

## METASEARCH -- special search of meta data

- Syntax: `%METASEARCH{...}%`
- Supported parameters:

Parameter:	Description:	Default:
<code>type="topicmoved"</code>	What sort of search is required? "topicmoved" if search for a topic that may have been moved "parent" if searching for topics that have a specific parent i.e. its children "field" if searching for topics that have a particular form field value (use the <code>name</code> and <code>value</code> parameters to specify which field to search)	Required
<code>web="%WEB%"</code>	Wiki web to search: A web, a list of webs separated by whitespace, or all webs.	Current web
<code>topic="%TOPIC%"</code>	The topic the search relates to, for <code>topicmoved</code> and <code>parent</code> searches	All topics in a web
<code>name</code>	form field to search, for <code>field</code> type searches. May be a regular expression (see <code>SEARCH</code> ).	
<code>value</code>	form field value, for <code>field</code> type searches. May be a regular expression (see <code>SEARCH</code> ).	
<code>title="Title"</code>	Text that is prefixed to any search results	empty
<code>format="..."</code>	Custom format results. Supports same format strings as <code>SEARCH</code> . See <b>FormattedSearch</b> for usage, variables & examples	Results in table
<code>default="none"</code>	Default text shown if no search hit	Empty

- Example: `%METASEARCH{type="topicmoved" web="%WEB%" topic="%TOPIC%" title="This topic used to exist and was moved to: "%}%`
- Example: You may want to use this in `WebTopicViewTemplate` and `WebTopicNonWikiTemplate`:  
`%METASEARCH{type="parent" web="%WEB%" topic="%TOPIC%" title="Children: "%}%`
- Example: `%METASEARCH{type="field" name="Country" value="China"%}`
- Related: `SEARCH`, `META`
-  **Note:** METASEARCH is deprecated in favour of the new and much more powerful query type search. See `SEARCH` and `QuerySearch`.

**Related Topics:** `UserDocumentationCategory` **Note:** This topic is included by `TWikiVariables`

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