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An **HTML element** is defined by a starting tag. If the element contains other content, it ends with a closing tag, where the element name is preceded by a forward slash as shown below with few tags:

Start Tag	Content	End Tag
	This is paragraph content.	
<h1></h1>	This is heading content.	
<div></div>	This is division content.	

So here .... is an HTML element, <math><h1>...</h1> is another HTML element. There are some HTML elements which don't need to be closed, such as <math><img.../>, <hr/> and <math><br/> elements. These are known as **void elements**.

HTML documents consist of a tree of these elements and they specify how HTML documents should be built, and what kind of content should be placed in what part of an HTML document.

## **HTML Tag vs. Element**

An HTML element is defined by a *starting tag*. If the element contains other content, it ends with a *closing tag*.

For example is starting tag of a paragraph and is closing tag of the same paragraph but This is paragraph is a paragraph element.

## **Nested HTML Elements**

It is very much allowed to keep one HTML element inside another HTML element:

## **Example**

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Nested Elements Example</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>This is <i>italic</i> heading</h1>
This is <u>underlined</u> paragraph
</body>
</html>
```

This will display following result:

## THIS IS ITALIC HEADING

This is underlined paragraph