

tooltips for Button

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Is it possible to create a tooltip for an html button. Its the normal HTML button and there is no Title attribute as it is there for some html controls. Any thoughts or comments?

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asked Feb 10 '10 at 16:00



[SARAVAN](#)

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5 Answers



Simply add a `title` to your `button` .

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```
<button title="Hello World!">Sample Button</button>
```

Run code snippet

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edited Jan 5 '17 at 23:10



[Urda](#)

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answered Feb 10 '10 at 16:06



[Muad'Dib](#)


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54 Note: Doesn't seem to work on `disabled` buttons. – [Eduard Luca](#) Jul 1 '14 at 7:10

6 @EduardLuca, In my case tooltip really does no work on `disabled` buttons because Bootstrap sets `pointer-events: none` for disabled state. It should work if set `pointer-events: auto` directly to the element. – [Vitaliy Alekask](#) Sep 7 '16 at 9:45

it's also that, the tooltip will aim to show bottom from where the mouse is. So if the target element is on the bottom right of the screen then the tooltip scrambles over the mouse pointer. More generally: the position of the tip isn't smart sometimes... but I guess that's just the browsers then. – [gideon](#) Jul

21 '17 at 6:21

[There are situations where tooltips are necessary](#), but [it is important to consider your userbase](#) when using the method in this answer. I used the `title` attribute for showing a keyboard shortcut for a button because shortcuts aren't necessary and touch only devices don't use keyboards. – [Dave F](#) Jun 2 '18 at 17:54 

but this doesn't show tooltip when you use keyboard to focus the button, any other trick to handle this? I guess this is accessibility issue, no? – [Nikhil](#) Oct 4 '18 at 13:31



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both `<button>` tag and `<input type="button">` accept a title attribute..

answered Feb 10 '10 at 16:03

[Gabriele Petrioli](#)

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What about for plain HTML links using `<a>` and `href`? – [Aaron Franke](#) Jan 6 at 4:39

@AaronFranke yes `a` tags as well as all tags support the `title` attribute. See developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Global_attributes – [Gabriele Petrioli](#) Jan 6 at 10:06



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title is a standard attribute and can be used almost everywhere


See this http://www.w3schools.com/tags/tag_button.asp

answered Feb 10 '10 at 16:03

[skyman](#)

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The issue that I am reading though highlights that the title attribute is not fully supported by many mobile browsers. I'm currently researching this as well for some ADA issues and it seems to be only somewhat supported. – [isaac weathers](#) Aug 31 '14 at 5:45

3 @isaacweathers Well, how would you "hover" in a mobile browser, anyway, in order to view the title? – [mbomb007](#) Feb 26 '16 at 21:27 

@mbomb007 -- :focus state on iOS with voiceover is about as close to :hover attribute as you could get. – [isaac weathers](#) Apr 8 '16 at 17:32



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For everyone here seeking a **crazy solution**, just simply try

```
title="your-tooltip-here"
```

in **any tag**. I've tested into `td` 's and `a` 's and it pretty works.

edited Aug 24 '18 at 11:08



Pac0

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answered Mar 6 '17 at 13:49



Davidson Lima

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5 This is the same as the accepted answer. – [krillgar](#) Mar 29 '17 at 14:31

2 @krillgar, I gave a general solution that works not only with *button* but other tags. My intention was reinforce this possibility. – [Davidson Lima](#) Mar 30 '17 at 15:55

3 regarding your last comment, it's already what skyman's answer was saying years ago. – [Pac0](#) Aug 24 '18 at 11:08 ✎



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You should use **both title** and **alt** attributes to make it work in all browsers.

```
<button title="Hello World!" alt="Hello World!">Sample Button</button>
```

edited Nov 19 '18 at 12:38



Sergey Gurin

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1 Why should you use both? – [Andrei Cioara](#) Mar 31 at 20:14

because some browser use alt attribute and some title – [Sergey Gurin](#) May 17 at 20:13

Nonsense. The `alt` attribute is only valid for `img`, `input type="image"` and `area` tags. – [bitbitdecker](#) Jun 4 at 16:06