

Hyperlinks Exercise

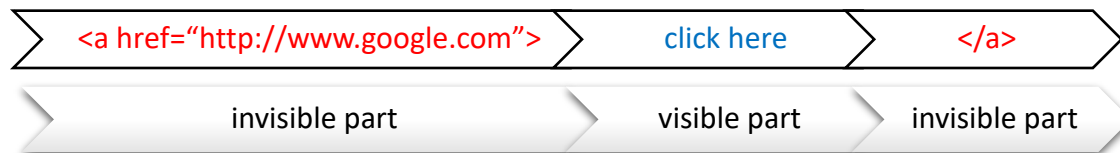
You will practice some coding here using the **Tag_Practice** exercise files you used earlier.

Some Notes: The `<a>` element is used for hyperlinks. We hyperlink or link to (1) *external* web addresses (URLs) on the Internet, and to (2) *internal* pages or files within our web site.

Here is an example of using the `<a>` tag to link to www.google.com:

```
<a href="http://www.google.com">click here</a>
```

This diagram below indicates what is visible in the webpage rendered:



The webpage renders with hyperlinked word (the visible part) as: [click here](http://www.google.com).

The form of the `a` element:

```
<a href="reference">content</a>
```

where *reference* is replaced with the actual URL (web address) beginning with `http://` etc, or with the name of a file to which you are linking. *content* is usually text but can also be an image, `` tag, nested within the `a` element.

Some attributes include `href`, `target` and `title`. See p68 (Carey 6e).

`target="xyz"`

where *xyz* is replaced with **`_blank`** and the link opens in a new window or tab

where *xyz* is replaced with **any name** you desire, the link opens in a new named window or tab.

where *xyz* is replaced with **`_self`**, the link opens in the same window (default).

`title="text"` where *text* is the text that will appear in a pop-up ("tooltip") when one moves the mouse over the link.

Action required: Continue to use the file **tag_practice.htm** (started back in first few weeks of class) and try the following to practice links. Find the `htm` file in the *Tag_Practice exerc* folder located in this activities folder. First type `

` on the next line of the code in **tag_practice.htm** to create some separation from the previous practice.

i) Code a link to `http://www.yahoo.com` with visible part search with yahoo:

```
<a href="http://www.yahoo.com">search with yahoo</a>
```

(Test your link by clicking on it. Then click Back.)

ii) First type a line break using either `
` or `
`, at the end of the previous line. Then code a link to the `htm` file named **about_us.htm** which is a file also located in the *tag_Practice* folder, in the same location as the current working document:

```
<a href="about_us.htm" title="Learn more">about the company</a>
```

(Test your link, then click Back. Also try mousing over the hyperlink.)

iii) Test out the `target` attribute with its various values.