

# Chapter 35: Marking-up Quotes

## Section 35.1: Inline with <q>

The **q element** can be used for a quote that is part of a sentence:

```
<p>She wrote <q>The answer is 42.</q> and everyone agreed.</p>
```

### Quotation marks

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Quotation marks should not be added. User agents should (in HTML 4.01) resp. must (in HTML 4.0) render them automatically.

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### Source URL (cite attribute)

The **cite attribute** can be used to reference the URL of the quoted source:

```
<p>She wrote <q cite="http://example.com/blog/hello-world">The answer is 42.</q> and everyone agreed.</p>
```

Note that browsers typically don't show this URL, so if the source is relevant, you should add a hyperlink (a element) in addition.

## Section 35.2: Block with <blockquote>

The **blockquote element** can be used for a (block-level) quote:

```
<blockquote>
  <p>The answer is 42.</p>
</blockquote>
```

### Source URL (cite attribute)

The **cite attribute** can be used to reference the URL of the quoted source:

```
<blockquote cite="http://example.com/blog/hello-world">
  <p>The answer is 42.</p>
</blockquote>
```

Note that browsers typically don't show this URL, so if the source is relevant, you should add a hyperlink (a element) in addition (see the section *Citation/Attribution* about where to place this link).

### Citation/Attribution

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The citation/attribution should not be part of the blockquote element:

```
<blockquote cite="http://example.com/blog/hello-world">
  <p>The answer is 42.</p>
</blockquote>
<p>Source: <cite><a href="http://example.com/blog/hello-world" rel="external">Hello
World</a></cite></p>
```

You can add a `div` element to group the quote and the citation, but it exists no way to associate them semantically.

The **`cite` element** can be used for the reference of the quoted source (but not for the author name).

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The citation/attribution (e.g., the hyperlink giving the source URL) can be inside the `blockquote`, but in that case it must be within a `cite` element (for in-text attributions) or a `footer` element:

```
<blockquote cite="http://example.com/blog/hello-world">
  <p>The answer is 42.</p>
  <footer>
    <p>Source: <cite><a href="http://example.com/blog/hello-world" rel="external">Hello
World</a></cite></p>
  </footer>
</blockquote>
```

The **`cite` element** can be used for the reference of the quoted source, or for the name of the quote's author.