The InDesignSecrets Guide to Special Characters in Adobe InDesign®

WHITE SPACE

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

Normal Space width = letterspace defined by typeface	d b
Em Space width = pt. size of type (24pt type, 24pt wide)	d÷b
En Space width = ½ em space	d-b
Third Space width = ½ em space	d b
Quarter Space width = 1/4 em space	d.b
Sixth Space width = % em space	d:b
Thin Space width = 1/8 em space	d b
Hair Space width = ½4 em space	db

Nonbreaking Space ¹ width = normal space	d∧b.
Nonbreaking Space (fixed width) ²	d^b
Punctuation Space width = period, colon, or exclamation point in current typeface	d!b
Figure Space width = numeral in current typeface	d#b
Flush Space ³ width varies	d b

Notes:

1. 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-	The thin vertical blue line in
Auto hyphen	db	d-	some of these examples is a portion of the frame edge
Discretionary hyphen	db	d	_
Nonbreaking hyphen	d-b	By definition, nonbreaking hyphens won't appear at line breaks.	-

LINE BREAKS

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

TEXT FLOW BREAKS

Paragraph Break (Return)	d¶
Column Break	d
Frame Break	d∗

Page Break	d:
Odd Page Break	d.
Even Page Break	d∵

OTHER SPECIALS

End of text in this story	d#
Tab	d »
Right Indent Tab	d *
Non-joiner Used to separate ligature characters	fi

End Nested Style	db
Indent to Here	b
Custom Anchored Object	¥db
Split Footnote Only visible when frame edges are showing	d

MARKERS

	Layout	Story Editor
Index Marker	db	ædb
Hyperlink (Source) Default appearance	db	■db
Text Anchor A type of hyperlink destination	db	i db
Cross-Reference Source Default appearance	pg 1	pg # 1
Cross-Reference Destination Source links to this paragraph text	db	∞ db
Conditional Text Indicator color and style may vary	db	<u>db</u>
Hidden Conditional Text	db	• db

MARKERS continued

	Layout	Story Editor
Inline Note Marker color may vary	db	d.note.b
Footnote Not shown: Footnote text in layout	db^1	db 1. 1. Footnote text
Text Variable Shown is a Custom Text variable containing the text "db" and named DB	db	$\rightarrow DB \rightarrow db$
XML Tagged Text Marker color and tag labels may vary	db	x author 10 (/author x

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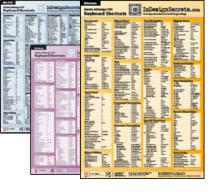


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