

Day 12

“Web Development + Security”

Semantic tags:

What are Semantic tags in HTML?

Semantic tags in HTML are elements that clearly describe their meaning and role in the structure of a webpage, making the content more understandable for both browsers and developers. Unlike generic `<div>` or `` tags, semantic tags like `<header>`, `<footer>`, `<article>`, `<section>`, `<nav>`, and `<main>` convey the purpose of the content they enclose. This improves readability of the code, enhances SEO (search engine optimization), and helps assistive technologies (like screen readers) provide better accessibility.

A basic example:

```
index.html > html > body > header > nav
E:\FullStackDevelopment\Day11-20\Day12\index.html
3  <head>
7  </head>
8  <body>
9      <!--Semantic Tags example-->
10     <header>
11         <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>
12         <nav>
13             <ul>
14                 <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
15                 <li><a href="#about">About</a></li>
16                 <li><a href="#services">Services</a></li>
17                 <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
18             </ul>
19         </nav>
20     </header>
21 </body>
22 </html>
```

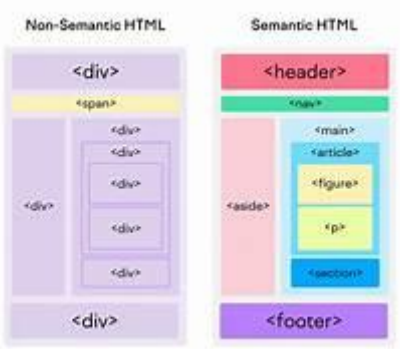
What are Non-Semantic tags in HTML?

Non-semantic HTML refers to elements that do not convey any specific meaning or purpose about the content they contain. Tags like `<div>` and `` are non-semantic because they are used mainly for layout or styling and do not describe what kind of information is inside them. For example, a `<div>` could hold anything — text, images, or links — without indicating whether it's a header, article, or navigation section. Non-semantic elements are useful for structuring a webpage, but they don't improve readability, accessibility, or SEO the way semantic tags do.

A basic example:

```
index.html > html > body > div.header
2  <html lang="en">
8  <body>
22  <!--Non-semantic tags example-->
23  <div class="header">
24    <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>
25    <div class="nav">
26      <ul>
27        <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>
28        <li><a href="#about">About</a></li>
29        <li><a href="#services">Services</a></li>
30        <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>
31      </ul>
32    </div>
33  </div>
34 </body>
35 </html>
```

Feature	Semantic Tags	Non-Semantic Tags
Meaning	Clearly describe the purpose or meaning of the content (e.g., <header>, <article>, <footer>)	Do not provide any meaning or context about the content (e.g., <div>,)
Readability & Accessibility	Easier for developers and assistive technologies (like screen readers) to understand	Harder to interpret without additional information or CSS classes
SEO Benefit	Helps search engines better understand the page structure and content	Provides little to no help for SEO or content structure



Note: Semantic HTML doesn't directly prevent attacks, but it makes web code cleaner, more maintainable, easier to secure, and harder to exploit — a key part of good cybersecurity hygiene.