

Introductory HTML Tags and Their Use

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Basic page skeleton tags

There are two basic parts of every HTML document: the head, and the body. The head is where you will put all of the information concerning your page (such as the title). The body is where everything else goes. All formatting on web pages is done through tags. Below are the tags to separate the body and head, and to make a title. All pages have the HTML tag (<html>). Tags are not case sensitive, so you can enter in either lower or upper case, the choice is yours.

Tag	Use
<html>	begins all documents
<head>	begins the head portion
<title>name of your page goes here</title>	titles your webpage
</head>	ends the head portion
<body>	begins body portion
all of your body portion goes here	Insert all body text here
</body>	ends body portion
</html>	ends all documents

Formatting tags These tags affect the appearance of the text font

Tag	Appearance
This text appears in bold	Bold
<i>This text appears in italics</i>	<i>Italics</i>
<u>This text appears underlined</u>	<u>Underlined</u>
<tt>This text looks like it was written on a typewriter</tt>	Monospaced
<pre>this text appears with all spaces as formatted</pre>	Preformatted-- Text will appear with all spaces and positions input

Tags for Paragraphs and Breaks

Tag	Use
<p>	Starts new paragraph and skips a line
<hr>	Inserts a horizontal line
 	Starts a new paragraph without skipping line
<h1>heading</h1> (biggest) through <h6>heading</h6> (smallest)	Inserts headings H1, H2, ... , H6 H1 is largest, H6 is smallest

Tags specifically designed for Netscape and Internet Explorer

Tag	Use
any text	Changes font size to size (any number--1,2,3)
<center>text to be centered</center>	Centers text on browser
<text color= xxxxxx >	Changes font color to xxxxxx
<body bgcolor= xxxxxx >	Changes background color to xxxxxx

Color codes for text and background manipulation:

For detailed charts go to <http://www.wu-wien.ac.at/usr/h9550532/internet/color.html> or <http://www.parkerinfo.com/chart.htm> or <http://www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/network/23971> or search <http://www.google.com> using html color code as your search terms.

Color	Code
Black	#000000
White	#FFFFFF
Red	#FF0000
Green	#00FF00
Blue	#0000FF
Magenta	#FF00FF
Cyan	#00FFFF
Yellow	#FFFF00

Tags for Links

Tag	Use
Link Text	Link to External Webpage
Anchor Text	Anchor
Link Text	Internal Link
Link Text	E-Mail

Tags for Images

Tag	Use
	Insert any image (.gif or .jpg)
	Align text on right side of image XX=bottem, middle, or top