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## Formatting Tokens

Foswiki defines some standard special tokens that can be used to replace characters in some parameters - notably those to FormattedSearch and IfStatements - to defer evaluation of the parameter until later. These special tokens are often called "escapes", because they allow the character to "escape" from its normal meaning.

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$n or \$n ( )     | New line. Use \$n ( ) if followed by alphanumeric character, e.g. write Foo\$n ( ) Bar instead of Foo\$nBar |
| \$nop or \$nop ( ) | Is a "no operation". This token gets removed; useful for nested search                                      |
| \$quot             | Double quote (") (\\" also works)                                                                           |
| \$percent          | Percent sign (%)                                                                                            |
| \$dollar           | Dollar sign (\$)                                                                                            |
| \$lt               | Less than sign (<)                                                                                          |
| \$gt               | Greater than sign (>)                                                                                       |
| \$amp              | Ampersand (&)                                                                                               |

If you ever find yourself needing to escape an escape, you can use \$dollar to escape the leading dollar, thus: \$dollarpercent.

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