Start & End Tags

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Element kinds

1. Void elements
2. Raw text elements
3. Escapable raw text elements
4. Foreign elements
5. Normal elements

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Void elements

area, base, br, col, embed, hr, img, input, keygen, link, meta, param, source, track, wbr

- Start tag: Always*
- End tag: Never (because no content)

* Start tag might be written as <name />, but that doesn't have any meaning.

Raw text elements

script, style

- Start tag: Always
- End tag: Always

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Escapable raw elements

textarea, title

- Start tag: Always
- End tag: Always

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Foreign elements

Elements from the [MathML](#) and [SVG](#) namespaces

- Start tag: Always
- End tag: Yes, or self closing start tag.

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Normal elements

All other HTML elements

- Start tag: Yes, but might be omitted for certain elements
- End tag: Yes, but might be omitted for certain elements

Normal elements - Omitting tags

Under [certain circumstances](#) the start and/or end tags might be omitted.

- Start tag:
  html, head, body, colgroup, tbody,

- End tag:
  html, head, body, li, dt, dd, p, rb, rt, rtc, rp, optgroup, option, colgroup, thead, tbody, tfoot, tr, td, th