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# Genesys Knowledge Management User Guide

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Although field codes are used mostly in standard responses, they are the most complex and powerful aspect of standard responses, so they are described in this separate section, including:

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## Field Codes Overview

The main use of field codes is to particularize standard responses, in a manner similar to the Mail Merge feature in word processors.

For example, you can use the field code `<$Contact.FirstName$>` in a response beginning Dear `<$Contact.FirstName$>`, which you send to dozens of recipients. In each message, `<$Contact.FirstName$>` is replaced by the first name of the addressee of the message (the contact) as listed in the Universal Contact Server database.

More generally, a "field code" is a formula that you insert into an outgoing text object, such as an e-mail that E-mail Server generates when triggered to do so by a routing strategy object.

The most common type of such text object is a standard response (triggered by an Autoresponse or Acknowledgement object), but you can also insert field codes into other types, such as chat transcripts, SMS messages, and forwarded or redirected e-mails. In some cases the only place you can insert a field code is in the Subject line using the Format tab in a strategy object.

The following is a complete list of the strategy objects that can use field codes either in a standard response or in the Subject line:

- Acknowledgement
- Autoresponse
- ChatTranscript
- Create EmailOut
- Create Notification
- Create SMS
- Forward
- RenderMessageContent

The following is a complete list of the strategy objects that can use field codes only in the Subject line:

- Redirect
- Reply from External Resource
- Send

When a text object containing such a formula is processed, the following happens:

1. The formula performs an operation, which produces a result.
2. The result replaces the field code in the text object.

This process of performing an operation and substituting its result is called "rendering."

### Important

Field codes can be used in outgoing text objects only.

A complete reference list of field codes is available in the [Genesys eServices Field Codes Reference Manual](#).