



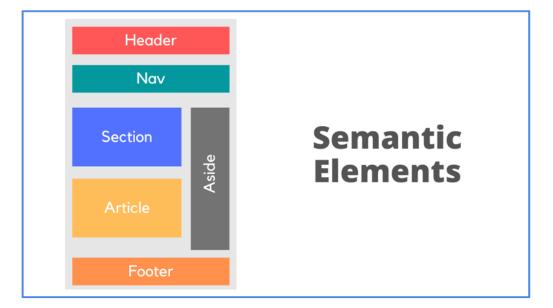
Agenda

- **≻**Semantic Elements
- **≻HTML Best Practices**

What Are Semantic Elements?

Semantic elements have meaning - they tell both browsers and developers what kind of content

they contain.



Non-Semantic vs Semantic

Non-Semantic vs Semantic

Why Use Semantic Elements?

```
<article>
 <!-- 🜌 Screen readers understand this is an article -->
 <!-- 💹 Search engines know this is main content -->
 <!-- 🗹 Other developers understand the structure -->
 <header>
   <h1>Article Title</h1>
   <time datetime="2024-03-15">March 15, 2024</time>
 </header>
 Article content goes here...
 <footer>
   Published by: John Doe
 </footer>
</article>
```

Main Semantic Elements

Essential Semantic Elements

```
<!-- Page header -->
<header>
    <h1>Website Title</h1>
    <nav>Navigation menu</nav>
</header>
```

```
<!-- Page footer -->
<footer>
    Copyright information
</footer>
```

```
<h2>Main Content</h2>
<article>
 <h3>Article Title</h3>
 Article content...
</article>
 <h3>Related Content</h3>
</section>
 <h3>Sidebar</h3>
 Additional information...
</aside>
```

Header Element

Navigation Element

Main Element

```
<h1>Page Title</h1>
 <article>
   <h2>Article Title</h2>
   This is the main content of the page...
 </article>
 <section>
   <h2>Related Information</h2>
   Additional content...
 </section>
</main>
```

Footer Element

```
<footer>
 <div>
   <h3>Contact Us</h3>
   Email: info@example.com
   Phone: (555) 123-4567
 </div>
 <div>
   <h3>Follow Us</h3>
   <a href="#facebook">Facebook</a>
   <a href="#twitter">Twitter</a>
 </div>
 © 2024 Company Name. All rights reserved.
</footer>
```

Content Semantic Elements

Article Element

```
<article>
 <header>
   <h1>How to Learn HTML</h1>
   Published by <strong>Jane Doe</strong>
   <time datetime="2024-03-15">March 15, 2024</time>
 </header>
 Learning HTML is the first step in web development...
 <section>
   <h2>Getting Started</h2>
   To begin learning HTML...
 </section>
 <footer>
   Category: Web Development
 </footer>
</article>
```

Content Semantic Elements

Section Element

```
<main>
 <h1>About Our Company</h1>
 <section>
   <h2>0ur History</h2>
   Founded in 2010, our company started...
 </section>
 <section>
   <h2>0ur Mission</h2>
   We believe in creating innovative solutions...
 </section>
 <section>
   <h2>0ur Team</h2>
   Our team consists of experienced professionals...
 </section>
</main>
```

Content Semantic Elements

Aside Element

```
<main>
 <article>
   <h1>Main Article</h1>
   This is the main content of the article...
 </article>
 <aside>
   <h2>Related Articles</h2>
   <a href="#article1">How to Start Coding</a>
     <a href="#article2">Best Programming Languages</a>
     <a href="#article3">Web Development Tips</a>
   </aside>
</main>
```

Text-Level Semantic Elements

Important Text Elements

```
This is <em>emphasized text</em> (usually italic).
This is <strong>important text</strong> (usually bold).
Search results for "HTML":
<mark>HTML</mark> is the standard markup language.
Price: $99.99
<small>*Terms and conditions apply</small>
The price is <del>$19.99</del> <ins>$14.99</ins> today only!
Water is H<sub>2</sub>0.
Einstein's formula: E=mc<sup>2</sup>
```

Text-Level Semantic Elements

Code and Technical Elements

```
Use the <code>&lt;p&gt;</code> element for paragraphs.
Press <kbd>Ctrl</kbd> + <kbd>C</kbd> to copy.
The program will display: <samp>Hello, World!</samp>
Enter your <var>username</var> to continue.
```

Text-Level Semantic Elements

Time and Abbreviations

```
<!-- Time element -->

The event starts at
    <time datetime="2024-03-15T14:30">March 15, 2024 at 2:30 PM</time>

Published <time datetime="2024-03-15">today</time>

<!-- Abbreviations -->

I work for <abbr title="International Business Machines">IBM</abbr>.
We use <abbr title="HyperText Markup Language">HTML</abbr> for web pages.
```

HTML Best Practices

Document Structure

```
☑ GOOD: Proper HTML5 structure -->
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
 <meta charset="UTF-8">
 <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
 <title>Descriptive Page Title</title>
   <h1>Main Heading</h1>
   <nav>Navigation
   <h1>Page Content Title</h1>
   >Page content...
```

HTML Best Practices

Heading Hierarchy

HTML Best Practices

Clean and Readable Code

```
<!-- X BAD: Messy, unindented code -->
<article>
<header>
<h2>Article Title</h2>
<time datetime="2024-03-15">March 15, 2024</time>
</header>
Article content goes here...
<footer>
Author: John Doe
</footer>
</article>
```

SEO Best Practices

Page Titles and Meta Descriptions

SEO Best Practices

Heading Structure for SEO

```
☑ GOOD: One H1, logical structure -->
<h1>Complete Guide to HTML Semantic Elements</h1>
 <h2>What Are Semantic Elements?</h2>
 <h2>Main Structural Elements</h2>
   <h3>Header Element</h3>
   <h3>Nav Element</h3>
   <h3>Main Element</h3>
 <h2>Content Elements</h2>
   <h3>Article Element</h3>
   <h3>Section Element</h3>
<!-- X BAD: Multiple H1s, poor structure -->
<h1>HTML Guide</h1>
<h1>What Are Semantic Elements?</h1> <!-- Should be h2 -->
<h1>Examples</h1> <!-- Should be h2 -->
```

SEO Best Practices

Structured Data

Don't Use Elements for Styling

Don't Skip Heading Levels

```
<!-- X BAD: Skipping heading levels -->
<h1>Main Title</h1>
<h4>Should be h2</h4> <!-- Skipped h2 and h3 -->
<!-- Ø 600D: Sequential heading levels -->
<h1>Main Title</h1>
<h2>Section Title</h2>
<h3>Subsection Title</h3>
```

Don't Misuse Semantic Elements

```
<!-- 🗶 BAD: Wrong semantic usage -->
<article>
 This is just a navigation menu <!-- Not an article -->
</article>
 <h1>Main Content</h1> <!-- Main content shouldn't be in aside -->
 This is the primary content...
</aside>

☑ GOOD: Correct semantic usage -->
   <a href="#home">Home</a>
   <a href="#about">About</a>
 <h1>Main Content</h1>
 This is the primary content...
```

Always Close Tags

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