Links and References

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Quiz

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Review: Basic HTML

Three main components

Text content - Words, headings, paragraphs

References to other files - images, video, audio, stylesheets

Markup - The HTML elements that describe your text content and make references work

HTML stands for **Hypertext Markup Language**

element

angle bracket

Hello World!

opening tag

closing tag

Thinking in HTML...

This is a Heading

This is a paragraph.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>Page Title</title>
</head>
<body>

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This is a paragraph.
</body>
</html>
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Tells the browser this is an HTML5 page.

This DOCTYPE declaration should always be the first line in your pages.

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Notice that tags usually occur in pairs.

The html tag tells the browser where the page begins and ends.

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<head> is loaded before <body>

<head> doesn't usually handle visible content, it contains information ABOUT the web page.

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Body = page content

Usually, if you can see it on the page, it's somewhere in the body.

HTML Elements

An HTML element usually consists of a start tag and end tag, with the content inserted in between:

<tagname>Content goes here...</tagname>

The HTML **element** is everything from the start tag to the end tag:

My first paragraph.

Start tag	Element content	End tag	
<h1></h1>	My First Heading		
	My first paragraph.		

Difference between a tag and an element?

HTML tags are the opening or closing entities. For example:

and are called HTML tags

HTML element encompasses opening tag, closing tag, content (optional for content-less tags) Ex:

This is the content : This complete thing is called a HTML element

Empty elements

```
cimg src="blueflax.jpg" width="300" height="175" alt="Blue Flax" />
The optional space and forward slash
```

```
<br/>
<br/>
And<br/>
<br />
Will produce identical results in your browser
```

Attributes and Values

```
for is an attribute of label

<label for="email">Email Address</label>

The value of the for attribute
```

What attributes do you see?

The optional space and forward slash

Attribute-value pairs



Attribute-value pairs

Some elements only accept specific values. We call them **predefined** values.

Parent-child relationship

```
<article>
  <h1>The Ephemeral Blue Flax</h1>
  <img src="blueflax.jpg"... />
  ... continually <em>amazed</em> ... delicate <a ...>Blue Flax</a> ...
</article>
```

Parent-child relationship

Important to note - if one element contains another, they must be properly **nested**.

```
correct (no overlapping lines)

... continually <em>amazed</em> ...
... continually <em>amazed ...</em>
```

Incorrect (the sets of tags cross over each other)

Vocab

- 1. Tag
- 2. Element
- 3. Attribute
- 4. Value
- 5. Parent-child

Links and References

File and Folder Names

- Lower case
- No spaces; separate words with a hyphen

http://www.yoursite.com/notable-architects/20th-century/buckminster-fuller.html http://www.yoursite.com/NotableArchitects/20th_CENTURY/buckminster_fuller.html //ncorrect approach

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The <a> tag

Hyperlinks on your website are created with the <a> tag. There are two main parts:

- 1) Display text this is the text between the <a> and tags
- 2) The URL it takes you to. This is defined with the **href** attribute.

The <a> tag

Check out this site

- 1) The text for this link will read **Check out this site**
- 2) Clicking the link will take you to **example.com**

The <a> tag

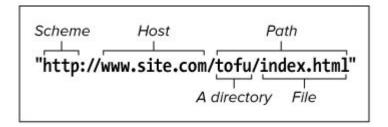
The **href** attribute can also reference an element with a specific id, and it will take you to that element on the page.

```
<a href="#beginning">Beginning</a>
```

This will link to an element with id of "beginning":

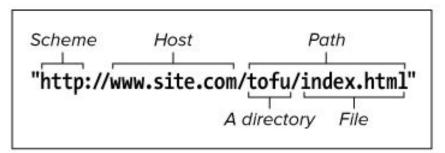
```
<h2 id="beginning">Beginning</h2>
```

- Scheme is almost always http or https
- Host is generally the domain name
- Path is the most relevant to you these are the actual folders and files themselves
- We use the **href** attribute on links, or the **src** attribute on images, to specify a path



"http://www.site.com/tofu/index.html"

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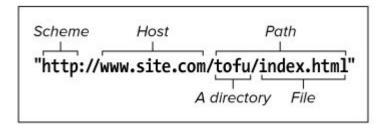
Sometimes, a URL path omits a file name and ends with a directory, which may or may not include a trailing forward slash . In this case, the URL refers to the default file in the last directory in the path, typically named index.html. (Virtually all web servers are configured to recognize index.html as a default file name, so you don't have to change any server settings.)

Trailing forward slash
|
"http://www.site.com/tofu/"

A URL with a trailing forward slash and no file name points to the default file in the last directory named (in this case, the tofu directory). The most common default file name is index.html. So, this URL and the one in the previous example point to the same page.

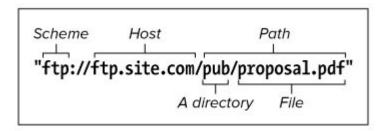
When the browser sees a trailing forward slash, it automatically looks for **index.html**

Both of these paths point to the same file!



Trailing forward slash |
"http://www.site.com/tofu/"

Other, less common protocols include **FTP** (File transfer protocol) and **mailto** (used for e-mail addresses)





URLs can be absolute

Homework One

or relative

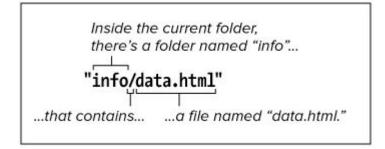
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As a general rule...

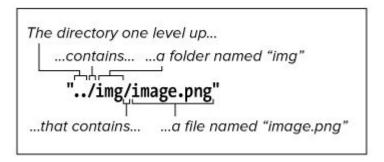
- If you want to link to a page hosted on a different site (e.g., Wikipedia), you will use an absolute path.
- If you want to link to a file, folder, or page on the same site, you
 will use a relative path

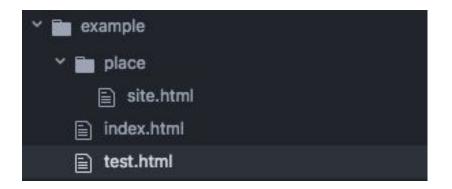
Relative Paths...

Inside the current folder,
there's a file named "history.html"...
"history.html"



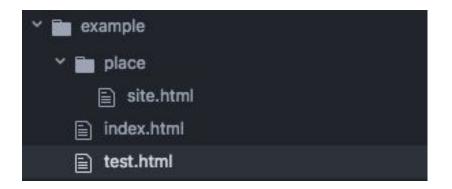
You can reference a file in the parent folder by using two periods to preface the path.





Suppose you're in this project, working on index.html

If you want to link to site.html, you will use the relative path "place/site.html"



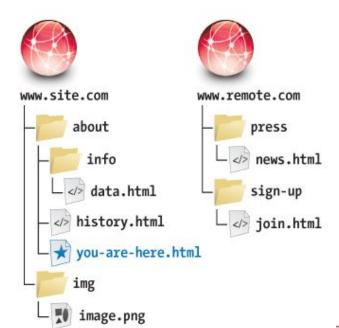
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If you want to link to test.html, you will use the relative path "../test.html"

If you want to link to index.html, you will use the relative path "../index.html"

or

the relative path "../"



File name	Absolute URL (can be used anywhere)	Relative URL (only works in you-are-here.html)
history.html	http://www.site.com/about/history.html	history.html
data.html	http://www.site.com/about/info/data.html	info/data.html
image.png	http://www.site.com/img/image.png	/img/image.png
news.html	http://www.remote.com/press/news.html	(none: use absolute)
join.html	http://www.remote.com/sign-up/join.html	(none: use absolute)

Naming elements - class and id

You can name an element with the **class** or **id** attribute. A class can be reused, applying to several elements, while an id is applied to just one element.

We might have several elements but wish to style them differently based on their classes...

```
This is text.
This is text.
```

Naming elements - class and id

Important to note is that classes and ids don't "do" anything on their own - we can use CSS to stylize them or use a link's **href** attribute to refer to an element by id Classes and ids are mainly used for:

- Giving semantic meaning to an element (e.g., "container")
- Styling elements with CSS
- Linking to different parts of the same page

In the CSS, a class selector is a name preceded by a **full stop** (".") and an ID selector is a name preceded by a **hash character** ("#").

So the CSS might look something like:

The HTML refers to the CSS by using the attributes id and class. It could look something like this:

HTML CSS

```
<div id="top">
<h1>Chocolate curry</h1>
This is my recipe for making curry purely with chocolate
Mmm mm mmmmm
</div>
</div>
```

```
#top {
    background-color: #ccc;
    padding: 20px
}

.intro {
    color: red;
    font-weight: bold;
}
```

Practice

Homework