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In the first instance that we used a relative value for the font size tag's parameter; it said to decrease the current size by 3 points, then shift the baseline up 2.5 points. In the second instance we used a superscript code.

Finally, these tags will shift the baseline up by 25% of the font size, which is ^{3} points, in this case.

Special Character Tags

The `\` tag is used to place special characters into formatted text:

`<\`*special*`>`

Special can take on many forms:

`<\n>`	Insert line break ("soft return", not paragraph return)
`<\d>`	Insert discretionary (optional) line break
`<\->`	Insert hyphen
`<\m>` [†]	Insert m dash
`<\i>`	insert "indent here" marker
`<\t>`	Insert right indent tab (not a regular tab—see below)
`<\s>` [†]	Insert standard space
`<\f>` [†]	Insert figure (en, half-em) space
`<\p>` [†]	Insert punctuation space
`<\q>` [†]	Insert quarter-em (flexible) space
`<\h>` [†]	Insert discretionary (optional) hyphen
`<\2>`	Insert previous text box page number
`<\3>`	Insert current text box page number
`<\4>`	Insert next text box page number
`<\c>`	Insert new column (force column break)
`<\b>`	Insert new box (force box break)
`<\@>`	Insert at sign (@)
`<\<>`	Insert left angle bracket (<)
`<\>>`	Insert right angle bracket (>)
`<\\>`	Insert backslash (\)
`<\#`*n*`>` [†]	Insert special character, where *n* is a decimal value—the most common cases are <\#13> (paragraph return) and <\#9> (tab)

`<\U`*nnnn*`>`
`<\U+`*nnnn*`>` [††]   Insert Unicode special "character", where nnnn is a 4-digit hexadecimal character code point like <\U2122> (the ™ symbol) or <\U+20AC> (the Euro symbol)

Tags marked with a † may be made non-breaking if the backslash is followed by an exclamation point (`!`). For example, the tag `<\!s>` places a non-breaking space into the document.

Tags marked †† are InDesign-only.

Note that the `<\t>` tag does not insert a regular tab character; use `<\#9>` to insert a normal tab character.

Character Set Tag and XPress Tags Version Tag

The `e` tag selects the character set to use for subsequent input:

`<e`*n*`>`

n is a number indicating the desired character set: `e0` selects the Mac OS character set, `e1` selects the Windows DTP character set. The default is `0` under Mac OS and `1` under Windows.

The next line ending following an `e` tag will be ignored on input.

The `v` tag specifies the desired version of XPress Tags under which to interpret subsequent tags, where *n* and *m* denote the major and minor version numbers. The default as of this writing is `<v2.00>`.

The next line ending following an `v` tag will be ignored on input.

Output from Xtags and XPress Tags usually begins with the line

`<e`*n*`><v`*n.m*`>`¶

which doesn't introduce a blank line in the input because both tags ignore the line ending.