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fac·to·tum  (făk-tō təm)

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n.

An employee or assistant who serves in a wide range of capacities.

[Medieval Latin *factōtum* : Latin *fac*, imperative of *facere*, to do; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + Latin *tōtum*, everything, from neuter of *tōtus*, all; see **teutā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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