

Block & Inline in HTML

Overview

Block elements are those that take up the **full width** available on a web page, effectively blocking out any other elements from sitting next to it on the left or right.

Inline elements are those that only take up as much **width as much needed** to display the contents of the element, thereby allowing other elements to be in line with the inline element.

- ❖ **Block elements** always start on a new line.
- ❖ **Inline elements** do not start from a new line.

Examples of **block elements** are : <div>, <p>, <h1> to <h6>, <nav>, etc.

Examples of **inline elements** are : , <i>, , , etc.

div tag

- The <div> tag defines a **block-level section** or a division in an HTML document.
- The <div> tag is a block element. It is often used as a **container** for other HTML elements.
- The <div> element has *no required attributes*.

The <div> element is very often used together with CSS to layout a web page. By default, browsers always place a line break before and after the <div> element.

Example :

```
<p> Hello and
    <div>
        Welcome to Coding Ninjas !
    </div>
</p>
```

Browser:

Hello and
Welcome to Coding Ninjas !

You can see in the above example that `div` made the statement take the complete width of the web page and shifted the content to the next line.

Adding styles to `div`

Let's add background colour to the `div` element.

Example :

```
<p> Hello and
    <div style = " background-color : cyan " >
        Welcome to Coding Ninjas !
    </div>
</p>
```

Browser:

Hello and
Welcome to Coding Ninjas !

span tag

- `` element is an inline container used to mark up a part of a text or a part of a document.
- The `` element has *no required attributes*, but `style`, `class` and `id` are common.
- When used together with CSS, the `` element can be used to style parts of the text.

Exaxmple :

```
<p> Hello and
    <span style="background-color: cyan">
        Welcome to Coding Ninjas !
    </span>
</p>
```

Browser :

Hello and Welcome to Coding Ninjas !

- ❖ `span` element does not shift the content to the next but helps to style a specific part of the content.