

Example: Updating Supplier Names in a Purchase Log

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Suppose you have a Purchase Log spreadsheet that contains multiple entries, and you realize that a supplier's name has been changed. You want to update the supplier name "ABC Supplies" to "XYZ Supplies" throughout the worksheet.

Step-by-Step Procedure

1. **Open Excel Workbook:** Navigate to the workbook where your Purchase Log spreadsheet is located.
2. **Select Worksheet:** Click on the worksheet tab that contains the data you want to modify.
3. **Open Find and Replace Window:**
 - Go to the 'Home' tab on the Excel ribbon.
 - Click on 'Find & Select' in the 'Editing' section.
 - Choose 'Replace' from the dropdown menu.
 - Alternatively, you can use the shortcut **Ctrl + H**.
4. **Input Your Criteria:**
 - In the 'Find what' field, type "ABC Supplies."
 - In the 'Replace with' field, type "XYZ Supplies."
5. **Set Options:**
 - You can click on 'Options>>' to expand the Find and Replace window for more settings.
 - For this example, you might want to check 'Match entire cell contents' if you want to replace cells that only contain "ABC Supplies" and nothing else.
6. **Execute:**
 - Click on 'Replace All' to replace every instance of "ABC Supplies" with "XYZ Supplies" within the selected range or entire sheet.
 - A dialog box will appear, confirming the number of replacements made. Click 'OK.'

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Tips & Tricks

- Use the 'Find All' option before executing 'Replace All' to make sure you're only replacing what you intend to.
- If your sheet has formulas referring to cells with "ABC Supplies," make sure that replacing the text won't affect those formulas.

By following this example, you can quickly and accurately update information throughout your Excel worksheet. **Find and Replace in Excel** makes such tasks straightforward and efficient, reducing the likelihood of errors and saving time.

