

How do I remove specific text from cells in Excel?

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Removing specific text from cells in Excel can be done using the "Find and Replace" function. This function allows you to search for a specific word or phrase and replace it with a blank space, effectively removing it from the cell. To do this, select the cells containing the text you want to remove, then click on the "Find and Replace" button in the "Home" tab. In the "Find what" field, type in the text you want to remove. Leave the "Replace with" field blank and click on "Replace All". This will remove all instances of the specified text from the selected cells. Alternatively, you can also use the "Find and Replace" function to replace the specific text with a different word or phrase.

Excel: Remove Specific Text from Cells

You can use the following basic formulas to remove specific text from cells in Excel:

Method 1: Remove One Specific Text

```
=SUBSTITUTE(A1,"text1","")
```

This particular formula removes "text1" from cell A1.

Method 2: Remove Multiple Specific Texts

```
=SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(A1,"text1",""),  
"text2",""),"text3","")
```

This particular formula removes "text1", "text2", and "text3" from cell A1.

The following examples show how to use each method

in practice.

Example 1: Remove One Specific Text

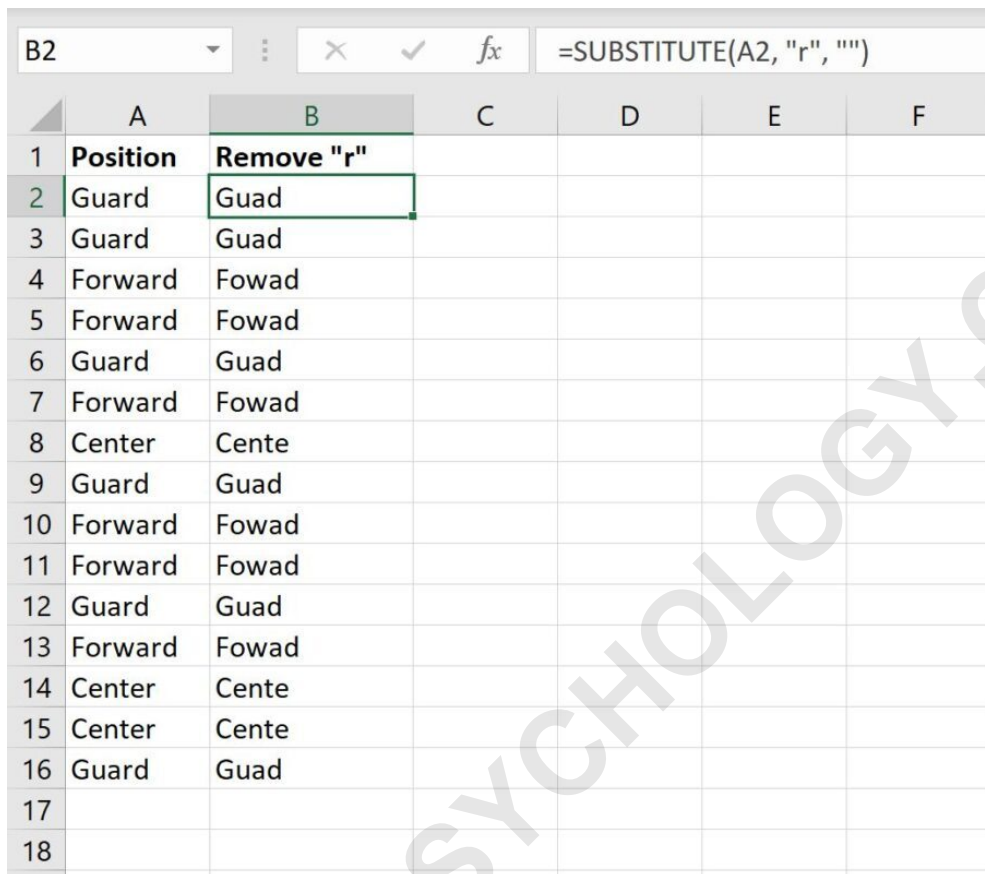
Suppose we have the following column in Excel that shows the position for 15 different basketball players:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Position				
2	Guard				
3	Guard				
4	Forward				
5	Forward				
6	Guard				
7	Forward				
8	Center				
9	Guard				
10	Forward				
11	Forward				
12	Guard				
13	Forward				
14	Center				
15	Center				
16	Guard				
17					
18					
19					
20					

We can use the following formula to remove "r" from every position name:

=SUBSTITUTE(A2,"r","")

We can type this formula into cell B2 and then copy and paste it down to every remaining cell in column B:



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Position	Remove "r"				
2	Guard	Guad				
3	Guard	Guad				
4	Forward	Fowad				
5	Forward	Fowad				
6	Guard	Guad				
7	Forward	Fowad				
8	Center	Cente				
9	Guard	Guad				
10	Forward	Fowad				
11	Forward	Fowad				
12	Guard	Guad				
13	Forward	Fowad				
14	Center	Cente				
15	Center	Cente				
16	Guard	Guad				
17						
18						

The formula bar at the top shows the formula: `=SUBSTITUTE(A2, "r", "")`

Notice that the "r" has been removed from every position name.

Example 2: Remove Multiple Specific Texts

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Username				
2	Warrior-15				
3	Kings12!				
4	Celtics44				
5	Mavs-18!				
6	Cavs55				
7	Magic13!@				
8	Nuggets				
9	Heat77!				
10	Lakers52!				
11	Nets-45				
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					
17					
18					
19					

Suppose we want to remove the following specific text from each username:

dashes (-)exclamation points (!)the number 5 (5)

We can use the following formula to do so:

```
=SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(SUBSTITUTE(A2,"-",""),"!",""),"5","")
```

We can type this formula into cell B2 and then copy and paste it down to every remaining cell in column B:

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Username	Remove "-", "!", "5"			
2	Warrior-15	Warrior1			
3	Kings12!	Kings12			
4	Celtics44	Celtics44			
5	Mavs-18!	Mavs18			
6	Cavs55	Cavs			
7	Magic13!@	Magic13@			
8	Nuggets	Nuggets			
9	Heat77!	Heat77			
10	Lakers52!	Lakers2			
11	Nets-45	Nets4			
12					
13					
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16					
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18					
19					

Notice that any "-", "!", and "5" has been removed from every username.

Additional Resources

The following tutorials explain how to perform other common tasks in Excel: