

Lesson:

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In HTML, attributes provide additional information or modify the behavior of HTML elements. They are used to enhance the functionality and appearance of elements within an HTML document. Attributes are specified within the opening tag of an HTML element and consist of a name-value pair.

Syntax

The syntax for an HTML attribute is as follows:

```
JavaScript
<tagname attribute_name="attribute_value">
```

- **tagname:** Represents the HTML element to which the attribute is applied.
- **attribute_name:** Refers to the specific attribute being used.
- **attribute_value:** Specifies the value associated with the attribute

Global Attributes:

Global attributes can be used with any HTML element. They provide common functionalities and properties that apply universally across different elements. Some commonly used global attributes include:

class: Specifies one or more CSS classes to be applied to the element.

id: Provides a unique identifier for an element.

style: Defines inline CSS styles to be applied to the element.

title: **Specifies additional information about the element (often displayed as a tooltip).**

data-*: Allows the addition of custom data attributes for JavaScript or CSS usage.

Specific Attributes:

Specific attributes are unique to particular HTML elements. They are designed to serve specific purposes and are only applicable to their corresponding elements. Examples of specific attributes include:

href (anchor tag <a>): Defines the URL or destination of a hyperlink.

src (image tag): Specifies the source URL of an image.

value (input tag <input>): Sets the initial value for an input field.

disabled (various tags): Disables the functionality of an element.

Style Attribute:

When you create a web page using HTML, you might want to make it visually appealing by adding colors, changing fonts, or adjusting the sizes and alignments of different elements. The style attribute is a simple and beginner-friendly way to achieve this.

The style attribute allows you to apply CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) directly to HTML elements. CSS is a language that describes how HTML elements should be displayed on the screen. It provides a wide range of properties and values that you can use to control the appearance of elements.

To use the style attribute, you simply add it to an HTML tag, specifying the desired CSS rules within quotation marks. These rules consist of property-value pairs, where properties define the aspect of an element you want to change, and values determine how that change should be applied.

For example, let's consider a heading `<h1>` tag that you want to style. You can use the style attribute to change its color, font size, and alignment. Here's an example:

JavaScript

```
<h1 style="color: blue; font-size: 24px; text-align: center;">This is a styled heading</h1>
```

In the code above, the style attribute is added to the `<h1>` tag, and the CSS rules are enclosed within the quotation marks. The color property is set to blue, changing the text color of the heading. The font-size property is set to 24px, adjusting the font size. The text-align property is set to center, aligning the heading text in the center of the page.

You can customize other elements as well, such as paragraphs, links, images, and more, by applying the style attribute with appropriate CSS rules.

It's important to note that the style attribute applies styles directly to individual HTML elements. If you have multiple elements with similar styles or want to maintain consistent styling across multiple web pages, it's recommended to use external CSS files. External CSS separates the style information from the HTML structure, making it easier to manage and update styles throughout your website.

Note: We will learn more about external css in CSS Module

The style attribute is a great tool for quick and simple styling, allowing you to experiment with different CSS properties and values to achieve the desired look and feel of your web page.