

Tutorial 1: *Programming with JavaScript*

Web Page Filename Extensions

Is there any difference between the Web page filename extensions .htm and .html?

There is no fundamental difference between the Web page filename extensions .htm and .html.

Generally, the use of .htm over .html, or vice versa, is left to the author's personal preferences. Early Web servers for UNIX used .html, while early servers for Windows 3.1 were limited to .htm because of the MS-DOS three-character file extension limit. Modern web servers are configured to accept both.

Web browsers, on the other hand, only pay attention to the "content-type" that the server reports, which will be text/html in either case, and essentially ignore the file extension altogether.

Filename extension consistency can be helpful to webmasters when searching for files or moving files that have a similar .htm or .html file extension.

Important: In this class, CIT 171 *Web Page Scripting*, use the .htm Web page filename extension exclusively. Don't use the .html Web page filename extension in any of the tutorials. If you do the hyperlinks in many of the tutorial Web pages won't function, and the hyperlinks in your assigned FTP account on the CLC Web server <http://www.clcwebserver.com/student##/> won't function either.

Note in CIT 171 *Web Page Scripting* we use the .htm file name extension because the CIT 171 textbook uses the .htm file name extension.

If you use the .html Web page filename extension in this class you'll create extra work for yourself. So make your CIT 171 life easy and use only .htm filename extensions on all of your Web pages.