HTML: Basic Syntax

1. What is HTML?

- HTML (HyperText Markup Language) is the standard language used to create web pages.
- It **structures the content** of a website, like headings, paragraphs, images, links, tables, and more.
- Think of HTML as the **skeleton of a website**.

2. Basic HTML Syntax

HTML uses tags to define elements. Tags are keywords surrounded by angle brackets <>.

Structure of an HTML tag:

<tagname>Content goes here</tagname>

- <tagname> → Opening tag
- Content goes here → Text, image, or other elements inside the tag
- </tagname> → Closing tag

Example:

Hello, I am learning HTML!

- → Paragraph tag
- Hello, I am learning HTML! → Content
- $\langle p \rangle \rightarrow \text{End of paragraph}$

Basic HTML Document Structure

Every HTML page has a standard structure:

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
 <head>
 <title>My First Web Page</title>
 </head>
 <body>

<h1>Welcome to HTML</h1>

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This is my first web page.
</body>
</html>
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Explanation:

- $<!DOCTYPE \text{ html}> \rightarrow \text{Tells the browser that this is an HTML5 page}$
- $\langle html \rangle \rightarrow Root$ element of the page
- <head> → Contains meta information (title, links, scripts)
- <title> → Title shown on the browser tab
- <body> → Contains the visible content (text, images, buttons, etc.)
- $\langle h1 \rangle \rightarrow$ Heading 1 (biggest heading)
- $\langle p \rangle \rightarrow Paragraph$

3. HTML Tags You Should Know

Tag	Description	Example
<h1> to <h6></h6></h1>	Headings ($h1 = largest$)	<h1>My Heading</h1>
	Paragraph	Hello World
<a>>	Link	Google
	Image	
$\langle ul \rangle / \langle ol \rangle$	Unordered / Ordered List	Item 1
<div></div>	Division / Section	<div>Content here</div>
	Inline section	Text