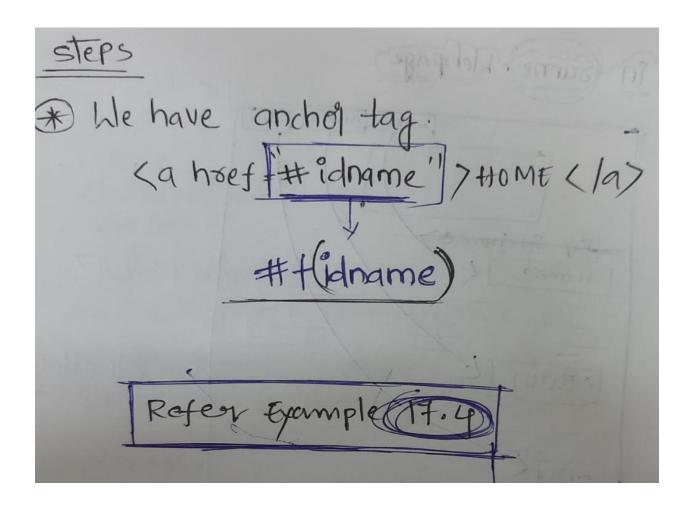
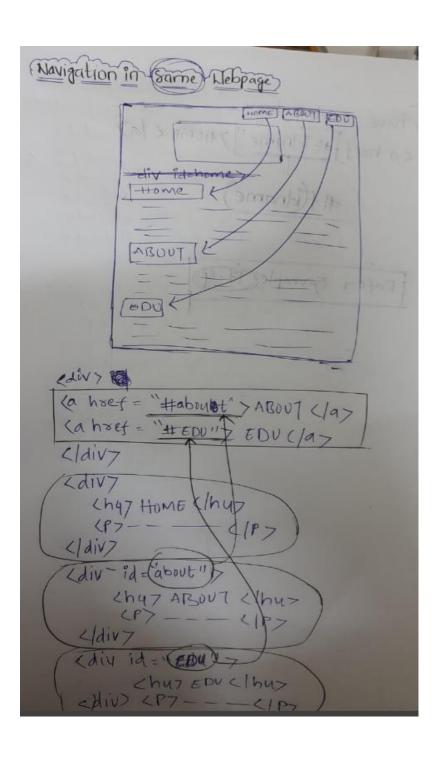
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Elon Reeve Musk (/[i:]lɒn/ EE-lon; born June 28, 1971) is a businessman
and investor. He is the founder, chairman, CEO, and CTO of SpaceX; angel
investor, CEO, product architect and former chairman of Tesla, Inc.;
owner, chairman and CTO of X Corp.; founder of the Boring Company and
xAI; co-founder of Neuralink and OpenAI; and president of the Musk
Foundation. He is the wealthiest person in the world, with an estimated
net worth of US$232 billion as of December 2023, according to the
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primarily from his ownership stakes in Tesla and SpaceX.A member of the wealthy South African Musk family, Elon was born in Pretoria and briefly attended the University of Pretoria before immigrating to Canada at age 18, acquiring citizenship through his Canadian-born mother. Two years later, he matriculated at Queen's University at Kingston in Canada. Musk later transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, and received bachelor's degrees in economics and physics. He moved to California in 1995 to attend Stanford University. However, Musk dropped out after two days and, with his brother Kimbal, co-founded online city guide software company Zip2. The startup was acquired by Compaq for \$307 million in 1999, and, that same year Musk co-founded X.com, a direct bank. X.com merged with Confinity in 2000 to form PayPal.

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Elon Reeve Musk was born on June 28, 1971, in Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital.[11][12] He is of British and Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry.[13][14] His mother, Maye Musk (née Haldeman), is a model and dietitian born in Saskatchewan, Canada, and raised in South Africa.[15][16][17] His father, Errol Musk, is a South African electromechanical engineer, pilot, sailor, consultant, and property developer, who partly owned a Zambian emerald mine near Lake Tanganyika, as well as a rental lodge at the Timbavati Private Nature Reserve.[18][19][20][21] Musk has a younger brother, Kimbal, and a younger sister, Tosca. Musk's family was wealthy during his youth.[21] His father was elected to the Pretoria City Council as a representative of the anti-apartheid Progressive Party and has said that his children shared their father's dislike of apartheid.[11] His maternal grandfather, Joshua N. Haldeman, was an American-born Canadian who took his family on record-breaking journeys to Africa and Australia in a single-engine Bellanca airplane.[23][24][25][26] After his parents divorced in 1980, Musk chose to live primarily with his father.[13][18] Musk later regretted his decision and became estranged from his father.[27] He has a paternal half-sister and a half-brother.

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Musk attended Waterkloof House Preparatory School, Bryanston High School, and then Pretoria Boys High School, where he graduated.[36] Musk was a good but not exceptional student, earning a 61 in Afrikaans and a B on his senior math certification.[37] Musk applied for a Canadian passport through his Canadian-born mother, [38] [39] knowing that it would be easier to immigrate to the United States this way.[40] While waiting for his application to be processed, he attended the University of Pretoria for five months. Two years later, he transferred to the University of Pennsylvania, an Ivy League university in Philadelphia, where he earned two degrees, a Bachelor of Arts in physics, and a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from the university's Wharton School.[46][47][48][49] Although Musk said he earned the degrees in 1995, the University of Pennsylvania maintains that they were awarded in 1997.[50] He reportedly hosted large, ticketed house parties to help pay for tuition, and wrote a business plan for an electronic book-scanning service similar to Google Books.