

In T<sub>E</sub>X, control sequences are stored *without* the slash, but active characters have a bit set to make them distinct.

Macro: Snore, as a macro.

Char: Snore as an active character.

The backslash is actually the character `\escapechar`, usually `\` or none if negative. That backslash is recognized in the Mouth when reading Tokens but removed from the internal form of control sequence. It is added back by `\string`.

If LaTeXML wants to keep the backslash internally, at least it has to make these work:

Disabled backslash gives Foo/Bar : Foo/Bar.

Normal backslash gives A Foo/A Bar: A Foo/A Bar.