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Fashions in HTML programming come and go almost as quickly as fashions in clothing. Two useful tags which have waxed and waned in fashion several times are BLOCKQUOTE and HR. BLOCKQUOTE is used to set off a block of quotation. HR (Horizontal Rule) is used to create a dividing line across an HTML page.

Tag: **BLOCKQUOTE**  
Description: Set off a quotation from other text. Similar to P (paragraph), except that it indents text automatically.

Example:

<blockquote>

"But, soft! What light through yonder window breaks?

<br>

It is the east, and Juliet is the sun!"

<br>

-- <cite>William Shakespeare</cite>

</blockquote>

[Displayed](http://fog.ccsf.edu/%7Esrubin/blockq1.html)

Example:

<blockquote>

<blockquote> This is my first homepage. It will improve in time,

if I'm lucky. Please don't laugh too hard at the simplicity of this

page. I like to go skydiving in my spare time. Barack Obama is the

best president ever. I am a student at City College of San Francisco

and my instructor is Steve Rubin.

</blockquote>

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Tag: **HR**  
Description: Inserts a dividing line, or horizontal rule, across an HTML page. Its appearance may be modified using selected attributes. Note that the hr tag should self-close in XHTML, i.e., <hr />

Example (inserted between two paragraphs of text):

<p>Here is a paragraph of text.</p>

<hr>

<p>Here is another paragraph of text.</p>

Displayed:

Here is a paragraph of text.

Here is another paragraph of text.

Tag: **HR**  
Attribute: **SIZE**  
Value: integer representing thickness of horizontal rule in pixels  
Description: sets HR thickness.

Example:

<hr size="5">

Displayed:

Tag: **HR**  
Attribute: **WIDTH**  
Value: integer representing width of horizontal rule, in pixels. May also be set to percentage value (representing percentage of browser window width).  
Description: sets HR width.

Example:

<p>Paragraph of text.</p>

<hr width="300">

<p>Paragraph of more text.</p>

<hr width="50%">

<p>Final paragraph of text.</p>

Displayed:

Paragraph of text.

Paragraph of more text.

Final paragraph of text.

Tag: **HR**  
Attribute: **ALIGN**  
Value: **left, right, center**  
Description: sets the alignment of a horizontal rule on a page.

Example:

<hr width="200" align="left">

Displayed:

Horizontal rules are usually inserted to indicate section breaks in a long document, or as a divider or decorative element. HR tags used to be used with such frequency that they came to be associated with unimaginative web page design, and should be used sparingly.