

HTML Practice 1

Introduction: We will be using this start.html document for every page we create this semester. Think of this start page as the beginning of every page. The first thing you will do is download the file for this project.

Begin with Step 1.

If you want to view a screencast of your instructor you can access the Screencast links located in Canvas.

Step 1. Download and extract the HTML1Files.zip folder.

Right-click the mouse on the start.html file and choose Copy to Folder. Save the file on your computer.

Open the start.html page in the Notepad application.

Step 2. Let's look at the information contained in this page.

This page has the important `<!DOCTYPE html>` declaration that tells what kind of document we are creating. The validation type for this document is HTML5.

Step 3. Notice that there is a default `<title>` supplied for this page.

The title should always be a title that is specific to the page you are creating. You will usually try to give careful consideration to the title of your pages.

Change the title text to be the following: HTML Practice 1.

Save your file.

Step 4. The `<body>` of the document is where you will put the elements (tags) that define your actual page.

Notice that there are already some tags in the body of this start page.

The body contains a paragraph `<p>` tag. Inside this tag, some text is displayed.

The `
` tag inserts a single line break.

Change the text of the first line in the paragraph to be: HTML makes the world go around.

Change the second line of text to be: My instructor told me so!

Add a comment to the paragraph. Use the `<!-- This is my comment -->` tag. Comments can be placed anywhere in your code.

They will not be displayed by the browser.

Step 5. Save your start.html page as index.html.

Make sure you choose the file type to be: All files.

If you do not do this, the file will be named Practice1.txt. Make sure you save the file to a place that is easily found.

Step 6. To View your page in a Web browser, just click on the file and it should open the page in your browser.

Notice that the active tab at the top of the browser window has your title displayed. Was your text correctly displayed? Hopefully it was.

Step 7. Submit your finished index.html in Canvas. There is a link to submit your file just under the instructions link for this practice.

Conclusion: Again, this start.html page will be the basis for many pages that we will create this semester. Get used to beginning with this document and making changes. In our future work, we will not use the paragraph that is in the body of the page. You can either delete it now or remove it each time you use the start.html file in the future.