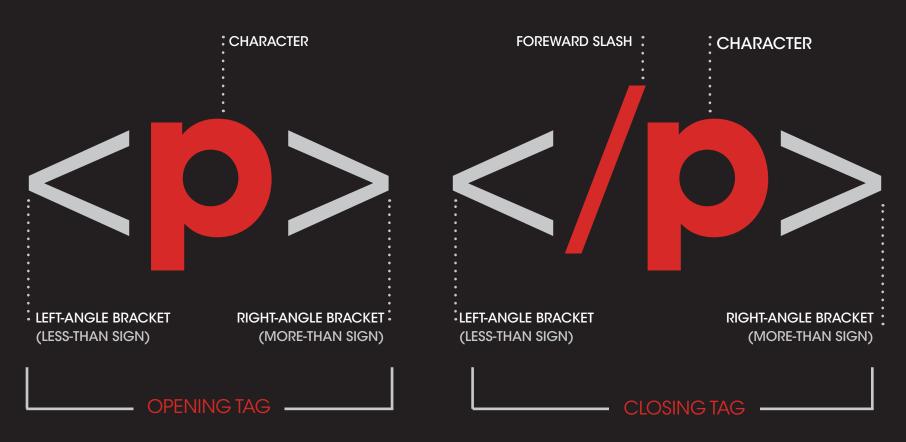


Tag:

A command that specifies how the document should be formatted.



Tags

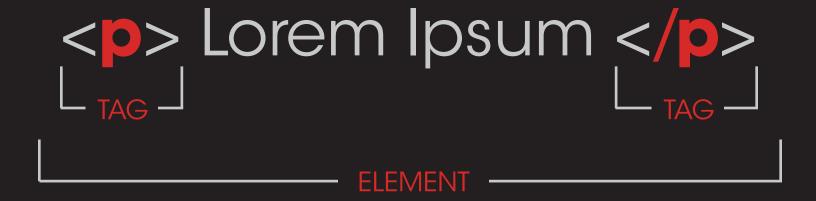


The characters in the brackets indicate the tag's purpose.

The closing tag has a forward slash after the < symbol.

Tag vs. Element

The terms "tag" and "element" are often used interchangeably. An element comprises the opening tag *and* the closing tag *and* any content that lies between them.



Document Structure

Each HTML file must have the essential tags for it to be valid, so that web browsers can understand it and display it correctly.

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
<meta charset="UTF-8">
<title>Untitled Document</title>
</head>
<body>
</body>
</html>
```