# Training Day 4

## Day 4 – 26th June 2025

### Semantic HTML and Webpage Layout Design

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**Detailed Description:**

On the fourth day of my web designing training, the session focused on **Semantic HTML** — an important concept that improves both readability and accessibility of web pages. The instructor explained that **semantic elements** are HTML tags that clearly describe their meaning in a human- and machine-readable way.

Earlier, I had used generic tags like <div> and <span> to structure content. However, semantic tags such as <header>, <nav>, <section>, and <footer> make the code easier to understand for both developers and browsers.

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◆ **1. Introduction to Semantic HTML**

I learned that **Semantic HTML** helps search engines and assistive technologies (like screen readers) interpret the content and structure of a webpage better. The instructor introduced several important semantic tags and their purposes:

| Tag | Purpose |
|---|---|
| <header> | Defines the header section, usually contains logo or navigation links |
| <nav> | Represents the navigation menu of the website |
| <main> | Contains the main content of the page |
| <section> | Divides content into thematic groups or sections |
| <article> | Represents independent content (like a blog post or news article) |

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| <aside> | Contains side content like ads, tips, or sidebars |
| <footer> | Defines the footer area, usually includes contact info or copyright |

◆ **2. Creating a Basic Webpage Layout**

The instructor guided us through creating a **simple webpage structure** using semantic tags.
We designed a basic layout that included a header, navigation menu, content area, sidebar, and footer.

**Example practiced:**

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html>

<head>

  <title>My Semantic Webpage</title>

</head>

<body>

  <header>

    <h1>My Web Designing Project</h1>

    <p>Learning Semantic HTML</p>

  </header>


  <nav>

    <a href="#">Home</a> |

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    <a href="#">About</a> |

    <a href="#">Services</a> |

    <a href="#">Contact</a>

  </nav>


  <main>

   <section>

    <h2>About Web Designing</h2>

    <p>Web designing involves creating the layout and visual appearance of websites.</p>

   </section>


   <article>

    <h3>Why Semantic HTML?</h3>

    <p>Semantic HTML improves SEO, accessibility, and makes the code easier to maintain.</p>

   </article>


   <aside>

    <h4>Quick Tips</h4>

    <ul>

     <li>Use proper tags for better readability.</li>

     <li>Keep content organized and structured.</li>
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    </ul>

  </aside>

 </main>


 <footer>

  <p>&copy; 2025 My Webpage | Designed by Malika</p>

 </footer>

</body>

</html>
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This exercise helped me understand how a complete webpage is structured.
By organizing content with semantic tags, the page looked cleaner and easier to modify later.

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◆ **3. Importance of Semantic HTML**

The instructor emphasized the **advantages** of semantic HTML:

- Makes the webpage more **SEO-friendly** (search engines can better understand the page structure).

- Improves **accessibility** for users with disabilities.

- Helps developers **maintain and update** code easily.

- Enhances overall **readability and professionalism** of web design.

We also previewed how semantic HTML will combine with **CSS** in upcoming sessions to create visually appealing layouts.

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**Learning Outcomes:**

- Understood the concept and purpose of semantic HTML.

- Learned about different semantic tags and their roles in webpage structure.

- Practiced creating a complete webpage layout using <header>, <nav>, <main>, <section>, <article>, <aside>, and <footer>.

- Recognized the importance of writing clean, meaningful, and accessible HTML code.

- Prepared a foundation for styling pages using CSS in the next lessons.