

HTML Cheatsheet

Keep this cheatsheet handy — it contains the most common HTML tags and their proper syntax.

Basic Tags

`<html></html>` Creates an HTML document

`<head></head>` Sets off the title and other information that isn't displayed on the web page itself

`<body></body>` Sets off the visible portion of the document

Body Attributes

`<body bgcolor="pink">` Sets the background color, using name or hex value

`<body text="black">` Sets the text color, using name or hex value

`<body link="blue">` Sets the color of links, using name or hex value

`<body vlink="#ff0000">` Sets the color of followed links, using name or hex value

`<body alink="#00ff00">` Sets the color of links on click

`<body ondragstart="return false" onselectstart="return false">` Disallows text selection with the mouse and keyboard

Text Tags

`<pre></pre>` Creates preformatted text

`<h1></h1>` Creates the largest headline

`<h6></h6>` Creates the smallest headline

`` Creates bold text

`<i></i>` Creates italic text

`<tt></tt>` Creates teletype, or typewriter-style text

`<cite></cite>` Creates a citation, usually italic

`` Emphasizes a word (with italic or bold)

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`` Sets size of font, from 1 to 7

`` Sets font color, using name or hex value

Links

`` Creates a hyperlink

`` Creates a mailto link

`` Creates an image/link

`` Creates a target location within a document

`` Links to that target location from elsewhere in the document

Formatting

`<p></p>` Creates a new paragraph

`<p align="left">` Aligns a paragraph to the left (default), right, or center.

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` Inserts a line break

`<blockquote></blockquote>` Indents text from both sides

`<dl></dl>` Creates a definition list

`<dt>` Precedes each definition term

`<dd>` Precedes each definition

`` Creates a numbered list

`` Creates a bulleted list

`` Precedes each list item, and adds a number or symbol depending upon the type of list selected

`<div align="left">` A generic tag used to format large blocks of HTML, also used for stylesheets

`` Adds an image

`` Aligns an image: left, right, center; bottom, top, middle

`` Sets size of border around an image

`<hr />` Inserts a horizontal rule

`<hr size="3" />` Sets size (height) of rule

`<hr width="80%" />` Sets width of rule, in percentage or absolute value

`<hr noshade />` Creates a rule without a shadow

Tables

`<table></table>` Creates a table

`<tr></tr>` Sets off each row in a table

`<td></td>` Sets off each cell in a row

`<th></th>` Sets off the table header (a normal cell with bold, centered text)

Table Attributes

`<table border="1">` Sets width of border around table cells

`<table cellspacing="1">` Sets amount of space between table cells

`<table cellpadding="1">` Sets amount of space between a cell's border and its contents

`<table width="500" or "80%">` Sets width of table, in pixels or as a percentage of document width

`<tr align="left">` or `<td align="left">` Sets alignment for cell(s) (left, center, or right)

`<tr valign="top">` or `<td valign="top">` Sets vertical alignment for cell(s) (top, middle, or bottom)

`<td colspan="2">` Sets number of columns a cell should span (default=1)

`<td rowspan="4">` Sets number of rows a cell should span (default=1)

`<td nowrap>` Prevents the lines within a cell from being broken to fit

Frames

`<frameset></frameset>` Replaces the `<body>` tag in a frames document; can also be nested in other framesets

`<frameset rows="value,value">` Defines the rows within a frameset, using number in pixels, or percentage of width

`<frameset cols="value,value">` Defines the columns within a frameset, using number in pixels, or percentage of width

`<frame>` Defines a single frame — or region — within a frameset

`<noframes></noframes>` Defines what will appear on browsers that don't support frames

Frames Attributes

`<frame src="URL">` Specifies which HTML document should be displayed

`<frame name="name">` Names the frame, or region, so it may be targeted by other frames

`<frame marginwidth="value">` Defines the left and right margins for the frame; must be equal to or greater than 1

`<frame marginheight="value">` Defines the top and bottom margins for the frame; must be equal to or greater than 1

`<frame scrolling="value">` Sets whether the frame has a scrollbar; value may equal "yes," "no," or "auto." The default, as in ordinary documents, is auto.

`<frame noresize="noresize">` Prevents the user from resizing a frame

Forms

For functional forms, you'll have to run a script. The HTML just creates the appearance of a form.

`<form></form>` Creates all forms

`<select multiple name="NAME" size=?></select>` Creates a scrolling menu. Size sets the number of menu items visible before you need to scroll.

`<option>` Sets off each menu item

`<select name="NAME"></select>` Creates a pulldown menu

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`<textarea name="NAME" cols=40 rows=8></textarea name>` Creates a text box area.
Columns set the width; rows set the height.

`<input type="checkbox" name="NAME">` Creates a checkbox. Text follows tag.

`<input type="radio" name="NAME" value="x">` Creates a radio button. Text follows tag

`<input type="text" name="NAME" size=20>` Creates a one-line text area. Size sets length, in characters.

`<input type="submit" value="NAME">` Creates a Submit button

`<button type="submit">Submit</button>` Creates an actual button that is clicked

`<input type="image" border=0 name="NAME" src="name.gif">` Creates a Submit button using an image

`<input type="reset">` Creates a Reset button