HTML Language Code Reference

ISO Language Codes

The HTML lang attribute can be used to declare the language of a Web page or a portion of a Web page. This is meant to assist search engines and browsers.

According to the W3C recommendation you should declare the primary language for each Web page with the lang attribute inside the <html> tag, like this:

```
<html lang="en">
...
</html>
```

In XHTML, the language is declared inside the <html> tag as follows:

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="en" xml:lang="en">
...
</html>
```

ISO 639-1 Language Codes

ISO 639-1 defines abbreviations for languages.

In HTML and XHTML they can be used in the lang and xml:lang attributes.

See also: next reference for country codes.

Language	ISO Code
Abkhazian	ab
Afar	aa
Afrikaans	af
Albanian	sq

Amharic	am
Arabic	ar
Aragonese	an
Armenian	hy
Assamese	as
Aymara	ay
Azerbaijani	az
Bashkir	ba
Basque	eu
Bengali (Bangla)	bn
Bhutani	dz
Bihari	bh
Bislama	bi
Breton	br
Bulgarian	bg
Burmese	my
Byelorussian (Belarusian)	be
Cambodian	km
Catalan	ca
Cherokee	
Chewa	
Chinese	zh
Chinese (Simplified)	zh-Hans
Chinese (Traditional)	zh-Hant

Corsican	co
Croatian	hr
Czech	cs
Danish	da
Divehi	
Dutch	nl
Edo	
English	en
Esperanto	eo
Estonian	et
Faeroese	fo
Farsi	fa
Fiji	fj
Finnish	fi
Flemish	
French	fr
Frisian	fy
Fulfulde	
Galician	gl
Gaelic (Scottish)	gd
Gaelic (Manx)	gv
Georgian	ka
German	de

Greek	el
Greenlandic	kl
Guarani	gn
Gujarati	gu
Haitian Creole	ht
Hausa	ha
Hawaiian	
Hebrew	he, iw
Hindi	hi
Hungarian	hu
Ibibio	
Icelandic	is
Ido	io
Igbo	
Indonesian	id, in
Interlingua	ia
Interlingue	ie
Inuktitut	iu
Inupiak	ik
Irish	ga
Italian	it
Japanese	ja
Javanese	jv
Kannada	kn

Kanuri	
Kashmiri	ks
Kazakh	kk
Kinyarwanda (Ruanda)	rw
Kirghiz	ky
Kirundi (Rundi)	rn
Konkani	
Korean	ko
Kurdish	ku
Laothian	lo
Latin	la
Latvian (Lettish)	lv
Limburgish (Limburger)	li
Lingala	ln
Lithuanian	lt
Macedonian	mk
Malagasy	mg
Malay	ms
Malayalam	ml
Maltese	mt
Maori	mi
Marathi	mr
Moldavian	mo

Mongolian	mn
Nauru	na
Nepali	ne
Norwegian	no
Occitan	oc
Oriya	or
Oromo (Afaan Oromo)	om
Papiamentu	
Pashto (Pushto)	ps
Polish	pl
Portuguese	pt
Punjabi	pa
Quechua	qu
Rhaeto-Romance	rm
Romanian	ro
Russian	ru
Sami (Lappish)	
Samoan	sm
Sangro	sg
Sanskrit	sa
Serbian	sr
Serbo-Croatian	sh
Sesotho	st

Setswana	tn
Shona	sn
Sichuan Yi	ii
Sindhi	sd
Sinhalese	si
Siswati	ss
Slovak	sk
Slovenian	sl
Somali	so
Spanish	es
Sundanese	su
Swahili (Kiswahili)	sw
Swedish	sv
Syriac	
Tagalog	tl
Tajik	tg
Tamazight	
Tamil	ta
Tatar	tt
Telugu	te
Thai	th
Tibetan	bo
Tigrinya	ti

Tonga	to
Tsonga	ts
Turkish	tr
Turkmen	tk
Twi	tw
Uighur	ug
Ukrainian	uk
Urdu	ur
Uzbek	uz
Venda	
Vietnamese	vi
Volapük	vo
Wallon	wa
Welsh	cy
Wolof	wo
Xhosa	xh
Yi	
Yiddish	yi, ji
Yoruba	yo
Zulu	zu