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HTML Text Formatting

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Text Formatting

This text is bold

This text is italic

This is subscript and superscript

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HTML Formatting Elements

In the previous chapter, you learned about the HTML **style attribute**.

HTML also defines special **elements** for defining text with a special meaning.

HTML uses elements like and <i> for formatting output, like **bold** or italic text.

Formatting elements were designed to display special types of text:

- `` - Bold text
- `` - Important text
- `<i>` - Italic text
- `` - Emphasized text
- `<mark>` - Marked text
- `<small>` - Small text
- `` - Deleted text
- `<ins>` - Inserted text
- `<sub>` - Subscript text
- `<sup>` - Superscript text

HTML `` and `` Elements

The HTML `` element defines **bold** text, without any extra importance.

Example

```
<b>This text is bold</b>
```

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The HTML `` element defines **strong** text, with added semantic "strong" importance.

Example

```
<strong>This text is strong</strong>
```

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HTML `<i>` and `` Elements

The HTML `<i>` element defines *italic* text, without any extra importance.

Example

```
<i>This text is italic</i>
```

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The HTML `` element defines *emphasized* text, with added semantic importance.

Example

```
<em>This text is emphasized</em>
```

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Note: Browsers display `` as ``, and `` as `<i>`. However, there is a difference in the meaning of these tags: `` and `<i>` defines bold and italic text, but `` and `` means that the text is "important".

HTML `<small>` Element

The HTML `<small>` element defines smaller text:

Example

```
<h2>HTML <small>Small</small> Formatting</h2>
```

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HTML `<mark>` Element

The HTML `<mark>` element defines marked/highlighted text:

Example

```
<h2>HTML <mark>Marked</mark> Formatting</h2>
```

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HTML `` Element

The HTML `` element defines deleted/removed text.

Example

```
<p>My favorite color is <del>blue</del> red.</p>
```

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HTML <ins> Element

The HTML `<ins>` element defines inserted/added text.

Example

```
<p>My favorite <ins>color</ins> is red.</p>
```

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HTML <sub> Element

The HTML `<sub>` element defines subscripted text.

Example

```
<p>This is <sub>subscripted</sub> text.</p>
```

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HTML <sup> Element

The HTML `<sup>` element defines superscripted text.

Example

```
<p>This is <sup>superscripted</sup> text.</p>
```

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Exercise:

Add extra importance to the word "degradation" in the paragraph below.

```
<p>
WWF's mission is to stop the          degradation          of
our planet's natural environment.
</p>
```

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Tag	Description
<u></u>	Defines bold text
<u></u>	Defines emphasized text

<u><i></u>	Defines italic text
<u><small></u>	Defines smaller text
<u></u>	Defines important text
<u><sub></u>	Defines subscripted text
<u><sup></u>	Defines superscripted text
<u><ins></u>	Defines inserted text
<u></u>	Defines deleted text
<u><mark></u>	Defines marked/highlighted text

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