HTML <img> Tag

The <img> tag defines an image in an HTML page.

The <img> tag has two required attributes: src and alt.

**Note:** Images are not technically inserted into an HTML page, images are linked to HTML pages. The <img> tag creates a holding space for the referenced image.

**Tip:** To link an image to another document, simply nest the <img> tag inside <a> tags.

## Attributes

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| **Attribute** | **Value** | **Description** |
| align | top bottom middle left right | Not supported in HTML5. Specifies the alignment of an image according to surrounding elements |
| alt | *text* | Specifies an alternate text for an image |
| border | *pixels* | Not supported in HTML5. Specifies the width of the border around an image |
| crossorigin  [HTML 5] | anonymous  use-credentials | Allow images from third-party sites that allow cross-origin access to be used with canvas |
| height | *pixels* | Specifies the height of an image |
| hspace | *pixels* | Not supported in HTML5. Specifies the whitespace on left and right side of an image |
| ismap | ismap | Specifies an image as a server-side image-map |
| longdesc | *URL* | Specifies a URL to a detailed description of an image |
| sizes |  | Specifies image sizes for different page layouts |
| src | *URL* | Specifies the URL of an image |
| srcset | URL | Specifies the URL of the image to use in different situations |
| usemap | *#mapname* | Specifies an image as a client-side image-map |
| vspace | *pixels* | Not supported in HTML5. Specifies the whitespace on top and bottom of an image |
| width | *pixels* | Specifies the width of an image |

<img src="smiley.gif" alt="Smiley face" height="42" width="42">