



HTML href Attribute



Attributes



Definition and Usage

For `<a>` and `<area>` elements, the `href` attribute specifies the URL of the page the link goes to.

For `<base>` elements, the `href` attribute specifies the base URL for all relative URLs on a page.

For `<link>` elements, the `href` attribute specifies the location (URL) of the external resource (most often a style sheet file).

Applies to

The `href` attribute can be used on the following elements:

Elements	Attribute
<code><a></code>	<code>href</code>
<code><area></code>	<code>href</code>
<code><base></code>	<code>href</code>
<code><link></code>	<code>href</code>

Examples

A Example

The href attribute specifies the link's destination:

```
<a href="https://www.w3schools.com">Visit W3Schools</a>
```

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Area Example

An image map, with clickable areas:

```


<map name="planetmap">
  <area shape="rect" coords="0,0,82,126" href="sun.htm" alt="Sun">
  <area shape="circle" coords="90,58,3" href="mercur.htm"
alt="Mercury">
  <area shape="circle" coords="124,58,8" href="venus.htm"
alt="Venus">
</map>
```

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Base Example

Specify a base URL for all relative URLs on a page:

```
<head>
<base href="https://www.w3schools.com/images/">
</head>
```

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Link Example






Link to an external stylesheet:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="theme.css">
```

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Browser Support

The href attribute has the following browser support for each element:

Element					
a	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
area	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
base	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
link	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



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