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W3C Recommendation

4.4.14 The `main` element

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Categories:

- [Flow content.](#)
- [Palpable content.](#)

Contexts in which this element can be used:

Where [flow content](#) is expected, but with no [article](#), [aside](#), [footer](#), [header](#) or [nav](#) element ancestors.

Content model:

- [Flow content.](#)

Content attributes:

- [Global attributes](#)

Tag omission in text/html:

Neither tag is omissible

Allowed [ARIA role attribute](#) values:

[main](#) role (default - [do not set](#)) or [presentation](#).

Allowed [ARIA state and property attributes](#):

- [Global aria-* attributes](#)
- Any [aria-*](#) attributes [applicable to the allowed roles](#).

DOM interface:

Uses [HTMLElement](#)

The [main](#) element [represents](#) the **main content** of the [body](#) of a document or application. The main content area consists of content that is directly related to or expands upon the central topic of a document or central functionality of an application.

Note: The [main](#) element is not [sectioning content](#) and has no effect on the document [outline](#)

The main content area of a document includes content that is unique to that document and excludes content that is repeated across a set of documents such as site navigation links, copyright information, site logos and banners and search forms (unless the document or