

HTML select tag

 [w3schools.com/tags/tag_select.asp](https://www.w3schools.com/tags/tag_select.asp)

Example

Create a drop-down list with four options:

```
<label for="cars">Choose a car:</label>

<select name="cars" id="cars">
  <option value="volvo">Volvo</option>
  <option value="saab">Saab</option>
  <option value="mercedes">Mercedes</option>
  <option value="audi">Audi</option>
</select>
```

Definition and Usage

The `<select>` element is used to create a drop-down list.

The `<select>` element is most often used in a form, to collect user input.

The `name` attribute is needed to reference the form data after the form is submitted (if you omit the `name` attribute, no data from the drop-down list will be submitted).

The `id` attribute is needed to associate the drop-down list with a label.

The `<option>` tags inside the `<select>` element define the available options in the drop-down list.

Tip: Always add the `<label>` tag for best accessibility practices!

Browser Support

Element

<code><select></code>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Attributes

Attribute	Value	Description
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<u>autofocus</u>	autofocus	Specifies that the drop-down list should automatically get focus when the page loads
<u>disabled</u>	disabled	Specifies that a drop-down list should be disabled
<u>form</u>	<i>form_id</i>	Defines which form the drop-down list belongs to
<u>multiple</u>	multiple	Specifies that multiple options can be selected at once
<u>name</u>	<i>name</i>	Defines a name for the drop-down list
<u>required</u>	required	Specifies that the user is required to select a value before submitting the form
<u>size</u>	<i>number</i>	Defines the number of visible options in a drop-down list

Global Attributes

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

Event Attributes

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

More Examples

Example

Use `<select>` with `<optgroup>` tags:

```
<label for="cars">Choose a car:</label>
<select name="cars" id="cars">
  <optgroup label="Swedish Cars">
    <option value="volvo">Volvo</option>
    <option value="saab">Saab</option>
  </optgroup>
  <optgroup label="German Cars">
    <option value="mercedes">Mercedes</option>
    <option value="audi">Audi</option>
  </optgroup>
</select>
```

Related Pages

HTML DOM reference: [Select Object](#)

CSS Tutorial: [Styling Forms](#)

Default CSS Settings

None.