

# Text Formatting in HTML

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## Overview

HTML provides us with the ability for formatting text just like we do it in MS Word or any text editing software.

The following HTML tags are used to format the appearance of the text on your web page.

This can jazz up the look of the web page. However, too much variety in the text formatting can also look displeasing. HTML also defines special **elements** for defining text with a special meaning.

HTML uses elements like `<b>` and `<i>` for formatting output, like bold or italic text. Formatting elements were designed to display special types of text :

Tag	Description
<code>&lt;b&gt;</code>	Defines bold text
<code>&lt;em&gt;</code>	Defines emphasized text
<code>&lt;i&gt;</code>	Defines italic text
<code>&lt;small&gt;</code>	Defines smaller text
<code>&lt;strong&gt;</code>	Defines important text
<code>&lt;sub&gt;</code>	Defines subscripted text
<code>&lt;sup&gt;</code>	Defines superscripted text
<code>&lt;u&gt;</code>	Defines underlined text
<code>&lt;ins&gt;</code>	Defines inserted text by underlying the text
<code>&lt;del&gt;</code>	Defines deleted text by striking through the text

<s>	Defines text that is no longer correct, accurate or relevant by striking through it
<mark>	Defines marked/highlighted text
<pre>	Defines preformatted text, which is presented exactly as written in HTML
<tt>	Defines text appears as typed by a typewriter
<code>	Defines piece of computer code
<q>	Defines the short quoted text
<cite>	Defines reference to a cited work
<abbr>	Defines an abbreviation or acronym

## Examples

<b> Bold text </b> <div><b>Bold text</b></div>
<em> Emphasized text </em> <div><i>Emphasized text</i></div>
<i> Italic </i> <div><i>Italic</i></div>
<small> Small text </small> <div>Small text</div>
<strong> Important text </strong> <div><b>Important text</b></div>
<sub> Subscripted text </sub> <div>Subscripted text</div>

<sup> Superscripted text </sup>

Superscripted text

<u> Underlined text </u>

Underlined text

<ins> Inserted text by underlying the text </ins>

Inserted text by underlying the text

<del> Deleted text </del>

Deleted text

<s> Text is no longer correct </s>

Text is no longer correct

<mark> Marked/highlighted text </mark>

Marked/highlighted text

<pre> Preformatted text </pre>

Preformatted text

<tt> Typewriter text </tt>

Typewriter text

<code> Computer code </code>

Computer code

<q> Quoted text </q>

“ Quoted text ”

<cite> cited work </cite>

*cited work*

<abbr> abbreviation </abbr>

abbreviation