

HTML “Cheat Sheet”

Code	Preview
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<pre><!DOCTYPE html> <!-- lang="en" tells browsers that the website's content is in English. lang="es" would mean Spanish. --> <html lang="en"> <head> <title>Example 2</title> <!-- This prevents the text/website from being extremely small on mobile devices --> <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1.0"/> </head> <body> <p>The content of an HTML document goes between the <body></body> tags.</p> <p>The <code><p></p></code> tags mark a paragraph.</p> <p><code><div></div></code> and <code></code> tags are generic containers.</p> </body> </html></pre>	<p>Example 2 ☒</p> <p>The content of an HTML document goes between the <code><body></body></code> tags.</p> <p>The <code><p></p></code> tags mark a paragraph.</p> <p><code><div></div></code> and <code></code> tags are generic containers.</p>
<pre><!DOCTYPE html> <html lang="en"> <head> <title>Example 3</title> <!-- Give the website an icon! --> <link rel='icon' href='/globe-icon.svg'/> <!-- Some browsers print warnings if we don't have this. --> <meta charset='utf-8'/> <!-- Prevents the text/website from being extremely small on mobile devices --> <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1.0"/> </head> <body> <p>HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language.</p> <p>This is <button onclick='alert("that shows an alert dialog")'>a button</button>.</p> </body> </html></pre>	<p> Example 3 ☒</p> <p>HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language.</p> <p>This is <code>a button</code>.</p>

Common Tags

Tag	Description
<code><!DOCTYPE html></code>	Tells the web browser (e.g. Firefox) that that page <i>is</i> an HTML document (as opposed to an SVG image, an XHTML document, etc.)
<code><html></code>	Wraps the entire HTML document.
<code><head></code>	Wraps <i>information</i> about how the website should be shown. For example, the website's icon.
<code><link rel='stylesheet' href='/path/to/styles.css'/></code>	Include CSS (C ascading S tyle S heets) from a file.
<code><meta name='...' content='...' /></code> , <code><meta charset='...' /></code> , etc.	Metadata (e.g. character encoding, minimum/maximum touchscreen zoom).
<code><script>...</script></code>	Embed JavaScript directly within an HTML page.
<code><script src='path/to/script.js'></script></code>	Include JavaScript from a file located at <code>path/to/script.js</code> .
<code><body></code>	Wraps the visible content of a website.
<code><p>...</p></code>	A paragraph.
<code><div>...</div></code>	A generic container that gets its own line.
<code>...</code>	A generic container that can be included within text.
<code>...</code>	A hyperlink to <code>https://example.com/</code> .
<code></code>	Includes an image from <code>path/to/image.png</code> with alt text <code>alt text here</code> . Alt text gives screen readers and other accessibility tools a description of the image.

Important attributes

Attribute	Example	Description
<code>id</code>	<code><button id='foo'>...</button></code>	A unique ID that allows a script or style sheet to refer to an element (anything we make with a tag is an <i>element</i> . For example, a button is an element.).
<code>class</code>	<code>Text!</code>	A non-unique ID that lets a script or CSS style sheet refer to an element.
<code>onclick</code>	<code><button onclick='alert(3 + 3);'> Click me.</button></code>	Runs JavaScript when something is clicked.