HTML (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

* Render web pages
* Developed at CERN, then IETF, then W3C and also WHATWG
* SGML Standard Generalized Mark Up Language
* Application for SGML
* Semantic specification of web page structure and content with presentational aspects being delegated at stylesheets
* Structure & Content

Version History

Pre-standardization:

* HTML Tags by Tim Berners-Lee. Late 1991
* Tim Berners-Lee & Dan Connolly mid-1993
* HTML+ (Hypertext Mark Up Format) Internet Draft by Dave Raggett, late 1993

Standards:

* HTML 2.0 (RFC 1866, Nov 1995)

Supplemental RFC’s:

Form-Based File Upload (RFC 1867, Nov 1995)

HTML Tables (RFC 1942, May 1996)

Client-Side Image Maps (RFC 1980, Aug 1996)

Internalization (il8n) of HTML (RFC 2070, Jan 1997)

* HTML 3.2 (W3C Recommendation, Jan 1997)
* HTML 4.0 (W3C Recommendation, Dec 1997)
* HTML 4.0.1 (W3C Recommendation, Dec 1999)

Strict, transitional, Frameset DTDs (Document Type Definition) – obsolete in HTML5