Text Replace Action

The text replace action allows you to replace strings and Automise variables in a file with specified values.

> ⚠ This will only work on Text files, do not attempt to use it with binary files.

If you want to only search for content, use the Text Find Action.

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> ⊘ This action has been deprecated and replaced with the Text Find & Replace Action and the Replace Variables Action action. Please use one of these actions where possible.

Details

Files

Specify a source and a destination file. If you want the replacements to be written to the same file as the source, leave the 'New Filename' blank.

Replace options

Replace Variables

If this box is checked, Automise variables will be replaced with their values. Mark variables you want replaced with percent signs, ie %VarName%

> ⚠ The Text Replacement action does not discriminate between FB Variables and regular percent signs, so either escape "real" percent signs as "%%" (these can even then be replaced with % using Replace Text), or use a different notation and replace specific strings instead.

Write byte order mark

Check to include the byte order mark that represents the encoding of the text file.

Replace text

Check to have the search text replaced with the replacement text with in the file.

Replace text options

Search text

The text to search for in the text file.

Replace text

The text to replace the search text with when it is located.

Case sensitive

Whether the search text is case sensitive or not.

Replace whole words only

Check to replace on word boundaries only.

Match search string as regular expression

If this box is checked, the search string will be treated as a Regular Expression (see the Regular Expression reference.)

> ⚠ The Case Sensitive and Whole Words Only options do not apply if this option is selected (they will be greyed out.)

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Fail if less than X replacements made

The action can be set to fail if an insufficient amount of replacements are made. This is useful to check that there isn't a syntax error or other mistake in the text file.

Max replacements

The action will replace only the first N matches it finds. Set to zero to replace all matches.