

HTML pre tag

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Example

Preformatted text:

```
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line breaks
</pre>
```

Definition and Usage

The `<pre>` tag defines preformatted text.

Text in a `<pre>` element is displayed in a fixed-width font, and the text preserves both spaces and line breaks. The text will be displayed exactly as written in the HTML source code.

Also look at:

Tag	Description
<code><code></code>	Defines a piece of computer code
<code><samp></code>	Defines sample output from a computer program
<code><kbd></code>	Defines keyboard input
<code><var></code>	Defines a variable

Browser Support

Element

<code><pre></code>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Global Attributes

The `<pre>` tag also supports the [Global Attributes in HTML](#).

Event Attributes

The `<pre>` tag also supports the [Event Attributes in HTML](#).

More Examples

Example

How to create a pre-formatted text with a fixed width (with CSS):

```
<div style="width:200px;overflow:auto">
<pre>This is a pre with a fixed width. It will use as much space as specified.</pre>
</div>
```

Related Pages

HTML Tutorial: [HTML Text Formatting](#)

HTML DOM reference: [Pre Object](#)

Default CSS Settings

Most browsers will display the `<pre>` element with the following default values:

Example

```
pre {
  display: block;
  font-family: monospace;
  white-space: pre;
  margin: 1em 0;
}
```