Lab: 1 Working with markup



To see markup in action, point your browser to

https://htmledit.squarefree.com/,

where you can write some hypertext markup and see how it looks on your browser. The blue box at the top holds the markup, and it can be edited by you! The box below shows how the browser renders the markup. Do the following exercises on the squarefree webpage and answer the questions.

- 1. Insert before the word magically and insert after the word magically. What did this accomplish? Note: em is short for emphasis!
- 2. Copy and paste the following code into the webpage.

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A list of some common HTML markup

    <tt>p</tt> is short for <b>p</b>aragraph
    <tt>a</tt> is short for <b>a</b>nchor (which can indicate a link or a place to link to)
    <tt>ol</tt> is short for <b>o</b>rdered <b>l</b>ist
    <tt>li><tt>li><tt>li><tt>li><tt>li><tt>li><tt>li></tt>
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Notice that markup can be nested -- the b and /b tags above are inside the li and /li tags, which are between the ol and /ol tags.

- 3. What happens to text between the and tags?
- 4. What happens to text between the <tt> and </tt> tags?
- 5. Now change the and tags to and tags. What happens to the displayed page (in the white box)? Note: ul is short for unordered list.
- 6. Notice how the b and /b tags in the last sentence are missing the usual angle brackets? What happens if you put them in?

7. This is a problem in all markup languages – some characters have special meaning. In HTML there are so-called escape characters to work around this issue. Google the phrase "html escape characters" and see if you can re-write the last sentence so that things look like a tag, but don't act like a tag!