HTML Text Formatting

Text Formatting

This text is bold

This text is italic

This is $_{subscript}$ and ^{superscript}

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HTML Formatting Elements

In the previous chapter, you learned about the HTML **style attribute**.

HTML also defines special **elements** for defining text with a special **meaning**.

HTML uses elements like `<b>` and `<i>` for formatting output, like **bold** or *italic* text.

Formatting elements were designed to display special types of text:

- `<b>` - Bold text
- `<strong>` - Important text
- `<i>` - Italic text
- `<em>` - Emphasized text
- `<mark>` - Marked text
- `<small>` - Small text

- `<del>` - Deleted text
- `<ins>` - Inserted text
- `<sub>` - Subscript text
- `<sup>` - Superscript text

HTML <b> and <strong> Elements

The HTML `<b>` element defines **bold** text, without any extra importance.

Example

```
<b>This text is bold</b>
```

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The HTML `<strong>` element defines **strong** text, with added semantic "strong" importance.

Example

```
<strong>This text is strong</strong>
```

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HTML <i> and <em> Elements

The HTML `<i>` element defines *italic* text, without any extra importance.

Example

```
<i>This text is italic</i>
```

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The HTML `<em>` element defines *emphasized* text, with added semantic importance.

Example

```
<em>This text is emphasized</em>
```

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Note: Browsers display `<strong>` as `<b>` , and `<em>` as `<i>` . However, there is a difference in the meaning of these tags: `<b>` and `<i>` defines bold and italic text, but `<strong>` and `<em>` means that the text is "important".

HTML <small> Element

The HTML `<small>` element defines smaller text:

Example

```
<h2>HTML <small>Small</small> Formatting</h2>
```

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HTML \<mark> Element

The HTML `<mark>` element defines marked/highlighted text:

Example

```
<h2>HTML <mark>Marked</mark> Formatting</h2>
```

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HTML \<del> Element

The HTML `<del>` element defines deleted/removed text.

Example

```
<p>My favorite color is <del>blue</del> red.</p>
```

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HTML \<ins> Element

The HTML `<ins>` element defines inserted/added text.

Example

```
<p>My favorite <ins>color</ins> is red.</p>
```

HTML <sub> Element

The HTML `<sub>` element defines subscripted text.

Example

```
<p>This is <sub>subscripted</sub> text.</p>
```

HTML <sup> Element

The HTML `<sup>` element defines superscripted text.

Example

```
<p>This is <sup>superscripted</sup> text.</p>
```

HTML Exercises

Test Yourself With Exercises

Exercise:

Add extra importance to the word "degradation" in the paragraph below.

```
<p>
WWF's mission is to stop the        degradation
           of our planet's natural environment.
</p>
```

Submit Answer »

Start the Exercise

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Tag	Description
<b>	Defines bold text
<em>	Defines emphasized text
<i>	Defines italic text
<small>	Defines smaller text
<strong>	Defines important text

<sub>	Defines subscripted text
<sup>	Defines superscripted text
<ins>	Defines inserted text
<del>	Defines deleted text
<mark>	Defines marked/highlighted text

For a complete list of all available HTML tags, visit our HTML Tag Reference.

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