01 Web Page and HTML Basic

Web page

- A webpage is a web document
 - is designed to be displayed in a web browser on the World Wide Web
- A web browser displays a web page on a **monitor** or **mobile device**.
- A webpage usually contains text and images written in **HTML** or comparable **markup** language,
 - other types of content are also embedded in webpages, such as Flash videos and music files.

Web page

• Web pages provide **hypertext** that include a **navigation bar** or a **sidebar menu** to *other* web pages via **hyperlinks**, often referred to as *links*.

HTML and XHTML

HTML - HyperText Markup Language

 The set of markup elements or tags placed in a file intended for display on a web browser.

• XML – eXtensible Markup Langauge

- A text-based language designed to describe, deliver, and exchange structured information.
- It is not intended to replace HTML -- it is intended to extend the power of HTML by separating data from presentation.
- We can define our own tags in XML.
- XHTML eXtensible Hypertext Markup Language
 - XHTML 1.0 developed on HTML 4.0 as an application of XML.
 - It combines the formatting strengths of HTML 4.0 and the data structure and extensibility strengths of XML.



What is HTML

- HTML : Global publishing format for the Web
- HTML is *not* a programming language
- HTML pages can be simple text or complex multimedia
- An HTML file is a text document containing markup tags. These tags tell the Web browser how to display the page
- HTML files must have an .htm or .html file extensions

HTML Structure

- An HTML document contains
 - Text: Displayed by the browser screen
 - Instructions
 - Interpreted by <u>browser</u>
 - Written in HTML elements called *tags*, which are identified by angle brackets and a keyword $(\langle a \rangle . . . \langle /a \rangle)$
- HTML documents should contain a minimum of three tags to identify:
 - The document type as HTML (<html> . . . </html>)
 - Header (<head> . . </head>)
 - Contains information about the document (editor, keywords, etc.)
 - Is not displayed by a browser
 - Body (<body> . . </body>)
 - Contains the text, links, and graphics
 - Is displayed on the page

Basic Structure of an HTML Document

```
<html>
   <head>
     <title>My First Page</title>
   </head>
   <body>
     This will be the text,
graphics,
     links, etc.)
   </body>
 </html>
```

<head> Section

- This section is not displayed directly to the user. It is used to include Page Titles, Keywords, etc. which are used by the Browser for various purposes.
- The typical <head> section of a page will look like

```
<head>
  <title>My first Page</title>
  <meta name="description" content="VTC/CIM Homepage">
  <meta name="keywords" content="VTC, CIM">
  </head>
```

- Using the *meta* "description" and "keywords" tags, you can add keywords to your pages so various search engines (Google etc) can index your site.
- When the documents are in their correct place on the web server, you should also register your documents with a search engine.

HTML Tags

- All commands that specify the layout of our Web pages are provided in the form of *elements* (most commonly called *tags*), which are embedded in our HTML documents.
- HTML tags normally come in pairs like **** and ****. The first tag in a pair is the *start tag*. The second tag is the *end tag*.
- Within the angle brackets of the start tag might be extra *attributes* (or *name/value pairs*). For example,

```
<font size="12">.
```

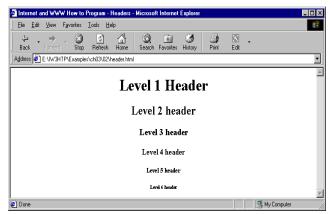
- HTML element names are not case sensitive. **** means the same as ****. Later, we shall see that we should be using lower case (because XHTML needs to be in lower case).
- Comments may be included in a file, to aid human readability:

```
<!-- This is comment text -->
```

- HTML is largely free-format; start tags and end tags may be scattered anywhere within the text
- Indentation also aids readability

Text Formatting

- One of the main purposes of HTML is to format text. Many different tags are provided to do this. Common ones include:
- Headings: <h1> through to <h6>
- Text Formats (Physical Style Formatting):



HTML Headings

```
<html>
<head>
  <title>Untitled</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>This is heading 1</h1>
<h2>This is heading 2</h2>
<h3>This is heading 3</h3>
<h4>This is heading 4</h4>
<h5>This is heading 5</h5>
<h6>This is heading 6</h6>
</body>
</html>
```

This is heading 1

This is heading 2

This is heading 3

This is heading 4

This is heading 5

This is heading 6

HTML Paragraphs

```
<html>
                           This is a paragraph 1.
<head>
  <title>Untitled</title>
</head>
                           This is a paragraph 2.
<body>
This is paragraph
  1.
                           This is a paragraph 3.
This is paragraph
  2.
This is paragraph
  3.
</body>
</html>
```

Text Formatting

- Paragraphs: . . .
- Line breaks:

 -
has no closing tag (</br>) in HTML. To convert this tag to XHTML and to ensure compatibility with HTML browsers, add a space and forward slash to the end of the tag (
br />).
- Preformatted text: . . . :

Hyperlinks

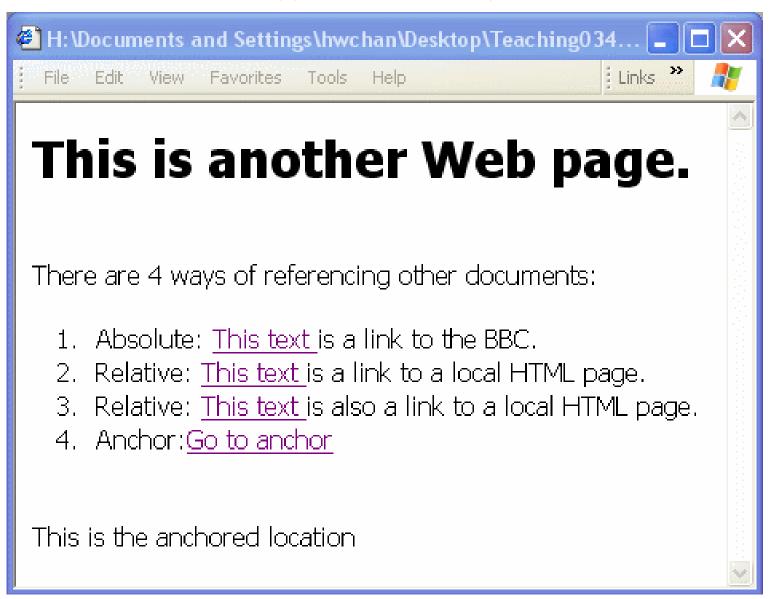
• Links may be embedded anywhere in an HTML document.

- Links may contain a reference to:
 - a remote Web page, specified by a full URL;
 - a local Web page, specified by its filename within directory of the current page;
 - a local Web page, specified by its filename relative to the directory of the current page;
 - a line within the current page (a anchor)

Hyperlink Example

```
<html>
<body>
<h1>This is another Web page.</h1><br />
There are 4 ways of referencing other documents: 
<01>
 Absolute:
   <a href="http://www.vtc.edu.hk">This text </a>
   is a link to the VTC.
 Relative: <a href="test.html">This text </a>
   is a link to a local HTML page.
 Relative: <a href="./var/test2.html">This text </a>
   is also a link to a local HTML page.
 Anchor:<a href="#xyz">Go to anchor</a>
<br />
This is the anchored location <a name="xyz"></a>
</body>
</html>
```

Hyperlink Example



Horizontal Lines (Rules)

- The <hr /> element creates a horizontal line on the page.
- Its attributes include:
 - The "align=" attribute indicates the alignment of the rule line (default="center");
 - The "size=" attribute indicates the thickness of the rule line, in pixels (default=2);
 - The "width=" attribute indicates the horizontal width of the rule line (default="100%"). This can be specified either in pixels or as a percentage of the screen width.

For Examples:

```
<hr size="6" width="400" />
<hr size="6" width="50%" />
<hr align="left" size="6" width="100" />
```

HTML Character Set

- All text in an HTML file, outside of element angle brackets, is displayed as text by a web browser.
- Only standard ASCII text may be used in an HTML file, so how do we display special characters?
- Named entities begin with an ampersand (&) and end with a semicolon (;). The names are case sensitive:

```
%reg; yields ®
© yields ©
& yields &
" yields "
< yields <
&gt; yields >
```

Text Alignment

- To align an individual heading or paragraph, use the align="left", align="right" or alight="center" attributes.
- A more flexible method for alignment is to use the division element (<div>).
- **<div>** may have several attributes (e.g. "align="), all of which are applied to all of the text held within the division.
- **<div>** has two advantages over align:
 - **<div>** needs to be used only once, rather than as an attribute to many elements.
 - It can be used to align any block element, even ones that do not have the align attribute within their tag structure.
- **** may be used to surround individual words or groups of words. We'll discuss more in our later CSS lectures.

HTML5 Tags

- HTML5 is a cooperation between the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and the Web Hypertext Application Technology Working Group (WHATWG).
- WHATWG was working with web forms and applications, and W3C was working with XHTML 2.0. In 2006, they decided to cooperate and create a new version of HTML.
- Some rules for HTML5 were established:
- New features should be based on HTML, CSS, DOM, and JavaScript
- Reduce the need for external plugins (like Flash)
- Better error handling
- More markup to replace scripting
- HTML5 should be device independent
- The development process should be visible to the public

- The HTML5 <!DOCTYPE>
- In HTML5 there is only one <!doctype> declaration, and it is very simple:
- <!DOCTYPE html>
- Usually browse with FireFox.

<header>

- The <header> tag specifies a header for a document or section.
- The <header> element should be used as a container for introductory content or set of navigational links.
- You can have several <header> elements in one document.

<header>

- <!DOCTYPE html>
- <html>
- <body>

Internet Explorer 9

Windows Internet Explorer 9 (abbreviated as IE9) was released to the public on March 14, 2011 at 21:00 PDT.....

- <article>
- <header>
- <h1>Internet Explorer 9</h1>
- <time pubdate datetime="2011-03-15"></time>
- </header>
- Windows Internet Explorer 9 (abbreviated as IE9) was released to
- the public on March 14, 2011 at 21:00 PDT.....
- </article>
- </body>
- </html>

Online Learning Resources

- https://www.w3schools.com/html/
- https://www.tutorialspoint.com/html/
- http://htmldog.com/guides/html/beginner/
- Online Editor:
 - http://cssdeck.com/labs

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