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The Basic Language of the Web: HTML



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All modern websites and web applications are built using three *fundamental* technologies: HTML, CSS and JavaScript. These are the languages of the web.

In this post, let's focus on HTML. We will learn what HTML is all about, and why you too should learn it.

What is HTML?

HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language. It's a markup language that web developers use to structure and describe the content of a webpage (not a programming language).

HTML consists of elements that describe different types of content: paragraphs, links, headings, images, video, etc. Web browsers understand HTML and render HTML code as websites.

In HTML, each element is made up of 3 parts:

- 1. The opening tag
- 2. The closing tag
- 3. The actual element

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Why should you learn HTML?

There are countless reasons for learning the fundamental language of the web. Here are 5 of them:

- To be able to use the fundamental web dev language
- To hand-craft beautiful websites instead of relying on tools like Worpress or Wix
- To build web applications
- To develop a foundation for post-secondary study
- To have fun 😃

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