

# XHTML reference sheet

This is a quick guide to all of the XHTML elements that are in the strict document type, this is not intended to be a tutorial - these can be found on the XHTML tutorials page at <http://www.webpageworkshop.co.uk>.

## The basics

Name	Element	Comments
XHTML 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

## Links

Name	Element	Comments
Link to another page	<a href="url"></a>	Relative or absolute URL to page, text between tags is link text
Set a location	<a name="location"></a>	
Link to location	<a href="#location"></a> or <a href="page.html#location"></a>	Within the same page/On a different page

## Formatting text

Name	Element	Comments
Bold	<b></b>	Specifically bold text
Strong emphasis	<strong></strong>	Generally displayed as bold
Italics	<i></i>	Specifically italic text
Emphasis	<em></em>	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
Paragraph	<p></p>	

## Images

Name	Element	Comments
Image		Simple image tag. Alt is alternative text
Image with width and Height		Width and height in pixels

## Lists

Name	Element	Comments
Unordered list	<ul></ul>	Bullet point list
Ordered list	<ol></ol>	Numbered list
List item	<li>Item text</li>	

## Forms

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

## Tables

Name	Element	Comments
Table content	<code>&lt;table&gt;&lt;/table&gt;</code>	Cells and rows go between tags
Table row	<code>&lt;tr&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;</code>	Table cells go between row tags
Table cell	<code>&lt;td&gt;&lt;/td&gt;</code>	
Cell spanning 2+ column	<code>&lt;td colspan="#"&gt;&lt;/td&gt;</code>	Only required for more than one column
Cell spanning 2+ rows	<code>&lt;td rowspan="#"&gt;&lt;/td&gt;</code>	Only required for more than one row
Header cells	<code>&lt;th align="left, right, center"&gt;&lt;/th&gt;</code>	Content bold, align optional, default is center
Header spanning 2+ columns	<code>&lt;th colspan="#"&gt;&lt;/th&gt;</code>	As td colspan
Header spanning 2+ rows	<code>&lt;th rowspan="#"&gt;&lt;/th&gt;</code>	As td rowspan

## Miscellaneous

Name	Element	Comments
Comments	<code>&lt;!-- comments go here --&gt;</code>	Not displayed in browsers
Style sheet	<code>&lt;style type="text/css"&gt;&lt;/style&gt;</code>	For Cascading Stylesheets
External style sheet	<code>&lt;link rel="stylesheet" href="url" /&gt;</code>	
Meta information tags	<code>&lt;meta name="value" content="value" /&gt;</code>	Hidden info within header
Horizontal rule	<code>&lt;hr /&gt;</code>	

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