

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	<code><html></html></code>	The start and end of a file
Header	<code><head></head></code>	Contains hidden page information
Title	<code><title></title></code>	Contained in the header
Body	<code><body></body></code>	Contains visible page elements

Links

Name	Element	Comments
Link to another page	<code></code>	Relative or absolute URL to page, text between tags is link text
Set a location	<code></code>	
Link to location	<code></code> or <code></code>	Within the same page/On a different page

Formatting text

Name	Element	Comments
Bold	<code></code>	Specifically bold text
Strong emphasis	<code></code>	Generally displayed as bold
Italics	<code><i></i></code>	Specifically italic text
Emphasis	<code></code>	Generally displayed as italic
Bigger text	<code><big></big></code>	Makes text one size bigger
Smaller text	<code><small></small></code>	Makes text one size smaller
Headings	<code><h#></h#></code>	Replace # with number 1-6
Paragraph	<code><p></p></code>	

Images

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

Lists

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

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