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Doctype

In [HTML](), the doctype is the required "
`<!DOCTYPE html>` " preamble found at the top
of all documents. Its sole purpose is to
prevent a [browser]() from switching into so-
called ["quirks mode"]() when rendering a

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specifications, rather than using a different
rendering mode that is incompatible with
some specifications.

See also

- [Definition of the DOCTYPE in the HTML specification]()

- [Quirks Mode and Standards Mode]()

- [Document.doctype](), a JavaScript method that returns the doctype

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