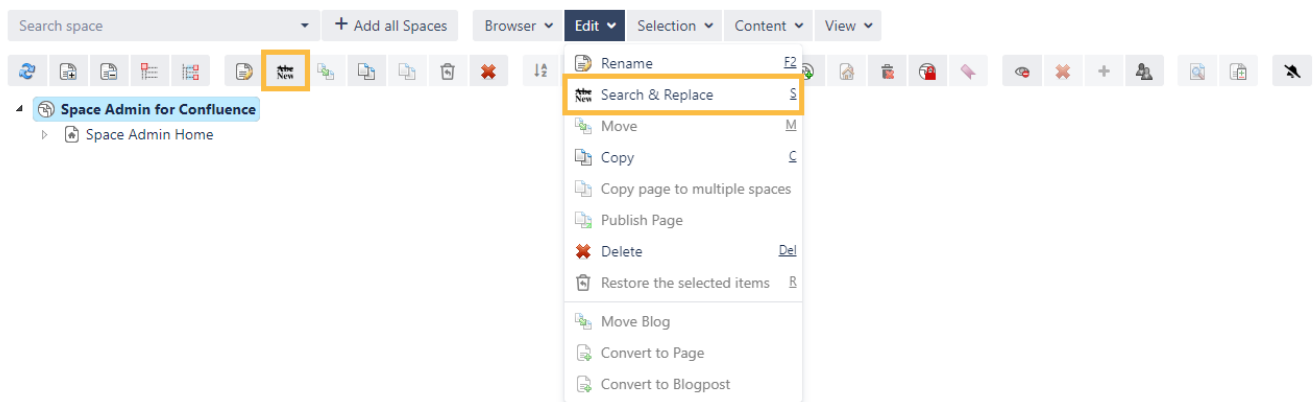


Search and replace

With the **Search and replace** function it is possible to search through the entire space or page for a certain text and replace it with a new one.

The **Search and replace** function can be found:

- In the **edit menu**
- In the **toolbar**
- By pressing **S**



This function can be useful when copying spaces, for example when content has a lot of references to old content like links, comments, names, etc.

For replacing a specific text content select a space or a page and open the popup window in the described way above.

Search & Replace

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Regular Expression

☐ Regular Expression

Search*

search

Replace by

replace

Respect XML Tags

☒ Respect the storage format of your content.

Content choice

Change

☒ Space names

☒ Space description

☒ Page names

☒ Page content

☒ Comments

Content search

Content search

☒ Recursive

☐ Blog Posts

Selected spaces

• Teams in Space

Back

Search only

Preview

Search & Replace

Close

Be careful when unchecking the "Respect XML Tags". This might break your pages if misused.

Check the example at the bottom of this page.

The following options can be used:

| Search | |
|----------------------|---|
| Simple text or regex | It can be searched via simple text content or regular expression |
| Replace by | Searched text gets replaced by this content |
| Respect XML tags | <ul style="list-style-type: none">It means that the searching will not break XML tags and will replace only the visible content on the pageUse this function carefully, if you don't understand Confluence's XML structure because it might break your pages! |
| Content choice | |
| Change | The following options can be changed. If one of this gets unchecked it will not be browsed. |
| Content search | |

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| Content search | How the content will be searched (recursive or not) and if blog posts should be included |
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It can either be searched for content, previewed what changes will be done or directly replaced (**this option cannot be undone**).

Example

Replacing content when "Respect XML tags" checkbox is unchecked

After copying a space, I want all my links in the new space to point to my new space. This will not happen automatically, so I can use the "Search and replace" functionality from Space Admin.

1

This is how the tag looks like at the moment (to get the page in this format, I have to click on the page options "View Storage Format")

```
<ri:page ri:space-key="NS" ri:content-title="New space Home" /> //original tag
```

2

This is how I want it to be replaced:

```
<ri:page ri:space-key="AS" ri:content-title="Another space Home" /> //updated tag
```

3

But what will not work, is searching for:

```
<ri:page ri:space-key="NS"
```

4

And replacing with:

```
<ri:page ri:space-key="AS"
```

Because in this way, I will break Confluences XML structure.

To save time and get things done quickly, check the following [page](#) for helpful shortcuts.

If you still have questions, feel free to refer to our [support](#) team.