

HTML5

What it is...and why we aren't starting at HTML 1.0



What is HTML?

- HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language
- Markup languages are not the same as programming languages, they use tags to annotate documents.
- In HTML the tags indicate where headings, images, lists, links, line breaks, and other components should go.



.html files

- The browser can read this file and know how to display it on the screen.
- Screen readers and other assistive devices can also utilize the HTML tags to present the information is special ways.



HTML Files

 HTML is similar to English, so you can understand it even if you don't know much about it. (sample.html)



"Learning" HTML

- In the beginning you worry about syntax
 - What tags are there?
 - Did I remember to "end" my tag?
- Later, you will worry about semantics
 - Is there a tag that better conveys the meaning I am trying to get across?
 - If someone is searching my page can they find what they need and access it easily?



Early Years

 HTML (I) was created in 1990 as a way to electronically connect documents via hyperlinks (hence a "web" of connections)



Early Years

It is required that HTML be a common language between all platforms. This implies no device-specific markup, or anything which requires control over fonts or colors, for example.





Mosaic

• In 1993, Mosaic emerged as the first graphical browser.

 WWW proliferates at a 341,634% annual growth rate of service traffic

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- In 1993
- "Images caused a lot of angst among the early web community because we just went and decided this was a cool thing and decided to put them
- vv vv service
- in...... We're humans. That's more interesting to look at than a page of text. Jon Mittelhauser,
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The Browser Wars

- Browsers had proprietary tags
 - <marquee>...</marquee> (scrolling text)
- Other tags that went against the spirit of the original tenets of HTML were added, e.g. , <center>, and <bgcolor>
- · Origination of "Best viewed on" messages.



Web Standards

- No one "runs" the Internet or the Web, some groups do take proactive roles:
 - Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)
 - World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
 - The Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI)



Evolution of Browsers

1990 – 1994	HTML was simple, content was primarily text-based
1993	Mosaic enters the scene with images and BOOM!!!
1995 – 1999	Cross-browser compatibility falls apart
2000 - 2005	Browsers move toward separating content from style.
2005 – 2008	Using HTML files in coordination with CSS becomes new standard.



Evolution of HTML

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1993	HTML 1.0 - Developed by Tim Berners-Lee to link document
1995	HTML 2.0 - Developed by Internet Engineering Task Force RFC to include stylized text and tables
1996	CSS 1
1997	HTML 3.2 – Developed by W3C and included browser specific features
1997	HTML 4.0 – A move back to normalizing the pages across platforms.
1998	CSS 2
1999	HTML 4.01 – Introduced different document types
2012	HTML 5 - Back to HTML plus multimedia and semantic tags



Where we are now

- HTML5 is a cooperation between W3C and the Web Hypertext Application Technology Working Group(WHATWG)
- Established Guidelines
 - New features should be based on HTML, CSS, the DOM, and JavaScript
 - Reduce the need for external plugins (e.g. Flash)
 - More markup to replace scripting
 - HTML5 should be device independent



Review

- Browsers translate HTML documents into viewable webpages
- HTML was intended to facilitate content types
- When designers want to do something new they write non-standard code to force browsers to do it
- New standards are written to handle new requirements and browsers adopt the new standards



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