

HTML Tag Quick Reference

Required tags

doctype	Declares the document's type. Of the form: <!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "[specification]" "[URL of specification]">
html	Surrounds everything but the doctype.
head	Contains the title, any meta information, and sometimes other document information.
title	The title of the page that appears in the browser's title bar.
body	The content of the page, everything not inside the head.

Other general tags

!--	HTML comments - will not be rendered on the page but will show up in View Source. Of the form <!--comment-->
meta*	Inside the head. Use type="keywords" or type="description" and content="[content]" to describe the page.
hr*	Horizontal rule: a horizontal line across the page.

Basic text formatting

h1-h6	Headers: the lower the number, the more important the text.
p	Paragraph
br*	Line break - a single line break.

Advanced text formatting

em	Emphasized text
strong	Text with strong emphasis
sup	Superscript
sub	Subscript
acronym	An acronym: for example, PETA
abbr	Abbreviation: for example, inc.
ins	Inserted text
del	Deleted text

Quotations and citations

blockquote	A large, block quote
q	A smaller, inline quote
cite	A citation, also used for book titles
code	Surrounds code snippets
pre	Preformatted text: this text will be formatted exactly like it is in the HTML source, whitespace and all.

Lists

ul	An unordered (bulleted) list
ol	An ordered (numbered) list
li	A list item - must be nested inside a ul or ol
dl	Definition list (think dictionary!)
dt	Definition term - must be nested inside a dl
dd	Definition data - must be nested inside a dl

Links

a	A link. Use href="[location]" to specify where it links to. Use name="[anchorname]" to specify a named anchor.
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Images

img*	An image. Use src="[file]" to specify what image. Use alt="[text]" to specify
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Tables

table	A data table
caption	Describes the kind of data you will find in a table. Must be nested inside table but outside tr, th, and td.
tr	The row of a table - must be nested within a table.
th	A header cell of a table - must be nested within a table and a tr.
td	A normal table cell - must be nested within a table and a tr.

Other tags not covered in class

forms	See resources: http://www.webstandards.org/learn/tutorials/accessible-forms/beginner/ Or: http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_forms.asp
javascript	May be covered in a separate workshop later this semester
embed	Used for media like Flash, etc.
div	Used to surround blocks of content for formatting purposes
span	Used to surround sections of text for formatting purposes

* indicates tag must be self-closing