

## META -- displays meta-data

- Provided mainly for use in templates, this variable generates the parts of the topic view that relate to meta-data (attachments, forms etc.) The `formfield` item is the most likely to be useful to casual users.
- Syntax: `%META{ "item" ... }%`
- Parameters:

Item	Options	Description
"formfield"	<code>name="...":</code> name of the field. The field value can be shortened as described in FormattedSearch for <code>\$formfield</code> . <code>newline="...":</code> by default, each newline character will be rewritten to <code>&lt;br /&gt;</code> to allow metadata that contains newlines to be used in tables, etc. <code>\$n</code> indicates a newline character. <code>bar="...":</code> by default, each vertical bar is rewritten to an HTML entity so as to not be mistaken for a table separator. <code>topic="...":</code> Get meta info of "Topic" or "Web.Topic"; default <code>"%BASEWEB%.%BASETOPIC%"</code> .	Show a single form field
"form"	<code>topic="...":</code> Get meta info of "Topic" or "Web.Topic"; default <code>"%BASEWEB%.%BASETOPIC%"</code> .	Generates the table showing the form fields. See Form Templates
"attachments"	<code>all="on"</code> to show hidden attachments. <code>title="..."</code> to show a title - only if attachments are displayed. <code>template="..."</code> to use a custom template for the rendering of attachments; default <code>attachtables</code> is used. <code>topic="...":</code> Get meta info of "Topic" or "Web.Topic"; default <code>"%BASEWEB%.%BASETOPIC%"</code> .	Generates the list of attachments
"moved"	<code>topic="...":</code> Get meta info of "Topic" or "Web.Topic"; default <code>"%BASEWEB%.%BASETOPIC%"</code> .	Details of any topic moves
"parent"	<code>dontrecurse="on":</code> By default recurses up tree, this has some cost. <code>nowebhome="on":</code> Suppress WebHome. <code>prefix="...":</code> Prefix that goes before parents, but only if there are parents, default <code>" "</code> . <code>format="...":</code> Format string used to display each parent topic where <code>\$web</code> expands to the web name, and <code>\$topic</code> expands to the topic name; default: <code>" [[ \$web.\$topic ] [ \$topic ] ] "</code> <code>suffix="...":</code> Suffix, only appears if there are parents; default <code>" "</code> . <code>separator="...":</code> Separator between parents; default <code>" &gt; "</code> . <code>topic="...":</code> Get meta info of "Topic" or "Web.Topic"; default <code>"%BASEWEB%.%BASETOPIC%"</code> .	Generates the parent link

- **Attention:** The base topic, not the current topic, is used if `%META{ }%` is placed in an included topic. Add a `topic="%WEB%.%TOPIC%"` parameter if you need meta info of the current topic.
- **Note:** Formatting tokens can be used for `newline`, `prefix`, `format`, `suffix` and `separator` options, such as `separator="$n * "`
- Related: METASEARCH, PARENTTOPIC, SEARCH, FormattedSearch

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