HTML – Links and anchors

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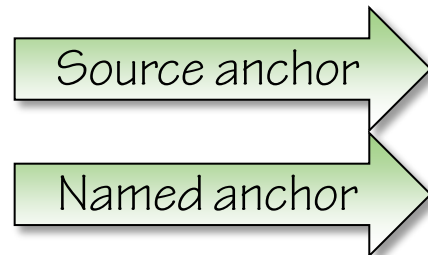@milnertweet | http://mattmilner.com

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Outline

- **Anchors**
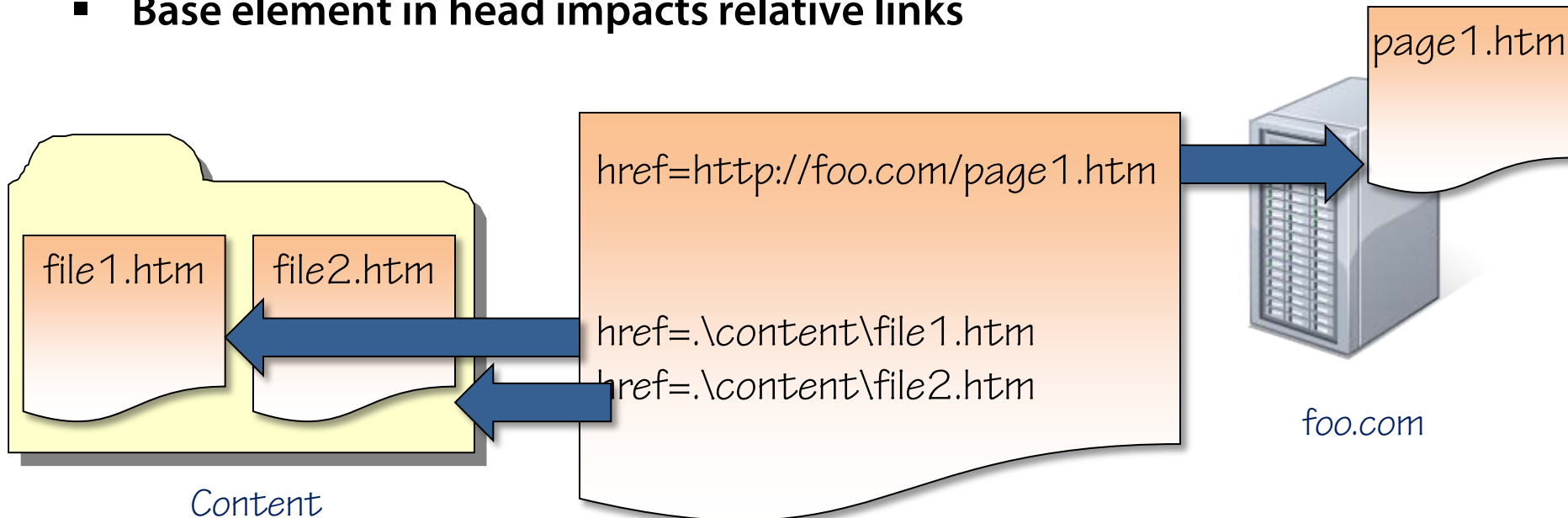- **Linking to documents**
- **Linking within documents**

HTML anchors

- **Anchors act as either source or target for linking**
  - Named anchors are targets
  - Anchors with href attribute are sources

Source anchor →

Named anchor →

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<a href="http://www.pluralsight.com/>Pluralsight</a>

<a name="TableOfContents">

...

</a>
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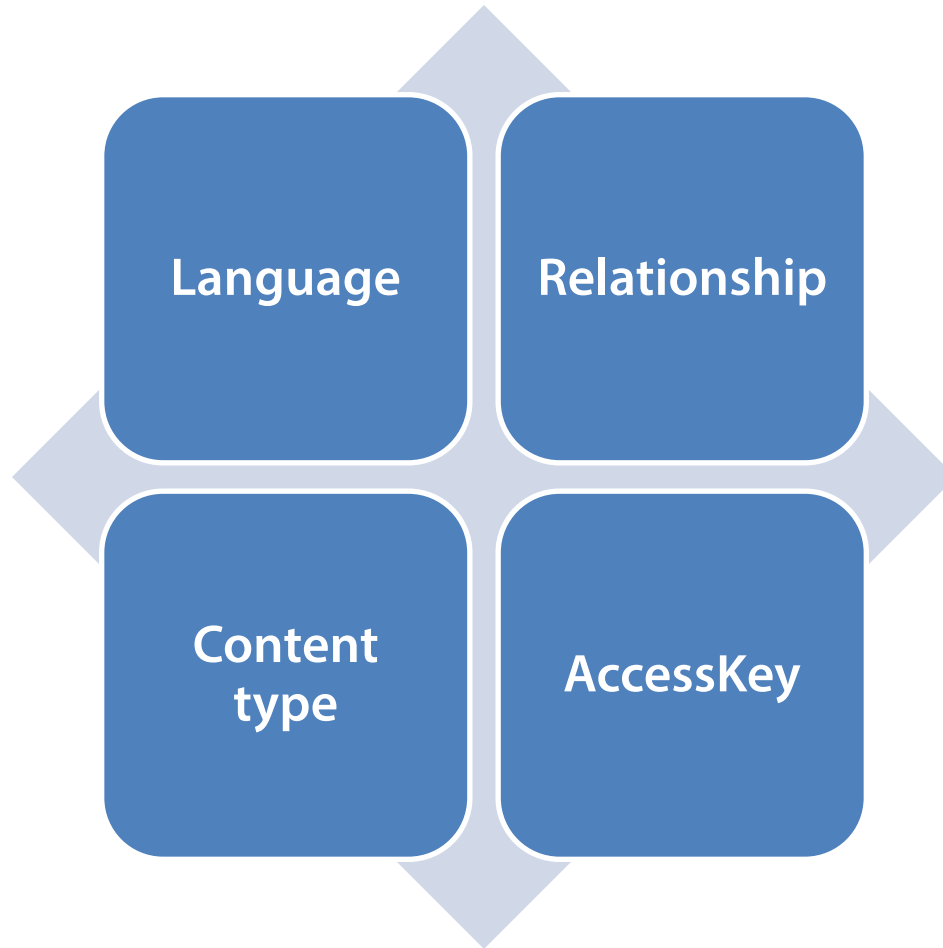
Linking to documents

- **Links can be absolute or relative**
  - Absolute – entire URI provided
  - Relative – URI is relative to the current document
- **Link representation is the content of the anchor tag**
  - Text, images, etc.
- **Base element in head impacts relative links**

page1.htm

href=http://foo.com/page1.htm

href=.\content\file1.htm
href=.\content\file2.htm

file1.htm   file2.htm

Content

foo.com

Linking within documents

- **Links can target anchors**
    - Within the same document
    - In separate document – deep link
- **Anchors are typically named anchor elements**
    - Some browsers also support linking to elements by ID

Additional information for links

Summary

- **Links connect documents**
- **Links can point to specific elements in a document**
- **Links can be relative or absolute**
- **Anchors can wrap additional elements to make them links**