How to Comment in HTML

Commenting your code allows you to leave reminders and explanations for yourself and any other coder that will be working on the page. Commenting can also be used to quickly disable parts of your code when you're testing or working on a new feature that isn't ready yet. Learning how to properly use comments will lead to more efficient coding, for you and your coworkers.

Steps

1 **Insert a single-line comment.** Comments are designated by the tags `<!--` and `-->`. You can insert quick comments to remind you what is happening with the code.

```html
<html>
<head>
<title>Comment test</title>
</head>
<body>
<!-- This code makes a paragraph -->
<p>This is the website</p>
</body>
</html>
```

- Make sure there are no spaces in the comment tags. For example `< !--` will not activate the comment function. Inside the tags, you can have as many spaces as you'd like.

2 **Create a multiline comment.** Your comments can span multiple lines, which is useful for explaining complex code, or for blocking off large pieces of code.

```html
<html>
<head>
<title>Comment test</title>
</head>
<body>
<!--
Your comment can be as long as you need it to be.
Everything within the comment tags is kept from
affecting the code on the page.
-->
<p>This is the website</p>
</body>
</html>
```

3 **Use the comment function to quickly disable code.** If you're trying to track down a bug or want to keep code from running on the page, you can use the comment function to quickly block it off. That way, you can easily

restore the code by deleting the comment tag.

```html
<html>
<head>
<title>Comment test</title>
</head>
<body>
<p>Check out these images</p>

<img src="/images/image1.jpg">
<!-- Hiding this image for now
<img src="/images/image2.jpg">
-->
</body>
</html>
```

4 **Use the comment function to hide scripts on unsupported browsers.** If you are programming in JavaScript or VBScript, you can use the comment function to hide the script on browsers that don't support it. Insert the comment at the start of the script, and end it with `//-->` to ensure that the script works on browsers that *do* support it.

```html
<html>
<head>
<title>VBScript</title>
</head>
<body>
<script language="vbscript" type="text/vbscript">
<!--
document.write("Hello World!")
//-->
</script>
</body>
</html>
```
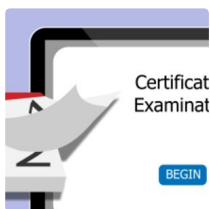
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- The `//` in the end tag will prevent the script from executing the comment function if scripts are supported by the browser.

Can you answer these readers' questions?

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On **How to Obtain ASE Certification**, a reader asks:

> Is there a way I can get my certifications again?

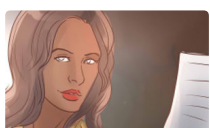Your answer...   Reply

On **How to Get a CDL License in New York**, a reader asks:

> Can a deaf person get a CDL license in New York if they will only be driving in an Excepted Status?

Your answer...   Reply

On **How to Obtain a Disabled Parking Permit in Colorado**, a reader asks:

> Can my husband witness my signature on the parking privileges application? I have got my two Placards twice for three years do I get a longer valid time period now?

Can I apply thru the mail?

Your answer...   Reply

Tips

- Comment often as this will make it much easier to come back to your code later and remember how everything works.

Sources and Citations

1. http://www.w3schools.com/tags/tag_comment.asp