

# HTML Element Reference

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## HTML Tags Ordered by Category

= New in HTML5.

### Basic HTML

Tag	Description
<!DOCTYPE> (tag_doctype.asp)	Defines the document type
<html> (tag_html.asp)	Defines an HTML document
<title> (tag_title.asp)	Defines a title for the document
<body> (tag_body.asp)	Defines the document's body
<h1> to <h6> (tag_hn.asp)	Defines HTML headings
<p> (tag_p.asp)	Defines a paragraph
  (tag_br.asp)	Inserts a single line break
<hr> (tag_hr.asp)	Defines a thematic change in the content
<!--...--> (tag_comment.asp)	Defines a comment

### Formatting

Tag	Description
<acronym> (tag_acronym.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use <abbr> instead. Defines an acronym
<abbr> (tag_abbr.asp)	Defines an abbreviation or an acronym
<address> (tag_address.asp)	Defines contact information for the author/owner of a document/article
<b> (tag_b.asp)	Defines bold text
<bdi> (tag_bdi.asp)	Isolates a part of text that might be formatted in a different direction from other text outside it
<bdo> (tag_bdo.asp)	Overrides the current text direction
<big> (tag_big.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use CSS instead. Defines big text
<blockquote> (tag_blockquote.asp)	Defines a section that is quoted from another source
<center> (tag_center.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use CSS instead. Defines centered text
<cite> (tag_cite.asp)	Defines the title of a work
<code> (tag_code.asp)	Defines a piece of computer code
<del> (tag_del.asp)	Defines text that has been deleted from a document
<dfn> (tag_dfn.asp)	Represents the defining instance of a term
<em> (tag_em.asp)	Defines emphasized text
<font> (tag_font.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use CSS instead. Defines font, color, and size for text
<i> (tag_i.asp)	Defines a part of text in an alternate voice or mood
<ins> (tag_ins.asp)	Defines a text that has been inserted into a document

<kbd> (tag_kbd.asp)	Defines keyboard input
<mark> (tag_mark.asp)	Defines marked/highlighted text
<meter> (tag_meter.asp)	Defines a scalar measurement within a known range (a gauge)
<pre> (tag_pre.asp)	Defines preformatted text
<progress> (tag_progress.asp)	Represents the progress of a task
<q> (tag_q.asp)	Defines a short quotation
<rp> (tag_rp.asp)	Defines what to show in browsers that do not support ruby annotations
<rt> (tag_rt.asp)	Defines an explanation/pronunciation of characters (for East Asian typography)
<ruby> (tag_ruby.asp)	Defines a ruby annotation (for East Asian typography)
<s> (tag_s.asp)	Defines text that is no longer correct
<samp> (tag_samp.asp)	Defines sample output from a computer program
<small> (tag_small.asp)	Defines smaller text
<strike> (tag_strike.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use <del> or <s> instead. Defines strikethrough text
<strong> (tag_strong.asp)	Defines important text
<sub> (tag_sub.asp)	Defines subscripted text
<sup> (tag_sup.asp)	Defines superscripted text
<time> (tag_time.asp)	Defines a date/time

<tt> (tag_tt.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use CSS instead. Defines teletype text
<u> (tag_u.asp)	Defines text that should be stylistically different from normal text
<var> (tag_var.asp)	Defines a variable
<wbr> (tag_wbr.asp)	Defines a possible line-break

## Forms and Input

Tag	Description
<form> (tag_form.asp)	Defines an HTML form for user input
<input> (tag_input.asp)	Defines an input control
<textarea> (tag_textarea.asp)	Defines a multiline input control (text area)
<button> (tag_button.asp)	Defines a clickable button
<select> (tag_select.asp)	Defines a drop-down list
<optgroup> (tag_optgroup.asp)	Defines a group of related options in a drop-down list
<option> (tag_option.asp)	Defines an option in a drop-down list
<label> (tag_label.asp)	Defines a label for an <input> element
<fieldset> (tag_fieldset.asp)	Groups related elements in a form
<legend> (tag_legend.asp)	Defines a caption for a <fieldset> element
<datalist>	Specifies a list of pre-defined options for input controls

(tag_datalist.asp)	
<keygen> (tag_keygen.asp)	Defines a key-pair generator field (for forms)
<output> (tag_output.asp)	Defines the result of a calculation

## Frames

Tag	Description
<frame> (tag_frame.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Defines a window (a frame) in a frameset
<frameset> (tag_frameset.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Defines a set of frames
<noframes> (tag_noframes.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Defines an alternate content for users that do not support frames
<iframe> (tag_iframe.asp)	Defines an inline frame

## Images

Tag	Description
<img> (tag_img.asp)	Defines an image
<map> (tag_map.asp)	Defines a client-side image-map
<area> (tag_area.asp)	Defines an area inside an image-map
<canvas> (tag_canvas.asp)	Used to draw graphics, on the fly, via scripting (usually JavaScript)
<figcaption> (tag_figcaption.asp)	Defines a caption for a <figure> element

<figure> (tag_figure.asp)	Specifies self-contained content
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## Audio / Video

Tag	Description
<audio> (tag_audio.asp)	Defines sound content
<source> (tag_source.asp)	Defines multiple media resources for media elements (<video> and <audio>)
<track> (tag_track.asp)	Defines text tracks for media elements (<video> and <audio>)
<video> (tag_video.asp)	Defines a video or movie

## Links

Tag	Description
<a> (tag_a.asp)	Defines a hyperlink
<link> (tag_link.asp)	Defines the relationship between a document and an external resource (most used to link to style sheets)
<nav> (tag_nav.asp)	Defines navigation links

## Lists

Tag	Description
<ul> (tag_ul.asp)	Defines an unordered list
<ol> (tag_ol.asp)	Defines an ordered list
<li> (tag_li.asp)	Defines a list item
<dir> (tag_dir.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use <ul> instead.

	Defines a directory list
<dl> (tag_dl.asp)	Defines a description list
<dt> (tag_dt.asp)	Defines a term/name in a description list
<dd> (tag_dd.asp)	Defines a description of a term/name in a description list
<menu> (tag_menu.asp)	Defines a list/menu of commands
<menuitem> (tag_menuitem.asp)	Defines a command/menu item that the user can invoke from a popup menu

## Tables

Tag	Description
<table> (tag_table.asp)	Defines a table
<caption> (tag_caption.asp)	Defines a table caption
<th> (tag_th.asp)	Defines a header cell in a table
<tr> (tag_tr.asp)	Defines a row in a table
<td> (tag_td.asp)	Defines a cell in a table
<thead> (tag_thead.asp)	Groups the header content in a table
<tbody> (tag_tbody.asp)	Groups the body content in a table
<tfoot> (tag_tfoot.asp)	Groups the footer content in a table
<col> (tag_col.asp)	Specifies column properties for each column within a <colgroup> element
<colgroup> (tag_colgroup.asp)	Specifies a group of one or more columns in a table for formatting

# Styles and Semantics

Tag	Description
<style> (tag_style.asp)	Defines style information for a document
<div> (tag_div.asp)	Defines a section in a document
<span> (tag_span.asp)	Defines a section in a document
<header> (tag_header.asp)	Defines a header for a document or section
<footer> (tag_footer.asp)	Defines a footer for a document or section
<main> (tag_main.asp)	Specifies the main content of a document
<section> (tag_section.asp)	Defines a section in a document
<article> (tag_article.asp)	Defines an article
<aside> (tag_aside.asp)	Defines content aside from the page content
<details> (tag_details.asp)	Defines additional details that the user can view or hide
<dialog> (tag_dialog.asp)	Defines a dialog box or window
<summary> (tag_summary.asp)	Defines a visible heading for a <details> element

## Meta Info

Tag	Description



<head> (tag_head.asp)	Defines information about the document
<meta> (tag_meta.asp)	Defines metadata about an HTML document
<base> (tag_base.asp)	Specifies the base URL/target for all relative URLs in a document
<basefont> (tag_basefont.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use CSS instead. Specifies a default color, size, and font for all text in a document

## Programming

Tag	Description
<script> (tag_script.asp)	Defines a client-side script
<noscript> (tag_noscript.asp)	Defines an alternate content for users that do not support client-side scripts
<applet> (tag_applet.asp)	Not supported in HTML5. Use <embed> or <object> instead. Defines an embedded applet
<embed> (tag_embed.asp)	Defines a container for an external (non-HTML) application
<object> (tag_object.asp)	Defines an embedded object
<param> (tag_param.asp)	Defines a parameter for an object

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