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Definition and Usage

The data-* attribute is used to store custom data private to the page or application.

The data-* attribute gives us the ability to embed custom data attributes on all HTML elements.

The stored (custom) data can then be used in the page's JavaScript to create a more engaging user experience (without any Ajax calls or server-side database queries).

The data-* attribute consist of two parts:

- 1. The attribute name should not contain any uppercase letters, and must be at least one character long after the prefix "data-"
- 2. The attribute value can be any string

Note: Custom attributes prefixed with "data-" will be completely ignored by the user agent.

Applies to

The data-* attribute is a Global Attribute, and can be used on any HTML element.

Element	Attribute
All HTML elements	<u>data-*</u>

Example

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Use the data-* attribute to embed custom data:

```
    <!i>data-animal-type="bird">Owl
    <!i data-animal-type="fish">Salmon
    <!i data-animal-type="spider">Tarantula
```

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Browser Support

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

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data-*	4.0	5.5	2.0	3.1	9.6



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