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# **Foswiki::Attrs**

# package Foswiki::Attrs

Class of attribute sets, designed for parsing and storing attribute values from a macro e.g. %MACRO { "joe" fred="bad" joe="mad" } %

An attribute set is a hash containing an entry for each parameter. The default parameter (unnamed quoted string) is named `_DEFAULT` in the hash.

Attributes declared later in the string will override those of the same name defined earlier. The one exception to this is the `_DEFAULT` key, where the *first* instance is always taken.

As well as the default Foswiki syntax (parameter values double-quoted) this class also parses single-quoted values, unquoted spaceless values, spaces around the `=`, and commas as well as spaces separating values. The extended syntax has to be enabled by passing the `$friendly` parameter to `new`.

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**Since** *date* indicates where functions or parameters have been added since the baseline of the API (TWiki release 4.2.3). The *date* indicates the earliest date of a Foswiki release that will support that function or parameter.

**Deprecated** *date* indicates where a function or parameters has been deprecated. Deprecated functions will still work, though they should *not* be called in new plugins and should be replaced in older plugins as soon as possible. Deprecated parameters are simply ignored in Foswiki releases after *date*.

**Until** *date* indicates where a function or parameter has been removed. The *date* indicates the latest date at which Foswiki releases still supported the function or parameter.

## ClassMethod new (\$string) => \%attrsObjectRef

- `$string` - String containing attribute specification

Parse a standard attribute string containing name=value pairs and create a new attributes object. The value may be a word or a quoted string. If there is an error during parsing, the parse will complete but `$attrs->{ERROR}` will be set in the new object. `$attrs->{_RAW}` will always contain the full unprocessed `$string`.

## ObjectMethod isEmpty() -> boolean

Return false if attribute set is not empty.

## ObjectMethod remove(\$key) -> \$value

- `$key` - Attribute to remove

Remove an attr value from the map, return old value. After a call to `remove` the attribute is no longer defined.

## ObjectMethod stringify() -> \$string

Generate a printed form for the map, using strict attribute syntax, with only the single-quote extension syntax

observed (no {} brackets, though).

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