

# COURSE: Introduction to Web Development and HTML

**Lecture 2: HTML Foundations: Core Concepts and** 

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## **GOAL OF THE LECTURE**

- What is HTML
- What is the DOM?
- ☐ HTML Structure
- ☐ HTML Tags
- ☐ HTML Attributes



#### What is HTML

- ☐ HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language.
- It is the standard language for creating web pages.
- HTML elements form the building blocks of web pages.
- ☐ Web browsers read HTML files and render them into visible web content.



#### What is the DOM

- ☐ What is the DOM?
  - The Document Object Model (DOM) is a programming interface for web documents
  - Represents the structure of a document as a tree of objects
  - □ Each object corresponds to a part of the document (elements, attributes, text)
- Key Concepts
  - Tree Structure: Hierarchy of nodes representing the document
  - Objects: Represent elements, attributes, text, etc.
  - ☐ Properties and Methods: Allow interaction with and manipulation of the DOM



## What is the DOM

What Can You Do With the DOM?

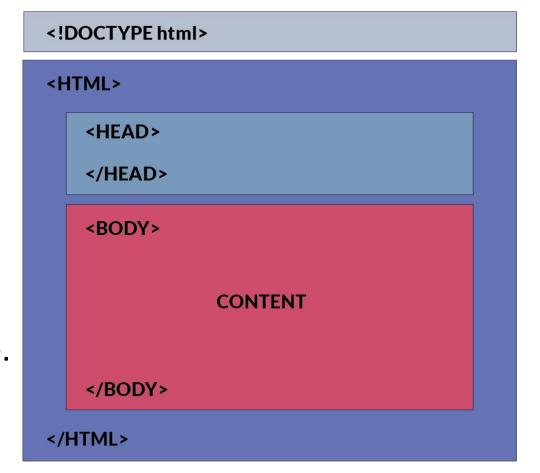
- Select elements
- Modify content and attributes
- ☐ Add/remove elements
- ☐ Change styles
- Handle events



#### **HTML Structure**

Key components of an HTML page:

- <!DOCTYPE html>: Declares the document type.
- <html>: The root element of an HTML page.
- <head>: Contains metadata, such as the title,
  - and links to external resources.
- <body>: Contains the visible content of the page.



- **☐** Structure & Layout
- □ <!DOCTYPE html> → Defines document as HTML5
- ¬ <html> → Root element
- ¬ <head> → Metadata (title, styles, scripts)

## **Text & Headings**

- ¬ <h1> ... <h6> → Headings (h1 = most important)
- $\Box$  <br/> <br/> <br/>  $\rightarrow$  Line break
- $\Box$  <hr>>  $\rightarrow$  Horizontal line
- ☐ <em> → Italic (emphasized text)



#### Lists

- □ 
  ul> → Unordered list (bullets)
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#### Links & Media

- $\Box$  <a href="">  $\rightarrow$  Hyperlink
- $\Box$  <img src="" alt="">  $\rightarrow$  Image
- ¬ <audio src="" controls> → Audio file
- ☐ <i frame src=""> → Embed another page (e.g., YouTube)



#### **Forms**

- ☐ <form> → Form container
- ¬ < input > → Input field (text, email, password, etc.)

- ☐ <select> → Dropdown list
- → Option inside <select>
- ☐ < label > → Label for inputs

#### **Tables**

- ¬ → Table container
- $\Box$   $\rightarrow$  Table row
- ¬ → Table data cell
- ¬ (th> → Table header cell)

#### **Semantic HTML5**

- ¬ < header > → Top section of a page
- ¬ < nav > → Navigation bar
- ¬ < main > → Main content area

- ☐ <aside> → Sidebar

## **Common HTML Attributes**

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- □ id="name" → Unique identifier
- □ class="name" → Assigns element to a CSS/JS group
- □ style="..." → Inline styling
- □ src="..." → Source (image, video, iframe, etc.)
- □ href="..." → Link destination
- □ alt="..." → Alternative text for images
- □ target="\_blank" → Open link in new tab



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- **□** title="..." → Tooltip text
- width="" / height="" → Size attributes
- □ value="..." → Default value in input
- □ name="..." → Input name (used in form submission)
- □ placeholder="..." → Hint text in input fields



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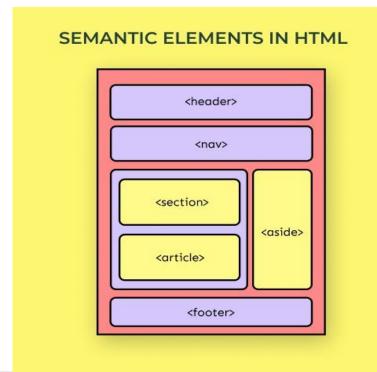
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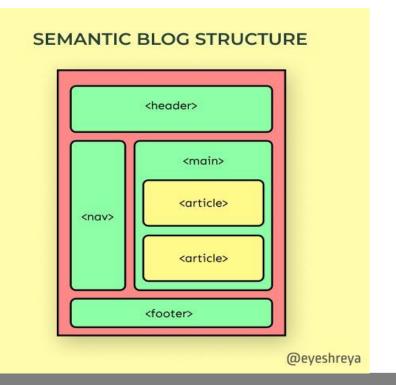
- □ disabled → Makes input uneditable
- □ checked → Pre-selects checkbox/radio
- □ readonly → Visible but not editable
- □ required → Field must be filled



#### **Semantic HTML**

- ☐ HTML elements can have attributes that provide additional information.
- Semantic HTML provides meaning to web page elements.
  - Examples of semantic tags: <header>, <footer>, <nav>, <article>, <section>, <aside>.
- ☐ These elements improve SEO, accessibility, and overall structure







#### **HTML Document Best Practices**

- ☐ HTML elements can have attributes that provide additional information.
- Ensure proper nesting of elements.
- Always include a DOCTYPE declaration.
  - tells browsers which version of HTML you're using. It helps the browser render your page correctly.
- ☐ Use semantic HTML where appropriate for better structure and accessibility.
- Make sure all tags are closed properly.

## **THANKS**