

## HTML Guide: Hyperlinks

Element	Code	Note
Anchor element	<code>&lt;a&gt;hypertext&lt;/a&gt;</code>	<p>Always has an attribute</p> <p>Used to create a hyperlink</p> <p>Also used to insert an anchor into a page</p>
Hyperlink Reference attribute	<code>&lt;a href="url"&gt;HyperText&lt;/a&gt;</code>	<p>Indicates the link's destination.</p> <p>Either absolute or relative URL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An unvisited link is underlined and blue</li> <li>• A visited link is underlined and purple</li> <li>• An active link is underlined and red</li> </ul>
Target attribute	<code>&lt;a href="url" target="_blank"&gt;</code>	<p>Optional</p> <p>Opens the linked document into the specified window or tab</p> <p>“_blank” opens the link document into an unnamed window or tab</p> <p>The value can also be a custom name</p>
Title attribute	<code>&lt;a href="url" title="descriptive text"&gt;</code>	<p>Optional</p> <p>Displays text in a tool tip box</p>
Named element	<code>&lt;h3 id="id_name"&gt;Content&lt;/h3&gt;</code>	<p>Creates a unique identifier for an HTML element. Although all elements can have an ID name, a particular ID name can only be assigned to one element per page. One purpose of the ID name is to place a bookmark inside of an HTML document.</p>
Jump to Link	<code>&lt;a href="#id_name"&gt;Jump to&lt;/a&gt;</code>	<p>Can jump to any element that has been named via the id attribute</p>
Download	<code>&lt;a href="filename.ext" download&gt;</code> <code>&lt;a href="resume.pdf" download="cv"&gt;</code>	<p>Instructs the browser to download the file targeted by the HREF attribute. Targeted files are usually images or PDFs.</p> <p>Optionally, the download attribute can be assigned a value that will be the new filename for the file targeted by the HREF attribute. In the example to the left the new filename will be <b>cv.pdf</b></p>
Relationship attribute	<code>&lt;a href="url" rel="see values"&gt;</code>	<p>Optional</p> <p>Specifies the relationship between the current document and the linked document</p> <p>Values are: alternate, author, bookmark, help, license, next, nofollow, noreferrer, prefetch, prev, search, tag</p>
HREF Language	<code>&lt;a href="url" hreflang="lang_code"&gt;</code>	<p>Optional</p> <p>Use to specify the language of the linked document</p>

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Type attribute	<code>&lt;a href="url" type="mime_type"&gt;</code>	Optional The MIME type of the linked document.  Go to IANA for a complete list of standard MIME types: <a href="http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types">http://www.iana.org/assignments/media-types</a>
Mailto value	<code>&lt;a href="mailto:joe@aol.com"&gt;</code>	Value must be a string without spaces

## Absolute URL Dissected

Protocol	Server Name	Domain	Directory	Filename	Extension
http://	www.   info.   store.	apple.com/	lion/mail/	mail-help	.html

## Mailto Link Examples

### Mailto Multiple Recipients

```
<a href="mailto:joe@aol.com,ben@aol.com">
```

### Subject Variable

```
<a href="mailto:joe@aol.com?subject=Subscribe%20to%20list">
```

### Carbon Copy Variable

```
<a href="mailto:joe@aol.com?cc=tom@aol.com ">
```

### Blind Copy Variable

```
<a href="mailto:joe@aol.com?bcc=susan@aol.com ">
```

### Body Variable

```
<a href="mailto:joe@aol.com?body=Send%20me%20info">
```

### All Variables Example

```
<a href="mailto:joe@aol.com?subject=Join%20List&cc=tom@aol.com&bcc=sue@aol.com&body=Send%20me%20info">
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*Notice how the above Variables are concatenated (linked together) with the “&” symbol. The “%20” value indicates a space*