

# Introduction to HTML

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## Introduction to HTML

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### Research Summary

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is the foundation of all web development, providing the essential structure for web pages viewed on the internet. It enables the organization, formatting, and linking of content through a system of markup tags and elements, forming the basis for more advanced web technologies such as CSS, JavaScript, and various backend systems. In the context of pharmacy, HTML is vital for creating user-friendly pharmacy portals, online prescription forms, digital drug catalogs, and educational websites. This lecture note covers the definition and core features of HTML, explains key tags and their purposes, traces the evolution of HTML versions, and outlines its practical and clinical relevance in the pharmacy sector. The document also includes worked math examples relevant to web data, practical applications, exam tips, and a comprehensive summary, making it fully aligned with the PCI/JNTUH B.Pharm curriculum and pharmacy informatics requirements.

### Section 1 – Introduction

- HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language and is used to structure content on the World Wide Web, providing a standard for web browsers to display information correctly.
- It is not a programming language but a markup language composed of tags that define elements such as headings, paragraphs, links, images, and tables on a webpage.
- HTML is universally supported by all web browsers, making it platform-independent and accessible across devices, including desktops, tablets, and smartphones.
- The language is designed for simplicity, making it easy for beginners and non-programmers to learn and use for creating basic web pages or digital content.
- HTML allows for the integration of multimedia elements—such as images, videos, and audio—enabling rich content delivery in e-pharmacy portals and digital healthcare.
- It supports the creation of forms, enabling user interaction and data collection, which is essential for online prescription submissions and feedback systems.
- HTML forms the backbone of modern web-based pharmacy applications, educational platforms, and patient information portals, ensuring accessibility and efficiency in healthcare communication.

### Section 2 – Why It Matters / Clinical Link

- HTML is indispensable for digital pharmacy practice, providing the structural foundation for e-pharmacy websites, drug information portals, and patient registration forms.
- It enables the creation of user-friendly, accessible web pages that improve patient engagement, health literacy, and communication with healthcare professionals.
- Pharmacy websites built with HTML allow patients to access up-to-date medication information, dosage guides, and contact pharmacists online for queries.
- HTML facilitates secure online prescription requests, medication refills, and appointment scheduling, streamlining patient care and pharmacy workflow.
- The use of semantic HTML tags enhances search engine optimization (SEO), making pharmacy information more discoverable to both patients and healthcare workers.
- With HTML5, pharmacy sites can incorporate multimedia educational content, interactive tools, and responsive layouts for mobile health access.
- Understanding HTML empowers future pharmacists to collaborate effectively with IT teams in developing, maintaining, and improving digital health resources, ensuring patient safety and regulatory compliance.

### Section 3 – Learning Outcomes

After completing this topic, students will be able to:

1. Define HTML and explain its role in web development and pharmacy informatics.
2. Identify and describe the basic structure and essential tags of an HTML document.
3. Distinguish between different HTML versions and understand their significance.
4. Implement simple web pages using standard HTML tags for headings, paragraphs, links, images, lists, tables, and forms.
5. Discuss the advantages and limitations of HTML in the context of pharmacy web applications.
6. Analyze the clinical and professional significance of HTML-based pharmacy systems.
7. Apply HTML concepts to create sample pharmacy-related web content.
8. Solve basic problems related to HTML-based data display and interaction.
9. Demonstrate awareness of exam-focused content and common errors in HTML coding.

### Section 4 – Concept Map / Key Diagram

[Image prompt: “A concept map illustrating HTML’s role in pharmacy: central node ‘HTML’ branching to ‘Web Page Structure’, ‘Tags & Elements’, ‘Media Integration’, ‘Forms’, ‘Pharmacy Use Cases’ (e-pharmacy portals, info pages, prescription forms), and ‘Web Technologies’ (CSS, JavaScript).”]

#### Concept Map Description:

- Central Node: HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)
- Connected Nodes:
  - Web Page Structure (Head, Body, Elements)
  - Tags & Elements (Headings, Paragraphs, Links, Images)
  - Media Integration (Images, Audio, Video)
  - Forms (User Input, Online Prescriptions)
  - Pharmacy Use Cases (E-pharmacy, Patient Info, Drug Search)
  - Web Technologies (CSS, JavaScript, Backend Integration)

### Section 5 – Core Theory & Key Concepts

#### 5.1 What is HTML?

HTML is the standard markup language for creating web pages and web applications. It consists of a series of elements, defined by tags, that structure and format content for display in a web browser.

Unlike programming languages, HTML does not include logic or algorithms but is crucial for defining the layout, linking documents, and embedding media.

[Image prompt: “Annotated HTML code template showing , , , , .”]

#### 5.2 Hypertext and Markup

- **Hypertext:** Text that contains links (hyperlinks) to other documents or web pages, forming the interconnected nature of the World Wide Web.
- **Markup:** The use of tags to define the structure, appearance, and meaning of content (e.g., for headings, for paragraphs).

#### 5.3 Features of HTML

- Platform-independent and universally supported
- Easy to learn, human-readable syntax
- Enables multimedia and interactive content
- Forms the foundation for advanced web development using CSS and JavaScript
- Allows the integration of hyperlinks, images, tables, lists, and forms

#### 5.4 HTML Structure: Basic Template

A minimal HTML document includes:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Sample Pharmacy Page</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Welcome to Online Pharmacy</h1>
    <p>Explore medicines, health info, and more.</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

[Image prompt: “Screenshot of the basic HTML structure rendered as a simple pharmacy web page.”]

#### 5.5 Common HTML Tags and Their Functions

Tag	Function
<h1>–<h6>	Headings (largest to smallest)

<p>	Paragraphs
<a href="URL">	Hyperlinks to other pages/documents
	Embeds images
 	Line break
<hr>	Horizontal rule
<ul>, <ol>, <li>	Lists (unordered/ordered, list items)
<table>	Creates data tables
<form>	Collects user input

### 5.6 HTML Versions and History

- **HTML 1.0 (1991):** Basic static pages
- **HTML 2.0 (1995):** Official standardization
- **HTML 3.2 (1997):** Added scripting, styles
- **HTML 4.01 (1999):** Frames, multimedia
- **XHTML (2000):** XML-compliant version
- **HTML5 (2014):** Multimedia, APIs, mobile support, semantic tags

[Image prompt: "Timeline diagram showing the evolution of HTML versions from 1991 to HTML5."]

### 5.7 Advantages of HTML

- Free and open source, supported on all browsers
- Lightweight and fast-loading
- Simple syntax, easy to embed with other web technologies
- Essential for web, mobile, and email development

### 5.8 Limitations of HTML

- Static by nature; cannot handle dynamic content or backend operations without JavaScript, CSS, or server-side scripting
- Not inherently secure; requires proper server and HTTPS configurations
- Complex designs require additional technologies

### 5.9 Application of HTML in Pharmacy

Pharmacy Use Case	HTML Role
E-pharmacy Portals	Structuring drug categories, info, offers
Patient Info Pages	Creating readable, accessible content
Online Prescription Forms	Collecting user input with <form> elements
Drug Search/Results Pages	Displaying data with lists/tables
Pharmacy Education Websites	Hosting lessons, documents, multimedia

[Image prompt: "Sample e-pharmacy web page layout built with basic HTML tags."]

## Section 6 – Key Definitions & Tables

### 6.1 Key Definitions

10. **HTML:** Hypertext Markup Language, the standard for structuring content on the web.
11. **Tag:** A markup instruction (e.g., <p>) that defines the start and end of an element.
12. **Element:** The combination of a start tag, content, and end tag (e.g., <h1>Title</h1>).
13. **Attribute:** Extra information within a tag, such as src in .
14. **Hyperlink:** A clickable link to another document or location (<a href="...">).
15. **Form:** A set of HTML elements to collect user input.
16. **Semantic Tag:** Tags (like <article>, <nav>) that convey meaning and structure.
17. **HTML5:** The latest major version of HTML, supporting multimedia, APIs, and semantics.
18. **Markup:** The syntax of using tags to annotate content.
19. **Web Browser:** Software that renders HTML documents for user viewing.

### 6.2 Tables

Table 1: Common HTML Tags and Their Uses

Tag	Description	Example
<h1>	Main heading	<h1>Pharmacy Portal</h1>
<p>	Paragraph	<p>Welcome!</p>
<a>	Hyperlink	<a href="contact.html">Contact</a>
<img>	Image	
<ul>	Unordered list	<ul><li>Drug A</li></ul>
<form>	User input form	<form>...</form>

Table 2: HTML Version Highlights

Version	Year	Major Features
HTML 1.0	1991	Basic text and images
HTML 2.0	1995	First official standard
HTML 3.2	1997	Scripting, styles
HTML 4.01	1999	Frames, multimedia
XHTML	2000	XML compliance
HTML5	2014	Multimedia, APIs, mobile support

## Section 7 – Mathematical Framework & Derivations

HTML is not a mathematical language, but understanding web data flow, file size, and layout can involve quantitative reasoning.

### 7.1 Calculating Data Transfer for HTML Pages

If a pharmacy website's homepage (HTML file) is 40 KB and is accessed by 200 users in an hour, total data transferred:

$$\text{Total Data (KB)} = \text{File Size (KB)} \times \text{Number of Users}$$

$$\text{Total Data (KB)} = 40 \times 200 = 8000 \text{ KB} = 8 \text{ MB}$$

### 7.2 Estimating Form Submissions

If a prescription form is submitted 120 times per day and each submission includes 2 KB of data:

$$\text{Total Submission Data (KB)} = 120 \times 2 = 240 \text{ KB/day}$$

### 7.3 Calculating Table Columns

If a pharmacy wants to display a table of medicines with 4 details (Name, Dose, Price, Stock), each row will use:

$$\text{Number of Columns} = 4$$

For 25 medicines:

$$\text{Total Table Cells} = 4 \times 25 = 100$$

### 7.4 Bandwidth for HTML Image Embedding

If each page includes a 0.25 MB image and the page is loaded 500 times:

$$\text{Total Image Data (MB)} = 0.25 \times 500 = 125 \text{ MB}$$

### 7.5 Time to Load Page

If the pharmacy homepage (HTML + images) is 1.5 MB and the connection speed is 3 Mbps:

Convert 1.5 MB to Megabits:

$$1.5 \text{ MB} \times 8 = 12 \text{ Mb}$$

$$\text{Time} = \text{Total Size (Mb)} / \text{Speed (Mbps)}$$

$$\text{Time} = 12 / 3 = 4 \text{ seconds}$$

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## Section 8 – Worked Examples

### Example 1: HTML Table Cell Calculation

**Q:** How many total table cells are needed to display 15 medicines with 5 details each in an HTML table?

**A:**

$$\text{Number of Rows} = 15$$

$$\text{Number of Columns} = 5$$

$$\text{Total Cells} = 15 \times 5 = 75$$

### Example 2: Data Transfer for Form Submissions

**Q:** An online prescription form (1.5 KB per submission) is submitted 180 times a day. What is the total data transferred?

**A:**

$$\text{Total Data} = 1.5 \text{ KB} \times 180 = 270 \text{ KB}$$

### Example 3: Calculating Loading Time

**Q:** If a pharmacy HTML page with images totals 2 MB and user connection is 2 Mbps, what is the approximate load time?

**A:**

2 MB = 16 Mb

Load Time = 16 Mb / 2 Mbps = 8 seconds

### Unsolved Problem 1

A drug info HTML page is 30 KB. If it is viewed by 800 users in a week, what is the total data transferred?

### Unsolved Problem 2

If an e-pharmacy homepage includes 3 images (0.4 MB each), and the page is loaded 200 times, how much data is used for images?

## Section 9 – Practical / Industrial Applications

### 9.1 E-Pharmacy Portals

HTML is used to structure and display drug categories, offers, and essential information, making online ordering easy and intuitive.

### 9.2 Online Prescription Forms

HTML forms collect user inputs (patient data, medicine requests) and transmit them to pharmacy systems securely.

### 9.3 Patient Education Pages

HTML powers pharmacy websites with clear, accessible information about medicines, side effects, and health tips.

### 9.4 Mobile Pharmacy Apps (Web View)

Many hybrid mobile apps for pharmacies use HTML in web views, allowing for cross-platform compatibility.

### 9.5 Digital Drug Catalogs

HTML tables and lists present up-to-date medication inventories and pricing for pharmacists and patients.

**[Image prompt: “Screenshot of an HTML-based pharmacy website, showing product listing and a user input form.”]**

## Section 10 – Clinical & Professional Relevance

### 10.1 Accessibility

Using proper HTML tags and semantic structure ensures that pharmacy websites are usable by people with disabilities, improving health equity.

### 10.2 Accurate Information Delivery

HTML makes it possible to present essential medication guides and health alerts quickly, reducing the risk of misinformation.

### 10.3 Secure Patient Data Collection

Proper use of HTML forms (with HTTPS) allows safe online prescription requests and patient communications.

### 10.4 Regulatory Compliance

Pharmacy websites must use valid HTML to meet standards for data privacy, accessibility, and legal notices.

### 10.5 Professional Engagement

Pharmacists skilled in HTML can contribute to web-based patient outreach, educational initiatives, and telehealth innovations.

## Section 11 – Important for Exam (Key Points & Tips)

- Always define HTML as the standard markup language for web content structure.
- Be able to write and explain the structure of a basic HTML document.
- Know the purpose and usage of common tags like `<h1>`, `<p>`, `<a>`, `<img>`, `<table>`, and `<form>`.

- Distinguish between different HTML versions, focusing on the advances brought by HTML5.
- Practice writing short HTML code snippets (e.g., sample pharmacy homepages or prescription forms).
- Remember the advantages (easy, open-source, browser compatible) and limitations (static, not secure by itself) of HTML.
- Use tables to organize pharmacy data and lists to display drug information.
- Be cautious about HTML errors: missing closing tags, incorrect nesting, or misusing attributes.
- Link HTML concepts to pharmacy use cases in your answers—this is often rewarded in exams.
- Revise the recap table and sample code for fast recall during exams.

## Section 12 – Summary & Recap Table

### Narrative Summary

HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) is the universal language for structuring web content, indispensable for pharmacy informatics, digital healthcare, and online patient services. HTML uses tags to organize content, embed multimedia, and enable hyperlinks, forming the basis for web-based pharmacy portals, online forms, and educational resources. Its simplicity, platform independence, and extensibility through CSS and JavaScript make it the entry point for digital pharmacy innovation. HTML supports patient engagement, medication safety, and regulatory compliance by enabling clear, accessible information delivery and secure data collection. Mastery of HTML is essential for pharmacy students aspiring to contribute to digital health, optimize web platforms, and excel in academic assessments.

### Recap Table

Concept	Key Point
Definition	Standard markup language for web content
Core Structure	Uses tags to define headings, paragraphs, links, etc.
Main Tags	<h1>, <p>, <a>, <img>, <table>, <form>
Latest Version	HTML5 (2014, multimedia, semantic, mobile support)
Advantages	Simple, browser compatible, open source, fast
Limitations	Static, not secure, no backend capability
Pharmacy Use	Portals, info pages, prescription forms, education
Clinical Importance	Accessibility, accuracy, data collection, compliance
Exam Focus	Structure, tags, versions, pharmacy examples

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