

HTML reference sheet

This is a quick guide to all of the HTML codes that are commonly used, this is not intended to be a tutorial - these can be found on the [HTML tutorials](http://www.webpageworkshop.co.uk) page at <http://www.webpageworkshop.co.uk>.

The basics

Name	Element	Comments
HTML content	<html></html>	The start and end of a file
Header	<head></head>	Contains hidden page information
Title	<title></title>	Contained in the header
Body	<body></body>	Contains visible page elements
Background image	<body background="url">	
Background color	<body bgcolor="#rrggbb">	Uses HEX code color
Text color	<body text="#rrggbb">	Sets default color of text
Link color	<body link="#rrggbb">	Sets default link color
Visited link color	<body vlink="#rrggbb">	Sets color of visited links
Active link color	<body alink="#rrggbb">	Sets color of active links

Links

Name	Element	Comments
Link to another page		Relative or absolute URL to page, text between tags is link text
Set a location		
Link to location	 or 	Within the same page/On a different page
Link with target		Target value is frame name
E-mail link		Not widely supported

Formatting text

Name	Element	Comments
Bold		Specifically bold text
Strong emphasis		Generally displayed as bold
Italics	<i></i>	Specifically italic text
Emphasis		Generally displayed as italic
Bigger text	<big></big>	Makes text one size bigger
Smaller text	<small></small>	Makes text one size smaller
Headings	<h#></h#>	Replace # with number 1-6
Font style		Deprecated. Name of the font e.g. arial
Font color		Deprecated
Font size		Deprecated. Replace # with a number (default is 3) or +/- a number for relative size
Paragraph	<p align="left, right, center"></p>	Align attribute optional, default alignment is left. Closing tag optional
Centered	<center></center>	Deprecated. Text between tags is centered

Images

Name	Element	Comments
Image	<code></code>	Simple image tag
Image with width and Height	<code></code>	Width and height in pixels
Image with alternative text	<code></code>	Text alternative for the image
Image without borders	<code></code>	When using an image as a link
Image alignment	<code></code>	Used when wrapping text around images

Lists

Name	Element	Comments
Unordered list	<code><ul type="disc, circle, square"></code>	Bullet point list, with different bullets
Ordered list	<code><ol type="A, a, I, i, 1"></code>	Numbered list with different number styles
Start number	<code><ol start="#"></code>	Defines first number in ordered list
List item	<code>Item text</code>	Optional closing tag

Forms

Name	Element	Comments
Form content	<code><form action="script_url" method="POST, GET"></form></code>	Url is CGI location or JavaScript, most forms use POST
Form input	<code><input type="text, password, checkbox, radio, image, hidden, submit, reset"></code>	
Input name	<code><input name="value"></code>	Identifies the input field
Input value	<code><input value="value"></code>	Default value, not required
Default selection	<code><input checked></code>	Checkboxes and radio buttons only
Input size	<code><input size="#"></code>	Size in characters, IE & NS differ in display
Maximum input length	<code><input maxlength="#"></code>	In characters
Selection list	<code><select name="value"></select></code>	Items go in between tags
No. options shown	<code><select size="#"></select></code>	How many options shown at once
Multiple choices	<code><select multiple></select></code>	Allows more than one choice
Select options	<code><option value="value"></option></code>	Displayed text follows tag. Optional closing tag
Selected option	<code><option selected></option></code>	Default option
Option group	<code><optgroup label="value"></optgroup></code>	Groups options together
Multiple line text input	<code><textarea name="value"></textarea></code>	Text between tags is default text
Multi-line size	<code><textarea rows="#" cols="#"></textarea></code>	Rows in lines, cols in characters
Multi-line text-wrap	<code><textarea wrap="off, hard, soft"></textarea></code>	Soft works best!

Tables

Name	Element	Comments
Table content	<table></table>	Cells and rows go between tags
Table border	<table border="#"></table>	Size of border in pixels
Cell spacing	<table cellspacing="#"></table>	Space between cells
Cell padding	<table cellpadding="#"></table>	Space between cell content and edges
Table width	<table width="#,%"></table>	Width in pixels or %
Table color	<table bgcolor="#rrggbb"></table>	Netscape (4) colors cells individually
Table row	<tr></tr>	Table cells go between row tags
Table cell	<td></td>	
Cell with alignment	<td align="left, right, center" valign="top, middle, bottom"></td>	Horizontal alignment, vertical alignment
Cell spanning 2+ column	<td colspan="#"></td>	Only required for more than one column
Cell spanning 2+ rows	<td rowspan="#"></td>	Only required for more than one row
Cell width	<td width="#,%"></td>	Width in pixels, or % of table
Cell color	<td bgcolor="#rrggbb"></td>	Overrides table bgcolor, not in Netscape (4)
Header cells	<th align="left, right, center"></th>	Content bold, align optional, default is center
Header spanning 2+ columns	<th colspan="#"></th>	As td colspan
Header spanning 2+ rows	<th rowspan="#"></th>	As td rowspan
Header width	<th width="#,%"></th>	As td width
Header background color	<th bgcolor="#rrggbb"></th>	As td bgcolor

Frames

Name	Element	Comments
Frame document content	<frameset></frameset>	Use instead of body tag
Rows of frames	<frameset rows="#,#,#,..."></frameset>	Frames row sizes in pixels or %, separate rows by commas
Row size (relative)	<frameset rows="*"></frameset>	Whatever screen is left after other frames
Columns of frames	<frameset cols="#,#,#,..."></frameset>	Frame column sizes in pixels or %, separate cols by commas
Column size (relative)	<frameset cols="*"></frameset>	Whatever screen is left after other frames
Frame borders	<frameset border="yes, no"></frameset>	Borders on or off
Border width	<frameset border="#"></frameset>	Border width in pixels
Border color	<frameset bordercolor="#rrggbb"></frameset>	
Individual frames	<frame src="url"></frame>	Location of document within frame
Frame name	<frame name="value"></frame>	ID of the frame
Frame margins	<frame marginwidth="#" marginheight="#"></frame>	Width and height in pixels
Scrollbars	<frame scrolling="yes, no, auto"></frame>	Scrollbars on, off or "if needed"
Non-resizable frames	<frame noresize></frame>	Visitors cannot move frame boundaries
"No frames" alternative	<noframes></noframes>	Shown in non-frames browsers

Miscellaneous

Name	Element	Comments
Comments	<!-- comments go here -->	Not displayed in browsers
Style sheet	<style type="text/css"></style>	For Cascading Stylesheets
External style sheet	<link rel="stylesheet" href="url">	
Meta information tags	<meta name="value" content="value">	Hidden info within header
Horizontal rule	<hr width="#" size="#" noshade>	Width, thickness, solid line - all optional attributes

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