

Basic HTML elements: Quick Reference

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Text that you must replace is shown in <i>italics</i>	Enter your <i>username</i>
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Introduction

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with Introduction to web page creation in XHTML (document web-t3) and can also be used as a quick reference guide. See the Related Documentation section for the location of this document.

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Skeletal tags

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code><html> ... </html></code>	defines file as HTML document	
<code><head> ... </head></code>	invisible, descriptive part of page	
<code><body> ... </body></code>	visible part of page	<i>text = colour name/code</i> <i>link = colour name/code (links)</i> <i>alink = colour name/code (active links)</i> <i>vlink = colour name/code (visited links)</i> <i>background = URL of image file</i> <i>bgcolor = colour name/code</i>

Header tags

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code><meta></code>	meta tags add information to head	<i>name = type (for example, keywords/description)</i> <i>content = string</i>

Hyperlinks

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code><a> ... </code>	anchor – defines link	<i>href = url</i> <i>target = name</i>

Lists

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code> ... </code>	unordered list	<code>type = bullet shape: disc/circle/square</code>
<code> ... </code>		<code>type = bullet shape</code>
<code> ... </code>	ordered list	<code>type = bullet shape: disc/circle/square</code>
<code> ... </code>		<code>type = symbol type: 1/A/a/I/i</code> <code>value = starting value</code>
<code><dl> ... </dl></code>	definition list	
<code><dd> ... </dd></code>	item to be defined	
<code><dt> ... </dt></code>	definition	

Text markup tags

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code> ... </code>	bold	
<code><big> ... </big></code>	rel. larger font	
<code> ... </code>	emphasised (usu. Italic)	
<code> ... </code>		<code>color = colour name/code</code> <code>face = typeface</code> <code>size = size: 1 to 7 or -7 to +7 (relative)</code>
<code><i> ... </i></code>	italic	
<code><pre> ... </pre></code>	preformatted fixed-width text	
<code><small> ... </small></code>	rel. smaller font	
<code><strike> ... </strike></code>	strikethrough	
<code> ... </code>	strong (usu. bold)	
<code><sub> ... </sub></code>	subscript	
<code><sup> ... </sup></code>	superscript	
<code><tt> ... </tt></code>	typewriter text (e.g. Courier)	
<code><u> ... </u></code>	underlined	
<code><address> ... </address></code>	logical address format	

Layout formatting tags

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code><blockquote> ... </blockquote></code>	indented quote	
<code>
 ... </br></code>	line break	
<code><center> ... </center></code>	centred layout	
<code><div> ... </div></code>	aligned section	<i>align = left/right/center</i> <i>nowrap</i>
<code><h<i>nn</i></code>	heading (n=1-6)	<i>align = left/right/center</i>
<code><hr></code>	horizontal rule	<i>align = left/right/center</i> <i>color = colour name/code</i> <i>size = pixels</i> <i>width = pixels or percentage of browser window</i>
<code><p> ... </p></code>	new paragraph (double line break)	<i>align = left/right/center</i>

Images

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code></code>	image	<i>align = type</i> (defines text position in relation to image) <i>alt = text</i> <i>border = pixels</i> <i>height = pixels</i> <i>width = pixels</i> <i>hspace = pixels</i> (horizontal space around image) <i>vspace = pixels</i> (vertical space around image) <i>src = URL of image file</i>

Tables

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code><table> ... </table></code>	table	<i>align = left/right/center</i> (position of table on page) <i>background = URL of image file</i> <i>bgcolor = colour name/code</i> <i>border = width (pixels)</i> <i>bordercolor = colour name/code</i> <i>cellpadding = space around cell contents</i> (pixels) <i>cellspacing = space between cells</i> (pixels) <i>cols = number of columns</i> <i>width = pixels or percentage of browser window</i>
<code><caption> ... </caption></code>		<i>align = top/bottom/middle/right</i>
<code><tr> ... </tr></code>	table row	<i>align = left/right/center</i> (cell contents – horizontal) <i>valign = top/middle/bottom</i> (cell contents – vertical) <i>bgolor = colour name/code</i>
<code><td> ... </td></code>	table cell	<i>align = left/right/center</i> (cell contents - horizontal) <i>valign = top/middle/bottom</i> (cell contents – vertical) <i>background = URL of image file</i> <i>bgolor = colour name/code</i> <i>colspan = number of columns cell is to span</i> <i>rowspan = number of rows cell is to span</i> <i>width = pixels or percentage of table width</i>
<code><th> ... </th></code>	table head cell (bold and centred)	<i>as for <td> element</i>