

A Very Brief Dictionary of Tags and Terms

Terms

- **HTML:** Hypertext Markup Language
- **HTML element:** a unit of content formed by HTML tags and the text or media it contains.
- **HTML Tag:** the element name, surrounded by an opening (<) and closing (>) angle bracket.
- **Opening Tag:** the first HTML tag used to start an HTML element. The tag type is surrounded by opening and closing angle brackets.
- **Content:** The information contained between the opening and closing tags.
- **Closing tag:** the second HTML tag used to end an HTML element. Closing tags have a forward slash (/) inside of them, directly after the left angle bracket.
- **Child element:** an element contained within or nested inside another.
- **Attributes:** content added to the opening tag of an element and can be used in several different ways, from providing information to changing styling.

Tags

<p>	Paragraph tag. Goes around text printed onto your webpage.
<h1> through <h6>	Heading tags. Print text significantly larger than <p> tags. Each number creates a smaller subheading, so <h1> is largest and <h6> smallest.
	Creates emphasis. Visually, this displays as <i>italics</i> . However, for visually impaired users experiencing the page via screenreader, it still receives auditory emphasis.
	Like , this creates emphasis. However, it visually displays in bold .
<i>	Italicizes without emphasis. Used for things like scientific names, i.e. <i>Homo sapiens</i> .
	Bolds without emphasis.
<u>	Underlines text.
<!--Comment-->	Comments. Used for organizing code. Does not display at all on the webpage and is only used to make reading the base HTML code easier.
	Prints an image. One of the few HTML tags that do not need to be closed. The image location is given in quotes in the src attribute.
	Turns content into a link, with the destination stored in the href attribute.
, 	Creates an unordered, bulleted list. Each listed item is defined by .
, 	Creates an ordered, numbered list. Each listed item is defined by .
<dl>, <dt>, <dd>	Creates a descriptive list. <dl> defines the list as a whole, <dt> is for the term or phrase, and <dd> is for the description of that term or phrase.
<table>, <tr>, <td>	Defines a table. <table> goes around everything, <tr> goes around each row of the table, and <td> goes around each cell in the row.

More Resources?

Check out the Mozilla Developer Network, W3Schools, Lynda.com, or Khan Academy.

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