Differences Between <head> and <header> Tags in HTML

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1 <head> Tag

1.1 Purpose and Usage

The <head> tag is a container for metadata (data about data) and is placed between the <html> and <body> tags. It includes information about the document that is not displayed directly on the web page.

1.2 Common Elements in <head> Tag

- **Title**: Specifies the title of the document shown in browser's title bar or page's tab.
- Stylesheets: Links to external CSS files.
- Scripts: Links to JavaScript files and inline scripts.
- Meta Information: Such as character set declarations, keywords, document author, viewport settings, etc.

2 <header> Tag

2.1 Purpose and Usage

The <header> tag represents introductory content or a set of navigational links. It can be used multiple times in different sections of a document.

2.2 Common Elements in <header> Tag

- Navigation Links: Typically contains navigation bars or menus.
- Logo or Branding: Often includes the site's logo or name.
- Search Forms: Sometimes used to house search forms.

• **Heading Elements**: Such as <h1> - <h6> tags to indicate section or page titles.

3 Key Differences

- 1. Location in Document: The <head> tag is a top-level element and is used once per page, whereas the <header> tag can be used multiple times in different sections of the document.
- 2. **Content**: The <head> tag contains metadata, CSS, and JavaScript links, while the <header> tag typically includes elements like navigation links, logos, and search forms.
- 3. **Display**: Content inside the <head> tag is not displayed on the page, while the <header> tag contains content that is visible to users.