

# HTML

HyperText Markup Language (HTML) is the standard [markup language](#) for creating web pages and [web applications](#). With [Cascading Style Sheets\(CSS\)](#), and [JavaScript](#), it forms a triad of cornerstone technologies for the [World Wide Web](#). Web browsers receive HTML documents from a webserver or from local storage and render them into multimedia web pages. HTML describes the structure of a web page [semantically](#) and originally included cues for the appearance of the document.

**HTML elements are the building blocks of HTML pages.** With HTML constructs, *images* and other *objects*, such as interactive forms may be embedded into the rendered page. It provides a means to create structured documents by denoting structural semantics for text such as *headings*, *paragraphs*, *lists*, *links*, *quotes* and other items. HTML elements are delineated by tags, written using angle brackets. Tags such as `<img />` and `<input />` introduce content into the page directly. Others such as `<p>...</p>` surround and provide information about document text and may include other tags as sub-elements. **Browsers do not display the HTML tags, but use them to interpret the content of the page.**

HTML can embed programs written in a scripting language such as JavaScript which affect the behavior and content of web pages. Inclusion of CSS defines the look and layout of content. The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), maintainer of both the HTML and the CSS standards, has encouraged the use of CSS over explicit presentational HTML since 1997.



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## See also

- [W3C \(X\)HTML Validator](#)
- [Semantic HTML](#)