

`\escapechar` [*⟨number⟩* parameter]

This parameter specifies the ASCII code of the character that T_EX uses to represent the escape character when it's converting a control sequence name to a sequence of character tokens. This conversion occurs when you use the `\string` command and also when T_EX is producing diagnostic messages. The default value of the escape character is 92, the ASCII character code for a backslash. If `\escapechar` is not in the range 0–255, T_EX does not include an escape character in the result of the conversion.

Example:

```
\escapechar = '!\nthe control sequence {\tt \string\bigbreak}
```

produces:

```
the control sequence !bigbreak
```