# What are HTML Entities?

* - If you use the less than (<) or greater than (>) signs in your text, the browser might mix them with tags.  
   Character entities are used to display reserved characters in HTML.  
    
  - A character entity looks like this:  
   &entity\_name;  
   OR  
   &#entity\_number;

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| **Result** | **Description** | **Entity Name** | **Entity Number** |
|  | non-breaking space | &nbsp | &#160 |
| < | less than | &lt | &#60 |
| > | greater than | &gt | &#62 |
| & | ampersand | &amp | &#38 |
| " | double quotation mark | &quot | &#34 |
| ' | single quotation mark | &apos | &#39 |
| ¢ | cent | &cent | &#162 |
| £ | pound | &pound | &#163 |
| ¥ | yen | &yen | &#165 |
| € | euro | &euro | &#8364 |
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| ® | registered trademark | &reg | &#174 |