HTML Table Headers

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HTML tables can have headers for each column or row, or for many columns/rows.

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Table headers are defined with `th` elements. Each `th` element represents a table cell.

Example

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Firstname</th>
    <th>Lastname</th>
    <th>Age</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Jill</td>
    <td>Smith</td>
    <td>50</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Eve</td>
    <td>Jackson</td>
    <td>94</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

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Vertical Table Headers

To use the first column as table headers, define the first cell in each row as a `<th>` element:

Example

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Firstname</th>
    <td>Jill</td>
    <td>Eve</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <th>Lastname</th>
    <td>Smith</td>
    <td>Jackson</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <th>Age</th>
    <td>94</td>
    <td>50</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

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Align Table Headers

By default, table headers are bold and centered:

Firstname	Lastname	Age
Jill	Smith	50

Eve	Jackson	94

To left-align the table headers, use the CSS `text-align` property:

Example

```css
th {
  text-align: left;
}
```

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Header for Multiple Columns

You can have a header that spans over two or more columns.

Name		Age
Jill	Smith	50
Eve	Jackson	94

To do this, use the `colspan` attribute on the `<th>` element:

Example

```html
<table>
  <tr>
    <th colspan="2">Name</th>
    <th>Age</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Jill</td>
    <td>Smith</td>
    <td>50</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>Eve</td>
    <td>Jackson</td>
    <td>94</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

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You will learn more about colspan and rowspan in the Table colspan & rowspan chapter.

Table Caption

You can add a caption that serves as a heading for the entire table.

Monthly savings

Month	Savings
January	$100
February	$50

To add a caption to a table, use the `<caption>` tag:

Example

```html
<table style="width:100%">
  <caption>Monthly savings</caption>
  <tr>
    <th>Month</th>
    <th>Savings</th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>January</td>
    <td>$100</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>February</td>
    <td>$50</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

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Note: The `<caption>` tag should be inserted immediately after the `<table>` tag.

Exercise [?]

What is the correct tag name for a table-header in HTML?

- <table-header>
- <td>
- <th>

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