

HTML Tables

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HTML Table Example

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Defining an HTML Table

An HTML table is defined with the `<table>` tag.

Each table row is defined with the `<tr>` tag. A table header is defined with the `<th>` tag. By default, table headings are bold and centered. A table data/cell is defined with the `<td>` tag.

Example

```
<table style="width:100%">
  <tr>
    <th>Firstname</th>
    <th>Lastname</th>
    <th>Age</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Jill</td>
    <td>Smith</td>
    <td>50</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Eve</td>
    <td>Jackson</td>
    <td>94</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

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Note: The `<td>` elements are the data containers of the table. They can contain all sorts of HTML elements; text, images, lists, other tables, etc.

HTML Table - Adding a Border

If you do not specify a border for the table, it will be displayed without borders.

A border is set using the CSS `border` property:

Example

```
table, th, td {  
  border: 1px solid black;  
}
```

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Remember to define borders for both the table and the table cells.

HTML Table - Collapsed Borders

If you want the borders to collapse into one border, add the CSS `border-collapse` property:

Example

```
table, th, td {  
  border: 1px solid black;  
  border-collapse: collapse;  
}
```

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HTML Table - Adding Cell Padding

Cell padding specifies the space between the cell content and its borders.

If you do not specify a padding, the table cells will be displayed without padding.

To set the padding, use the CSS `padding` property:

Example

```
th, td {  
  padding: 15px;  
}
```

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HTML Table - Left-align Headings

By default, table headings are bold and centered.

To left-align the table headings, use the CSS `text-align` property:

Example

```
th {  
  text-align: left;  
}
```

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HTML Table - Adding Border Spacing

Border spacing specifies the space between the cells.

To set the border spacing for a table, use the CSS `border-spacing` property:

Example

```
table {  
  border-spacing: 5px;  
}
```

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Note: If the table has collapsed borders, `border-spacing` has no effect.

HTML Table - Cells that Span Many Columns

To make a cell span more than one column, use the `colspan` attribute:

Example

```
<table style="width:100%">  
  <tr>  
    <th>Name</th>  
    <th colspan="2">Telephone</th>  
  </tr>  
  <tr>  
    <td>Bill Gates</td>  
    <td>55577854</td>  
    <td>55577855</td>  
  </tr>  
</table>
```

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HTML Table - Cells that Span Many Rows

To make a cell span more than one row, use the `rowspan` attribute:

Example

```
<table style="width:100%">
  <tr>
    <th>Name:</th>
    <td>Bill Gates</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <th rowspan="2">Telephone:</th>
    <td>55577854</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>55577855</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

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HTML Table - Adding a Caption

To add a caption to a table, use the `<caption>` tag:

Example

```
<table style="width:100%">
  <caption>Monthly savings</caption>
  <tr>
    <th>Month</th>
    <th>Savings</th>
```

```
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>January</td>
  <td>$100</td>
</tr>
<tr>
  <td>February</td>
  <td>$50</td>
</tr>
</table>
```

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Note: The `<caption>` tag must be inserted immediately after the `<table>` tag.

A Special Style for One Table

To define a special style for a special table, add an `id` attribute to the table:

Example

```
<table id="t01">
  <tr>
    <th>Firstname</th>
    <th>Lastname</th>
    <th>Age</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Eve</td>
    <td>Jackson</td>
    <td>94</td>
```

```
</tr>  
</table>
```

Now you can define a special style for this table:

```
table#t01 {  
  width: 100%;  
  background-color: #f1f1c1;  
}
```

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And add more styles:

```
table#t01 tr:nth-child(even) {  
  background-color: #eee;  
}  
table#t01 tr:nth-child(odd) {  
  background-color: #fff;  
}  
table#t01 th {  
  color: white;  
  background-color: black;  
}
```

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Chapter Summary

- Use the HTML `<table>` element to define a table
- Use the HTML `<tr>` element to define a table row

- Use the HTML `<td>` element to define a table data
 - Use the HTML `<th>` element to define a table heading
 - Use the HTML `<caption>` element to define a table caption
 - Use the CSS `border` property to define a border
 - Use the CSS `border-collapse` property to collapse cell borders
 - Use the CSS `padding` property to add padding to cells
 - Use the CSS `text-align` property to align cell text
 - Use the CSS `border-spacing` property to set the spacing between cells
 - Use the `colspan` attribute to make a cell span many columns
 - Use the `rowspan` attribute to make a cell span many rows
 - Use the `id` attribute to uniquely define one table
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HTML Exercises

Test Yourself With Exercises

Exercise:

Add a table row with two table headers.

The two table headers should have the value "Name" and "Age".

```
<table>
```

```
  <tr>
```

```
    <td>Jill Smith</td>
```

```
    <td>50</td>
```

```
  </tr>
```

```
</table>
```

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HTML Table Tags

Tag	Description
<u><table></u>	Defines a table
<u><th></u>	Defines a header cell in a table
<u><tr></u>	Defines a row in a table
<u><td></u>	Defines a cell in a table
<u><caption></u>	Defines a table caption
<u><colgroup></u>	Specifies a group of one or more columns in a table for formatting
<u><col></u>	Specifies column properties for each column within a <colgroup> element
<u><thead></u>	Groups the header content in a table
<u><tbody></u>	Groups the body content in a table
<u><tfoot></u>	Groups the footer content in a table

For a complete list of all available HTML tags, visit our [HTML Tag Reference](#).

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