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1. Introduction

HTML (HyperText Markup Language) is the standard language for creating web pages.

Structure: `<!DOCTYPE html>`, `<html>`, `<head>`, `<body>`

2. Basic Document

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html lang="en">
```

```
<head>
```

```
  <meta charset="utf-8">
```

```
  <title>Page Title</title>
```

```
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
```

```
</head>
```

```
<body>
```

```
  <h1>Heading</h1>
```

```
  <p>Paragraph</p>
```

```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

3. Common Tags (with short notes)

- Headings: `<h1>` ... `<h6>`

- Paragraph: `<p>`

- Links: `text`

- Images: ``

- Lists: ``, ``, ``

- Tables: `<table>`, `<thead>`, `<tbody>`, `<tr>`, `<th>`, `<td>`

- Forms: `<form>`, `<input>`, `<textarea>`, `<select>`, `<option>`, `<button>`, `<label>`

- Semantic: `<header>`, `<nav>`, `<main>`, `<article>`, `<section>`, `<aside>`, `<footer>`

- Media: `<audio>`, `<video>`, `<source>`

- Inline: ``, ``, ``, `<code>`, ``

- Block: `<div>`, `<p>`, `<h1>`...

- Meta: `<meta>`, `<link>`, `<script>`, `<style>`

4. Attributes

- Global attributes: `id`, `class`, `style`, `title`, `data-*`

- Link attrs: `href`, `target="_blank"`, `rel="nofollow"`

- Image attrs: `src`, `alt`, `width`, `height`, `loading="lazy"`

- Form attrs: `action`, `method="get|post"`, `enctype`

- Input types: `text`, `password`, `email`, `number`, `checkbox`, `radio`, `file`, `submit`, `button`, `date`, `datetime-local`

5. Accessibility basics

- Always include `alt` for images

- Use semantic tags for structure

- Use labels for form controls: `<label for="id">Name</label>`

- ARIA only when necessary

6. Basic examples

- Responsive meta tag in head (see Basic Document)

- Link CSS: `<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">`

- Inline JS: `<script>console.log('Hello')</script>`

- External JS: `<script src="app.js" defer></script>`

7. Simple form example

```
<form action="/submit" method="post">
```

```
  <label for="name">Name</label>
```

```
  <input id="name" name="name" type="text" required>
```

```
  <button type="submit">Send</button>
```

```
</form>
```

8. Table example

```
<table>
```

```
  <thead>
```

```
    <tr><th>Name</th><th>Age</th></tr>
```

```
  </thead>
```

```
  <tbody>
```

```
    <tr><td>Alice</td><td>30</td></tr>
```

```
  </tbody>
```

```
</table>
```

9. Events (JS)

- `onclick`, `onmouseover`, `onsubmit`, `oninput`, `onchange`

Example: `<button onclick="alert('hi')">Click</button>`

10. Tips & Best Practices

- Keep HTML semantic and accessible

- Separate CSS (styles) and JS (behavior)

- Keep file paths relative for projects

- Validate HTML with [validators.w3.org](https://validator.w3.org)

- Use UTF-8 charset

- Use responsive design (viewport meta, flexible units)

11. Resources

- MDN Web Docs (Mozilla)
- W3C HTML Specification
- FreeCodeCamp tutorials
- End of guide