

The InDesignSecrets Guide to Special Characters in Adobe InDesign®

MAGNIFIED! These screen captures simulate 12 pt. type viewed at 800% zoom level for easier identification.

WHITE SPACE

Normal Space <i>width = letterspace defined by typeface</i>	
Em Space <i>width = pt. size of type (24pt type, 24pt wide)</i>	
En Space <i>width = 1/2 em space</i>	
Third Space <i>width = 1/3 em space</i>	
Quarter Space <i>width = 1/4 em space</i>	
Sixth Space <i>width = 1/6 em space</i>	
Thin Space <i>width = 1/8 em space</i>	
Hair Space <i>width = 1/24 em space</i>	

Nonbreaking Space ¹ <i>width = normal space</i>	
Nonbreaking Space (fixed width) ²	
Punctuation Space <i>width = period, colon, or exclamation point in current typeface</i>	
Figure Space <i>width = numeral in current typeface</i>	
Flush Space ³ <i>width varies</i>	

Notes:

1. In InDesign CS2, the Nonbreaking Space is a fixed width. In CS3 and CS4 the width will vary depending on tracking, justification, etc.
2. In InDesign CS3 and CS4, this special white space character replaces the behavior of the Nonbreaking Space in CS2.
3. The Flush Space is only applicable in lines that are fully justified. In left-, right-, or center-aligned lines, the Flush Space acts like a normal space.

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HYPHENS

	Inline	End of line
Hard hyphen (entered manually)	d-b	d-
Auto hyphen	db	d-
Discretionary hyphen	db	d-
Nonbreaking hyphen	d-b	<i>By definition, nonbreaking hyphens won't appear at line breaks.</i>

The thin vertical blue line in some of these examples is a portion of the frame edge

LINE BREAKS

	Inline	End of line
Forced line break	<i>By definition, forced line breaks won't appear inline.</i>	d-
Discretionary line break	db	d

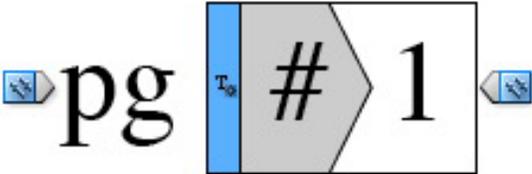
TEXT FLOW BREAKS

Paragraph Break (Return)		Page Break	
Column Break		Odd Page Break	
Frame Break		Even Page Break	

OTHER SPECIALS

End of text in this story		End Nested Style	
Tab		Indent to Here	
Right Indent Tab		Custom Anchored Object	
Non-joiner <i>Used to separate ligature characters</i>			

MARKERS

	Layout	Story Editor
Index Marker		
Hyperlink (Source) <i>Default appearance</i>		
Text Anchor <i>A type of hyperlink destination</i>		
Cross-Reference Source <i>Default appearance</i>		
Cross-Reference Destination <i>Source links to this paragraph text</i>		
Conditional Text <i>Indicator color and style may vary</i>		
Hidden Conditional Text		

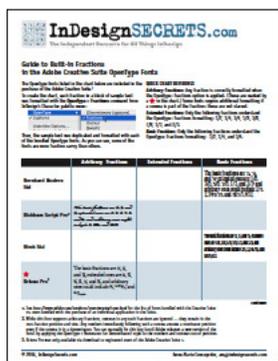
MARKERS continued

	Layout	Story Editor
<p>Inline Note</p> <p><i>Marker color may vary</i></p>		
<p>Footnote</p> <p><i>Not shown: Footnote text in layout</i></p>		
<p>Text Variable</p> <p><i>Shown is a Custom Text variable containing the text "db" and named DB</i></p>		
<p>XML Tagged Text</p> <p><i>Marker color and tag labels may vary</i></p>		

Note: Some of the special characters shown in this guide are for features found only in InDesign CS3 and/or CS4.

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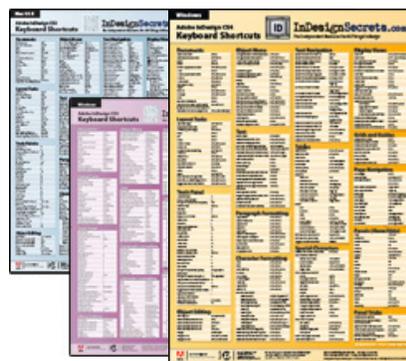


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