



HTML <textarea> Tag

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Example

An HTML text area:

```
<textarea rows="4" cols="50">
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</textarea>
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Definition and Usage

The <textarea> tag defines a multi-line text input control.

A text area can hold an unlimited number of characters, and the text renders in a fixed-width font (usually Courier).

The size of a text area can be specified by the cols and rows attributes, or even better; through CSS' height and width properties.

Browser Support

Element						
<textarea>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Differences Between HTML 4.01 and HTML5

HTML5 has added several new attributes.

Attributes

= New in HTML5.

Attribute	Value	Description
<u>autofocus</u>	autofocus	Specifies that a text area should automatically get focus when the page loads
<u>cols</u>	<i>number</i>	Specifies the visible width of a text area
<u>disabled</u>	disabled	Specifies that a text area should be disabled
<u>form</u>	<i>form_id</i>	Specifies one or more forms the text area belongs to
<u>maxlength</u>	<i>number</i>	Specifies the maximum number of characters allowed in the text area
<u>name</u>	<i>text</i>	Specifies a name for a text area
<u>placeholder</u>	<i>text</i>	Specifies a short hint that describes the expected value of a text area
<u>readonly</u>	readonly	Specifies that a text area should be read-only
<u>required</u>	required	Specifies that a text area is required/must be filled out
<u>rows</u>	<i>number</i>	Specifies the visible number of lines in a text area

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Specifies how the text in a text area is to be wrapped when submitted in a form

Global Attributes

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

Event Attributes

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Default CSS Settings

None.

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