

HowStuffWorks.com's Big List of HTML Tags

Print this as a reference guide when creating Web pages. Learn how and where to apply these tags, as well as other Web page creation tips at "How Web Pages Work" (www.howstuffworks.com/web-page.htm).

Structure Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
<html>	begin the HTML document file	</html>
<head>	begin the file header	</head>
<title>	begin the title of the document	</title>
<body>	begin the body of the document can add within tag: background="file name" bgcolor="color value" text="color value" link="color value" vlink="color value"	</body>
<div>	begin applying an attribute to a section add within tag: align="right, left or center"	</div>
<!--	insert comments which will not be displayed	-->

Text Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
	bold text	
<i>	italicize text	</i>
<u>	underline text	</u>
 	create a line break	-
<p>	create a paragraph break	-
<hr>	create a horizontal rule	-
	change font attribute add within tag: color="color value" face="font type" size=value	
<small>	make text small	</small>
<big>	make text large	</big>
<h1>	create a heading other size headings: <h2> <h3> <h4> <h5> <h6>	</h1>

List Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
	begin an unordered list can add within tag: type="circle, square or disc"	
	begin an ordered list can be added within tag: type="A, a, I or i" start=value	
	list items in an unordered or ordered list	
<dl>	begin a definition list	</dl>
<dt>	item in definition list	</dt>
<dd>	definition in definition list	</dd>

Link Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
	create a link to a web page or point on a page add within tag: "URL" "name" "mailto:email address"	
	create a name to a portion of a page to link to add within tag: "name" Link to it using 	at end of name

Image Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
	insert an image add within tag: "file name" can be added within tag: alt="text to describe image" align="left, right, center, top, bottom, middle or absmiddle" width="value" height="value" border=value	-

Table Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
<table>	begin a table can be added within tag: border=value bgcolor="color value" width=fixed value or percentage value height=fixed value or percentage value align="right, left or center" cellpadding=value cellspacing=value	</table>
<tr>	begin a table row can be added within tag: bgcolor="color value" align="left, right or center" valign="top, bottom or middle"	</tr>
<th>	create a table heading can be added within tag: bgcolor="color value" align="left, right or center" valign="top, bottom or middle" width=value colspan=value rowspan=value	</th>
<td>	begin row data can be added within tag: bgcolor="color value" align="left, right or center" valign="top, bottom or middle" width=value colspan=value rowspan=value	</td>

Frame Tags

Tag	Description	Ending Tag
<frameset>	begin a frame document add within tag: rows="fixed values or percentage values" cols="fixed values or percentage values"	</frameset>
<frame>	specify frame attributes add within tag: src="file name" can be added within tag: name="frame name" scrolling=yes or no frameborder=value marginwidth=value marginheight=value	-
<noframes>	include information within to support non-frame browsers	</noframes>