

HTML <audio> Tag

Example

Play a sound file:

```
<audio controls>
  <source src="horse.ogg" type="audio/ogg">
  <source src="horse.mp3" type="audio/mpeg">
  Your browser does not support the audio tag.
</audio>
```

Definition and Usage

The `<audio>` tag is used to embed sound content in a document, such as music or other audio streams.

The `<audio>` tag contains one or more `<source>` tags with different audio sources. The browser will choose the first source it supports.

The text between the `<audio>` and `</audio>` tags will only be displayed in browsers that do not support the `<audio>` element.

There are three supported audio formats in HTML: MP3, WAV, and OGG.

Audio Format and Browser Support

Browser	MP3	WAV	OGG
Edge / IE	YES	YES*	YES*
Chrome	YES	YES	YES
Firefox	YES	YES	YES
Safari	YES	YES	NO
Opera	YES	YES	YES

Browser Support

The numbers in the table specify the first browser version that fully supports the element.

Element					
<audio>	4.0	9.0	3.5	4.0	11.5

Attributes

Attribute	Value	Description
<u>autoplay</u>	autoplay	Specifies that the audio will start playing as soon as it is ready
<u>controls</u>	controls	Specifies that audio controls should be displayed (such as a play/pause button etc)
<u>loop</u>	loop	Specifies that the audio will start over again, every time it is finished
<u>muted</u>	muted	Specifies that the audio output should be muted
<u>preload</u>	auto metadata none	Specifies if and how the author thinks the audio should be loaded when the page loads
<u>src</u>	URL	Specifies the URL of the audio file