**What is HTML?**

* The term HTML is an acronym for HyperText Markup Language. It is a markup language used for creating Web pages in World Wide Web. It is actually a product or application of SGML (Standard Generalized Markup Language) which is a specialization of something more general for the markup language.
* SGML is a language that define a markup language.
* Basically, HTML provides the structure, lay-out, content and format of a Web pages.
* Initially it was developed at :
  + CERN
  + IETF
  + W3C
  + WHATWG
* HTML is used purely for semantic specification of structure in Web pages.
* History Version:
  + Pre – standard
    - Late 1991 by Tim Berners-Lee , HTML tags
    - IETF in mid 1993 by Tim Berners-Lee and Dan Conolly, HTML Internet Draft
    - Late 1993 by Dave Raggett, Internet-Draft, "HTML+Hypertext Markup Format
  + Standard
    - HTML 2.0
      * Form Based File Upload
      * HTML Tables
      * Client Side Image Maps
      * Internalizations of HTML
    - HTML 3.2
    - HTML 4.0
    - HTML 4.1