

Web Data Collection with R

How HTML Works

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How HTML works ... basics

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>PageTitle</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>Hallo World.</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

- ▶ HTML is one of the possible formats to get back by server
- ▶ HTML is plain text
- ▶ HTML is markup (Hyper Text Markup Language)
 - ▶ tags and nodes
 - ▶ attributes
 - ▶ content
- ▶ HTML is tree structured

How HTML works ... some special features

- ▶ tags have predefined meaning
 - ▶ e.g. `<p>...</p>` for paragraph or `...` for links
- ▶ includes further external resources via, e.g.:
 - ▶ `<link ... href="...">`
 - ▶ `<script src="..."></script>`
 - ▶ ``
- ▶ HTML forms (e.g. search bar)
 - ▶ gather information to be send to server later on
`<form><input>...</...>`
- ▶ CSS (Cascading Style Sheets) `<p class="redintro">...`
- ▶ Javascript
 - ▶ a computer language (like e.g. R)
 - ▶ understood and executed by browser
 - ▶ usually manipulating the HTML (tree) received by server