

# Re: Sed advice needed

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Piers Kittel ([debian@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:debian@xxxxxxxxxx)) wrote on Thu, 31 May 2007 17:05:04 +0100:

What's the best way to do this? I've been reading the man pages of sed, cut and awk but I can't quite figure out how to do this. Any ideas?

The sed man page is not very helpful I'm afraid. A pretty good manual is here: <<http://www.grymoire.com/Unix/Sed.html>>.

Since you want to mask out various parts of your line you have to apply sed to it various times, like this:

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echo "your line" | sed (mask 1) | sed (mask 2) | sed (mask 3)
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or, if your text comes from a file:

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sed (mask 1) < yourFile | sed (mask 2) | sed (mask 3)
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Hope this helps.

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