

METACHARACTER

	GLYPH	INDESIGN NAME	TEXT	GREP	UNICODE	SpecialCharacters ID [version]	hexa	
<p>SCRIPTING An affection like <code>txt.contents = SpecialCharacters.bulletCharacter</code> has the same effect than <code>txt.contents = "\u2022"</code>. But keep in mind that in this case, <code>txt.contents</code> will return a Number (the SpecialCharacters id, like <code>0x53426C74</code>) and not the actual String.</p> <p>DEGREE SYMBOL Curiously, this not-so-special character is enumerated inside the <code>SpecialCharacters</code> class.</p> <p>GENERIC DASH To match the Em Dash or the En Dash, use the pattern <code>[~::~=]</code></p>	SYMBOLS	Bullet character	^ 8	~8	U+2022 (BULLET)	bulletCharacter [3]	53426C74	
	Ellipsis	^ e	~e	U+2026 (HORIZONTAL ELLIPSIS)	ellipsisCharacter [3]	534C7073		
	Paragraph Symbol	^ 7	~7	U+00B6 (PILCROW SIGN)	paragraphSymbol [3]	53506172		
	Section Symbol	^ 6	~6	U+00A7 (SECTION SIGN)	sectionSymbol [3]	53736E53		
	Copyright Symbol	^ 2	~2	U+00A9 (COPYRIGHT SIGN)	copyrightSymbol [3]	53437274		
	Registered Trademark Symbol	^ r	~r	U+00AE (REGISTERED SIGN)	registeredTrademark [3]	5352546D		
	Trademark Symbol	^ d	~d	U+2122 (TRADE MARK SIGN)	trademarkSymbol [3]	53546D6B		
	Degree Symbol	°	°	U+00B0 (DEGREE SIGN)	degreeSymbol [3]	53446772		
	Caret Character	^ ^	\ ^	U+005E (CIRCUMFLEX ACCENT)				
	<p>GENERIC HYPHEN There's no wildcard for a "generic hyphen". If you need to match every hyphens (normal, discretionary, nonbreaking), use the pattern <code>[\-~--~]</code></p>		Backslash Character	\	\\	U+005C (REVERSE SOLIDUS)		
Open Parenthesis Character		(\ (U+0028 (LEFT PARENTHESIS)				
Close Parenthesis Character)	\)	U+0029 (RIGHT PARENTHESIS)				
Open Brace Character		{	\ {	U+007B (LEFT CURLY BRACKET)				
Close Brace Character		}	\ }	U+007D (RIGHT CURLY BRACKET)				
Open Bracket Character		[\ [U+005B (LEFT SQUARE BRACKET)				
Close Bracket Character]	\]	U+005D (RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET)				
<p>HYPHENS & DASHES</p>			Hyphen	-	\-	U+002D (HYPHEN-MINUS)		
		Em Dash	^ _	~_	U+2014 (EM DASH)	emDash [3]	53456D44	
		En Dash	^ =	~=	U+2013 (EN DASH)	enDash [3]	53456E44	
	Discretionary Hyphen	^ -	~-	U+00AD (SOFT HYPHEN)	discretionaryHyphen [3]	53444870		
	Nonbreaking Hyphen	^ ~	~~	U+2011 (NON-BREAKING HYPHEN)	nonbreakingHyphen [3]	534E6268		
<p>GENERIC DOUBLE QUOTES To search for any kind of double quotation marks, use the wildcard " (available from Text or Grep search).</p> <p>GENERIC SINGLE QUOTE To search for any kind of single quotation mark, use the wildcard ' (available from Text or Grep search).</p>	QUOTATION MARKS	Double Left Quotation Marks (according to localization)	^ {	~{	U+201C (LEFT DOUBLE QUOTATION MARK)	doubleLeftQuote [3]	53444C71	
	«	<00AB>	«	U+00AB (LEFT-POINTING DOUBLE ANGLE QUOTATION MARK)				
	Double Right Quotation Marks (according to localization)	^ }	~}	U+201D (RIGHT DOUBLE QUOTATION MARK)	doubleRightQuote [3]	53445271		
	»	<00BB>	»	U+00BB (RIGHT-POINTING DOUBLE ANGLE QUOTATION MARK)				
	Single Left Quotation Mark	^ [~[U+2018 (LEFT SINGLE QUOTATION MARK)	singleLeftQuote [3]	53534C71		
	Single Right Quotation Mark	^]	~]	U+2019 (RIGHT SINGLE QUOTATION MARK)	singleRightQuote [3]	53535271		
	Straight Double Quotation Marks	^ "	~"	U+0022 (QUOTATION MARK)	doubleStraightQuote [5]	53445371		
Straight Single Quotation Mark	^ '	~'	U+0027 (APOSTROPHE)	singleStraightQuote [5]	53535371			

GREP SYMBOLS Those symbols are not "special" from a scripting point of view, but they need to be escaped in Grep patterns.

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SPACES & TABS					
·	Space			U+0020 (SPACE)	
^	Nonbreaking Space	^S	~S	U+00A0 (NO-BREAK SPACE)	nonbreakingSpace [3] 534E6253
^	Nonbreaking Space (Fixed Width)	^s	~s	U+202F (NARROW NO-BREAK SPACE)	fixedWidthNonbreakingSpace [5] 536E6E62
~	Flush Space	^f	~f	U+2001 (EM QUAD)	flushSpace [3] 53466C53
·	En Space	^>	~>	U+2002 (EN SPACE)	enSpace [3] 53456E53
·	Em Space	^m	~m	U+2003 (EM SPACE)	emSpace [3] 53456D53
·	Third Space	^3	~3	U+2004 (THREE-PER-EM SPACE)	thirdSpace [5] 53546853
·	Quarter Space	^4	~4	U+2005 (FOUR-PER-EM SPACE)	quarterSpace [5] 53517853
:	Sixth Space	^%	~%	U+2006 (SIX-PER-EM SPACE)	sixthSpace [5] 53536953
#	Figure Space	^/	~/	U+2007 (FIGURE SPACE)	figureSpace [3] 53466753
!	Punctuation Space	^.	~.	U+2008 (PUNCTUATION SPACE)	punctuationSpace [3] 53506E53
·	Thin Space	^<	~<	U+2009 (THIN SPACE)	thinSpace [3] 53546E53
·	Hair Space	^	~	U+200A (HAIR SPACE)	hairSpace [3] 53487253
·	Non-joiner	^j	~j	U+200C (ZERO WIDTH NON-JOINER)	zeroWidthNonjoiner [5] 53506E6A
	En Quad [hidden]	<2000>		U+2000 (EN QUAD)	
↑	Zero Width Joiner [hidden]	<200D>		U+200D (ZERO WIDTH JOINER)	
»	Tab	^t	\t	U+0009 <control> HORIZONTAL TABULATION	
↵	Right Indent Tab	^y	~y	U+0008 <control> BACKSPACE	rightIndentTab [3] 53526974
↑	Indent To Here	^i	~i	U+0007 <control> BELL	indentHereTab [3] (53496874)
\	End Nested Style Here	^h	~h	U+0003 <control> END OF TEXT	endNestedStyle [3] (53425253)
BREAKS					
¶	Paragraph Return	^b	\r	U+000D <control> CARRIAGE RETURN	
∩	Column Break	^M	~M		columnBreak [3] 53436C42
∩	Frame Break	^R	~R		frameBreak [3] 53467242
∩	Page Break	^P	~P		pageBreak [3] 53506742
∩	Odd Page Break	^L	~L		oddPageBreak [3] 534F7042
∩	Even Page Break	^E	~E		evenPageBreak [3] 53457042
↵	Forced Line Break	^n	\n	U+000A <control> LINE FEED	forcedLineBreak [3] 53466C62
	Discretionary Line Break	^k	~k	U+200B (ZERO WIDTH SPACE)	discretionaryLineBreak [5] 5350644C

GENERIC SPACE (WILDCARD) Every space or break or tab (excepting U+200B, U+200C, U+200D, U+0003 and U+0007) is searchable by ^w (Text) or \s (Grep).

NONBREAKING SPACE Since ID 5 (CS3), the default nonbreaking space U+00A0 is “justified” (it was “fixed-width” from ID 3 to 4). The old behavior is now provided by the special character *fixedWidthNonbreakingSpace* (U+202F).

FLUSH SPACE This special character differs from its Unicode counterpart U+2001 (*EM QUAD*), which is not implemented by Indesign.

EN QUAD (U+2000) is not documented but seems to work like the Punctuation Space.

ZERO WIDTH JOINER (U+200D) is not documented but seems to work with some fonts, in interaction with “ligatures” feature.

GREP The metacharacters \r and ~b seem to be equivalent.

DISCRETIONARY LINE BREAK The character U+200B works perfectly since InDesign CS, but it was not documented before ID CS3!

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GENERIC PAGE NUMBER ^# (Text) or ~# (Grep).

FOOTNOTE REFERENCE MARKER ^F (Text) or ~F (Grep) will find any footnote reference, in the text or in the footnotes (if footnotes are included in the search dialog).

TEXT VARIABLES Since ID CS4, you can search specific text variable(s):

- ^Y ~Y Running Header (Paragraph Style)
- ^Z ~Z Running Header (Character Style)
- ^u ~u Custom Text
- ^T ~T Last Page Number
- ^H ~H Chapter Number
- ^O ~O Creation Date
- ^o ~o Modification Date
- ^D ~D Output Date
- ^I ~I File Name

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	INDESIGN NAME	TEXT	GREP	UNICODE	
MARKERS	Current Page Number	^N	~N	U+0018 <control> CANCEL	autoPageNumber [3] 5341706E
	Next Page Number	^X	~X		nextPageNumber [3] 534E706E
	Previous Page Number	^V	~V		previousPageNumber [3] 5350706E
	Section Marker	^x	~x	U+0019 <control> END OF MEDIUM	sectionMarker [3] 53736E4D
	Anchored Object Marker	^a	~a	U+FFFC OBJECT REPLACEMENT CHARACTER	
	Footnote Reference Marker	^F	~F		footnoteSymbol* [4] 53666E4D
	Index Marker	^I	~I	U+FEFF ZERO WIDTH NO-BREAK SPACE	
	Text Variable (any)	^v	~v		textVariable* [5] 53507476
I12N & BIDI	Table marker [hidden]	<0016>		U+0016 <control> SYNCHRONOUS IDLE	
	Arabic Comma	<060C>		U+060C (ARABIC COMMA)	arabicComma [6] 53417263
	Arabic Kashida	<0640>		U+0640 (ARABIC TATWEEL)	arabicKashida [6] 5341726B
	Arabic Question Mark	<061F>		U+061F (ARABIC QUESTION MARK)	arabicQuestionMark [6] 5341716D
	Arabic Semicolon	<061B>		U+061B (ARABIC SEMICOLON)	arabicSemicolon [6] 53417363
	Hebrew Geresh	<05F3>		U+05F3 (HEBREW PUNCTUATION GERESH)	hebrewGeresh [6] 53486765
	Hebrew Gershayim	<05F4>		U+05F4 (HEBREW PUNCTUATION GERSHAYIM)	hebrewGershayim [6] 53486773
	Hebrew Maqaf	<05BE>		U+05BE (HEBREW PUNCTUATION MAQAF)	hebrewMaqaf [6] 5348626D
	Left To Right Mark (LRM)	<200E>		U+200E (LEFT-TO-RIGHT MARK)	leftToRightMark [6] 536C726D
Right To Left Mark (RLM)	<200F>		U+200F (RIGHT-TO-LEFT MARK)	rightToLeftMark [6] 53726C6D	
WILDCARDS	Any Character	^?	.		
	Any Letter	^\$	[\l\u]		
	Any LowerCase Letter		\l		
	Any Uppercase Letter		\u		
	Any Word Character		\w		
	Any Digit	^9	\d		
	Any White Space	^w	\s		