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## STARTSECTION -- marks the start of a section within a topic

- Section boundaries are defined with `%STARTSECTION{ }%` and `%ENDSECTION{ }%`.
- Sections may be given a name to help identify them, and/or a type, which changes how they are used.
  - ◆ `type="section"` - the default, used for a generic section, such as a named section used by `INCLUDE`.
  - ◆ `type="include"` - like `%STARTINCLUDE% ... %STOPINCLUDE%` except that you can have as many include blocks as you want (`%STARTINCLUDE%` is restricted to only one).
  - ◆ `type="expandvariables"` - all macros inside an "expandvariables" type section gets expanded when a new topic based on the template topic is created. See `TemplateTopics` for more information.
  - ◆ `type="templateonly"` - start position of text to be removed when a template topic is used. This is used to embed text that you *do not* want expanded when a new topic based on the template topic is created. See `TemplateTopics` for more information.
- Syntax: `%STARTSECTION{ "name" }%` .....  
`%ENDSECTION{ "name" }%`
- Syntax: `%STARTSECTION{ type="include" }%` .....  
`%ENDSECTION{ type="include" }%`
- Syntax: `%STARTSECTION{ type="expandvariables" }%` ...  
`%ENDSECTION{ type="expandvariables" }%`
- Syntax: `%STARTSECTION{ type="templateonly" }%` .....  
`%ENDSECTION{ type="templateonly" }%`


- Supported parameters:


Parameter:	Description:	Default
"name"	Name of the section. Must be unique inside a topic.	Generated name
type="..."	Type of the section; type "section", "expandvariables", "include" or "templateonly"	"section"

-  If a section is not given a name, it will be assigned one. Unnamed sections are assigned names starting with `_SECTION0` for the first unnamed section in the topic, `_SECTION1` for the second, etc..
-  You can define nested sections. It is not recommended to overlap sections, although it is valid in Foswiki. Use named sections to make sure that the correct `START` and `ENDs` are matched. Section markers are **not** displayed when a topic is viewed.
- Related: `ENDSECTION`, `INCLUDE`, `NOP`, `STARTINCLUDE`, `STOPINCLUDE`

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