

A Simple Guide To HTML

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HTML Cheat Sheet

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Essential Tags

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<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>Web Site Title</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
Contents of Web Site
</BODY>
</HTML>
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Background and Colour Tags

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<BODY> Tag Attributes
BACKGROUND="url "      Background Image
BGCOLOR="#??????"     Background Colour
TEXT="#??????"        Document Text Colour
LINK="#??????"        Link Colour
VLINK="#??????"       Visited Link Colour
ALINK="#??????"       Active Link Colour
BGPROPERTIES="FIXED"  Background Properties - "Fixed" to obtain a watermark type background
LEFTMARGIN="?"        Side Margin Size in Pixels (Internet Explorer)
TOPMARGIN="?"         Top Margin Size in Pixels (Internet Explorer)
MARGINWIDTH="?"       Side Margin Size in Pixels (Netscape Navigator)
MARGINHEIGHT="?"     Top and Bottom Margin Size in Pixels (Netscape Navigator)
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Text Formatting Tags

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<H?></H?>           Quick Header - Sizes 1 (largest) to 6 (smallest).
<B></B>              Bold Text
<I></I>              Italic Text
<U></U>              Underline Text
<CENTER></CENTER>    Centre
<STRIKE></STRIKE>    Strikeout
<SUB></SUB>          Subscript - Smaller text placed below normal text
<SUP></SUP>          Superscript - Smaller text placed above normal text
<FONT> Tag Attributes
COLOR="#??????"      Font Colour - Use Hex colour codes to replace question marks
SIZE="?"             Font Size: 1 (smallest) to 7 (largest)
SIZE="+/-?"          Font Size change - with respect to the text preceding it
POINT-SIZE="?"       Font Point Size (Netscape Navigator)
FACE="*****"        Font Face (or just font) eg. Arial etc.
<TT></TT>            Typewriter Text
<PRE></PRE>          Preformatted Text
<BLOCKQUOTE></BLOCKQUOTE> Block Quote
<EM></EM>            Emphasis - Shown in italics on most browsers
<STRONG></STRONG>    Strong - Shown in bold on most browsers
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Section Division Tags

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<P></P>              Paragraph - Closing tag not usually required
<BR>                Line Break - (Carriage Return)
<DIV></DIV>         Division/Section - Also Alignment: ALIGN="LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT,JUSTIFY"
<HR> Tag Attributes
SIZE="?"            Line Thickness in pixels
WIDTH="?"           Line Width in pixels
WIDTH="??%"         Line Width as a percentage
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COLOR="#??????"	Line Colour
NOSHADE	No 3D Cut-out
ALIGN="****"	Alignment: LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT
<NOBR></NOBR>	No Line breaks

Graphics Tags

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 Tag Attributes

SRC="url."	Name and url of image
ALIGN="****"	Image Alignment
WIDTH="???"	Image Width (in pixels or %)
HEIGHT="???"	Image Height (in pixels of %)
ALT="text "	Alternate Text
LOWSRC="url "	Low Res Image name and url
BORDER="?"	Border Thickness in pixels
VSPACE="?"	Space above and below Image (in pixels)
HSPACE="?"	Space on sides of Image (in pixels)

Linking Tags

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<A> Tag Attributes

HREF="url "	Location of page to link to.
TARGET="****"	Target for Link: _SELF, _PARENT, _BLANK, _TOP. Note: the _ (underscore) is needed!
NAME="name "	Name of a specific section on the page
HREF="url#name"	Link to a specific part in another Page

List Tags

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	Ordered List
	Ordered List Item
 and Tag Attributes	
TYPE="?"	List Type: A, a, I, i, 1
OL - START="?"	List Starting Value
LI - VALUE="?"	List Item Value
	Un-Ordered List
	Un-Ordered List Item
 and Tag Attributes	
TYPE="?"	List Type: DISC, CIRCLE, SQUARE

Table Tags

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<TABLE> - Table - Tag Attributes

BORDER="?"	Border Thickness in pixels
BORDERCOLOR="#??????"	Border Colour
CELLPADDING="?"	Space between inside line of cell and text
CELLSPACING="?"	Space between inside and outside line of 2 adjacent cell borders
WIDTH="?"	Table width (pixels or %)
HEIGHT="?"	Table Height (pixels or %)
BACKGROUND="url "	Background Image
BGCOLOR="#??????"	Background Colour
TEXT="#??????"	Document Text Colour
LINK="#??????"	Link Colour
VLINK="#??????"	Visited Link Colour
ALINK="#??????"	Active Link Colour
ALIGN="?"	Horizontal Alignment: LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT

<TR> - Table Row - Tag Attributes

ALIGN="?"	Horizontal Alignment: LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT
VALIGN="?"	Vertical Alignment: TOP, MIDDLE, BOTTOM

<TD> - Table Cell - Tag Attributes

WIDTH="?"	Cell width (pixels or %)
HEIGHT="?"	Cell height (pixels or %)
BACKGROUND="url "	Background Image
BGCOLOR="#??????"	Background Colour

TEXT="#??????"	Document Text Colour
LINK="#??????"	Link Colour
VLINK="#??????"	Visited Link Colour
ALINK="#??????"	Active Link Colour
ALIGN="?"	Horizontal Alignment: LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT
VALIGN="?"	Vertical Alignment: TOP, MIDDLE, BOTTOM
COLSPAN="?"	Number of columns the cell spans across
ROWSPAN="?"	Number of rows a particular cell spans
NOWRAP	No line breaks in that particular cell

Frame Tags

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<FRAMESET> Tag Attributes	
ROWS="??,??,??..."	Row Sizes (Number of Rows)
COLS="??,??,??..."	Column Thicknesses
BORDER="?"	Border Thickness (In Pixels)
FRAMEBORDER="?"	Frame Border: 1, 0 (Yes or No)
FRAMESPACING="?"	Spacing Between Frames
BORDERCOLOR="#??????"	Colour Of Border
<FRAME> - Individual Frame - Tag Attributes	
SRC="url "	Location of HTML File for a frame
NAME="****"	Name of frame window
MARGINWIDTH="?"	Horizontal Margin Spacing of Frame (In Pixels)
MARGINHEIGHT="?"	Vertical Margin Thickness of Frame (In Pixels)
SCROLLING="?"	Frame Scrolling: YES, NO, AUTO
NORESIZE	Declare Frame to Be a Fixed Size
FRAMEBORDER="?"	Frame Border: 1, 0 (Yes or No)
BORDERCOLOR="?"	Border Colour
<NOFRAMES></NOFRAMES>	Unframed Content

Form Tags

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<FORM> Tag Attributes	
ACTION="url "	URL of Form Script
METHOD="****"	Method of Form: GET, POST
ENCTYPE="****"	For File Upload: ENCTYPE="multipart/form-data"
<INPUT> Tag Attributes	
TYPE="****"	Input Field Type: TEXT, PASSWORD, CHECKBOX, RADIO, FILE, BUTTON, IMAGE, HIDDEN, SUBMIT, RESET
NAME="****"	Form Field Name
VALUE="****"	Value of Field
SIZE="?"	Field Size
MAXLENGTH="?"	Maximum Input Length of Field
CHECKED	Check Checkbox or Radio Button
<BUTTON> Tag Attributes	
TYPE="****"	Button Type: SUBMIT, RESET, BUTTON
NAME="****"	Button Name
VALUE="****"	Label on Button
SIZE="?"	Button Size
<SELECT> Tag Attributes	
NAME="****"	Drop Down Combo-Box Name
SIZE="?"	No Of Selectable Options
MULTIPLE	Allow Multiple Choice
<OPTION> Tag Attributes	
SELECTED	Default Selected Option
VALUE="****"	Option Value
<TEXTAREA> Tag Attributes	
ROWS="?"	Number of Rows
COLS="?"	Number of Columns (Characters per Row)
NAME="****"	Text Area Name
WRAP="****"	Word Wrapping: OFF, HARD, SOFT

Special Character Tags

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&#?;	Special Character - Replace ? with ISO Code
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<	<
>	>
&	&
"	"
 	A Space (non-breaking space)
©	© - Copyright Symbol
®	® - Registered TM

Miscellaneous Tags

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<!-- *** -->	Comment
	
<META> Tag Attributes	
NAME="****"	META Name: description, keywords, author
HTTP-EQUIV="****"	HTTP Equivalent Information: title, etc.
CONTENT="****"	Contents of Meta Tag
<LINK> Tag Attributes	
REL="****"	Defines Forward Relationship
REV="****"	Defines Reverse Relationship
HREF="url"	Location of object or file being linked
TYPE="****"	Type of Relationship object or file
TITLE="****"	Name of Relationship (Not Neccessary)
<BLINK></BLINK>	Blinking text
DIR="?"	Text Direction Attribute for most tags (LTR, RTL)
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC>	Prologue (Description of File)

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<SCRIPT> Tag Attributes	
LANGUAGE="****"	Script Language (eg. "JavaScript 1.1")
SRC="url "	Script Source
TYPE="****"	Script Type
<NOSCRIPT></NOSCRIPT>	If Scripts are not supported
SCRIPT	Under Construction!!

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<APPLET> Tag Attributes	
PARAM NAME="****"	Name of Parameter in Applet
CODE="****"	Applet Code
CODEBASE="url "	Applet Code Source
NAME="****"	Applet Name
ALT="****"	Alternate Text for Applet
ALIGN="****"	Applet Alignment
WIDTH="?"	Applet Window Width in pixels
HEIGHT="?"	Applet Window Height (also in pixels)
VSPACE="?"	Top And Bottom Margin Width
HSPACE="?"	Side Margin Width
APPLET	Under Construction!!

Style Sheets

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<STYLE> Tag Attributes	
TYPE="****"	Style Type (eg "text/css")
LANG="****"	Language of Style
STYLES	Under Construction!!

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DHTML	Under Construction!!
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