

## A list of HTML tags

### [<!DOCTYPE> ..](#)

The DTD (Document Type Declaration), this tells your browser which [version of HTML ..](#) you're using. Make sure you use the right DTD, or your page may display incorrectly.

### [<html>...</html> ..](#)

Standard opening and closing tags for any HTML page. Enclose everything else in these. **Container tag.**

### [<!-- ... --> ..](#)

A comment — whatever you put here will be skipped over by the browser.

### [<head>...</head> ..](#)

Starts the header part of your document. Everything between these is mainly used to help your browser and search engines classify your page. Using this is optional, but recommended.

**Container tag.**

### [<title>...</title> ..](#)

Whatever is between these tags will appear in the blue bar at the top of the screen.

### [<meta> ..](#)

A group of tags that give page and creator information specifically to the search engines.

### **<base>**

Changes the default link target or relative link URL, useful if the page is read on another server.

### **<link>**

Allows you to associate [stylesheets](#) and a [favorites icon](#) to your page.

### [<body>...</body> ..](#)

Everything visible on your page goes between these tags. Everything. **Container tag.**

## Links

### [<a>...</a> ..](#)

Makes the enclosed text or image a hyperlink to another file.

## Lists

[<ol>...</ol> ..](#) Creates an ordered list, where each item is numbered in order. **Container Tag.**

[<ul>...</ul> ..](#) Creates an unordered list, with each item bulleted. **Container Tag.**

`<li>`

Each list item begins with an `li`, and they are all placed in either an `ol` or `ul`.

[`<dl>...</dl>`](#) .. Creates a definition list.

`<dt>`

Creates a definition term.

`<dd>`

Creates a definition, which appears below its parent term and indented from the left.

## Multimedia

[`<img> <../images/>`](#)

Places an image on your page

[`<embed> <../images/multimedia.html>`](#)

Adds a multimedia element directly into your page, allowing your browser to play it with a plug-in.

[`<script>...</script> <../javascript/>`](#)

Adds a script, usually a JavaScript into your page.

`<noscript>...</noscript>`

Enclose anything you want displayed by browsers that do not support scripts.

## Tables

[`<table>...</table> <../tables/>`](#)

Places a table on your page. **Container Tag.**

`<caption>...</caption>`

contains the caption of the table, the title of sorts. It will appear across the top unless specified otherwise. This tag should not be contained in a `tr` or `td`.

[`<tr>...</tr>`](#) ..

starts a new table row. Cells go inside this. Attributes are the same as `td`'s.

[`<td>...</td>`](#) ..

encloses a table cell. Content goes in these.

[`<th>...</th>`](#)

same as table cells, but with all contents bold and aligned to the centre.

[`<thead>...</thead>`](#)

Defines the header part of a large table. Wrap the tags around the rows/cells you wish to define as the header.

[<tbody>...</tbody>](#)

Defines the main body of a complex table.

[<tfoot>...</tfoot>](#)

Wrap this around the footer part of your table.

[<colgroup> >](#)

Allows you to set attributes for the entire column. Each column has to be defined sequentially.

## Frames

[<frameset>...</frameset> <./frames/>](#)

Starts a new frame layout. When constructing a frame page, no `body` is used. **Container Tag**

[<frame>](#)

Defines a single frame within a frameset.

[<noframes>...</noframes>](#)

If a visitor has an old browser which doesn't support frames you can leave a message or some content between these tags.

[<iframe>...</iframe>](#)

Places an inline or 'floating' frame. This can be placed anywhere on a normal page, i.e. it doesn't need to be part of a frameset.

## Forms

[<form>...</form> <./forms/>](#)

Begins a form area. Add in any form elements you want to use between these tags. **Container Tag**

[<input> ..](#)

Allows you to add various user input fields, like text-boxes, checkboxes, radio buttons, submit and reset buttons, depending on how you set the `type` attribute.

[<textarea>...</textarea> ..](#)

Adds a multi-lined text area, suitable for input of a larger amount of information than the single-line text box. Any text added between the tags is placed in the area when the page loads.

[<select>...</select> ..](#)

Sets up an empty drop-down selection box. You can add choices with the `<option>...</option>` tag.

[<fieldset>...</fieldset> ..](#)

Allows you to group form elements together into logical arrangements.

[<legend>...</legend> ..](#)

You can title your `fieldset`s with this tag.

[<label>...</label> ..](#)

You can make the explanatory text next to a form element into part of the clickable area with this tag, which makes selecting elements much easier.

## Text Formatting

[<address>...</address> ..](#) Encloses the signature and address of the author, displayed in italics.

[<b> ..](#)

Encloses the enclosed text into bold text.

[</big> <../text/font.html>](#)

Encloses the enclosed text one size bigger.

[<blockquote>...</blockquote> ..](#) Indents the text in from both sides.

Ends the current line and goes on to the next.

[<center> ..](#)

Encloses the surrounded objects (anything from text or images to forms etc.) to the center.

[<cite>...</cite> ..](#) Includes a citation, and is usually rendered as italics.

[<code>...</code> ..](#) If you are including either computer or HTML code into your documents wrap these around it. It is rendered in small text.

[<dfn>...</dfn> ..](#) A definition. As usual with these things, rendered in italics.

[</div> <../stylesheets/csslayout.html>](#)

Divides up distinct sections of your page in `div`s, primarily to align them, but many other attributes are supported and `div`s can be used to set up layers too.

[<em>...</em> ..](#) Emphasises the surrounded text, changing it to italics.

[</font> <../text/font.html>](#)

Encloses the font properties for the selected text.

[</h1> <../text/headingfontsize.html>](#)

the text as a heading, with values of h1 (the biggest) to h6 (the smallest).

puts a grey horizontal line across the page.

<hr>..

default tag for italics.

<code>...</code>.. Implies that the text should be entered on the keyboard. It is rendered mono-spaced and small.

..</code>

the enclosed text not to wrap at the edge of the screen, but continue on as long as it needs.

you need a line break in a block of text you have set in nobr, add this.

<br>..

the enclosed text a paragraph, with lines skipped at the top and bottom.

<pre>.. Displays text in fixed-width font and retains the formatting of the original text (i.e. spaces and line-breaks).

<q>.. Used to mark up short, inline quotations. Some browsers will add quotation marks around the text.

(or <del>...</del>)

the text with a strike-through.

</code>

sample output from a form or program. Text is rendered in small font.

<small>

the enclosed text one size smaller.

<strong>...</strong>.. Creates emphasis for the selected text, rendered in bold.

<sub>

the text in subscript, which is words under the normal text. For example: this

<sup>

er tag to <sub> above, this renders text in superscript. Like this

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text in fixed-width, mono-spaced font; like an old typewriter.

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the surrounded text underlined.

