

HTML Comments

HTML comments are used to add notes to an HTML document. The notes will not be displayed in the browser, only in the source code. Adding comments to an HTML document is helpful, as it allows you to leave notes for yourself or other developers. The comments can be used for anything— to explain what a section of HTML code is for, improve code readability, or debugging errors. Adding HTML comments allow you to temporarily "turn-off" a section of code in an HTML document.

The start of an HTML comment begins with `<!--` and is closed with `-->`. Everything placed between these tags is not displayed— even valid HTML code. Let's take a look at a few examples of how comments appear in the source code.

Examples of HTML Comments

Please click on the following tabs to see examples of HTML comments used in an HTML document.

Basic Comment Structure

The basic syntax structure for HTML comments is illustrated below.

Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>HTML Comments</title>
</head>
<body>
  <p>This text will appear in the browser.</p>
  <!-- This text is a comment. Therefore, the
       text in between the comment tags will not
       appear in the browser. -->
</body>
</html>
```

This text will appear in the browser.

Middle of a Sentence

HTML comments can be placed in the middle of a sentence.

Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>HTML Comments</title>
</head>
<body>
  <p>The following illustrates how to comment
  out multiple lines of text.</p>

  <!-- you can comment out multiple lines of
  text by surrounding the lines with HTML Comment
  tags -->
</body>
</html>
```

The following illustrates how to
comment out multiple lines of text.

After closing tags

HTML comments can be placed after closing tags. This is useful in helping to find where
the document ends.

Example:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>HTML Comments</title>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="example">
    <p>Adding HTML comments is often useful
    if a document contains a number of nested
    elements.</p>
  </div> <!-- /.example-class -->
</body>
</html>
```

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if a document contains a number of nested elements.

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```
1 <!doctype html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4 <meta charset="utf-8">
5 </head>
6 <body>
7   <!--Draft and pony sections have been removed. -->
8 <h1>Horses</h1>
9 <h2>Three Categories of Horse</h2>
10 <!--<h3>Draft horses</h3>
11   <p>Draft horses are tall, strong, and heavy as they were bred to carry a
    The average draft weighs over 1600 lbs and can pull over twice their weight
    distances.</p>
12   <h4>Examples</h4>
13   <p>Examples of draft horses are Belgian, Clydesdales, and Percheron.</p>
14   <hr>--><!--end draft horses section-->
15 <h2>Gaited horses</h2>
```

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    Clydesdales, and Percheron.</p> -->
<h3>Gaited horses</h3>
    <p>Gaited horses, like light horses, are bred for riding,
    and are known for their exceptionally smooth ride. Light horses have
    trot, canter, and gallop. In addition to these gates, gaited horses have
    stepping pace, the running walk, the fox trot, the rack and the slow gait.
    These breeds are valued for their smooth pleasure riding and show ring flair.
    <h4>Examples</h4>
    <p>Examples of gaited horses are the American Saddlebred
    and the Tennessee Walking Horse.</p> <!-- end gaited horses section -->
    <hr>
<h3>Light horses</h3>
    <p>Light horses are bred for agility, endurance, and speed
    and are used for nearly every form of riding. A variety of horse breeds
    fall into this category. Therefore horses of this type can vary
    greatly in build and color.</p>
    <h4>Examples</h4>
    <p>Examples of light horses are the American Quarter horse, Appaloosa
    </p><!-- end light horses section -->
    <!-- <h3>Ponies</h3>
    <p>Ponies are incredibly versatile and have been bred to do virtually
    anything imaginable. The definition of a pony is a horse that measures less than
    14.2 hands high. There are over a hundred breeds of ponies.</p>
    <h4>Examples</h4>
    <p>Examples of ponies are the Hackney Pony and Shetland Pony.</p> -->
    <hr>
<h3>Warmbloods</h3>
    <p>Warmbloods are the cross of a cold blood draft horse and a hot blood horse.
    These breeds are known for their athleticism and sensible attitude. They are the
    first choice on for dressage, jumping, harness and other equestrian sports.</p>
    <h4>Examples</h4>
    <p>Examples of warmbloods are the Dutch Warmblood, Hanoverian, and Trakehner.
    </p><!-- end warmblood section -->
</body>
</html>

```

The following illustrates the correct code in the lab tool.

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```
10 <!-- <h3>Draft horses</h3>
```

Three Categories of H

Review Checkpoint

To test your understanding of the content presented in this assignment, please click on the Questions icon. After answering any of the questions presented here, you are always free to return to this or any assignment.



1. Which of the following is proper syntax for adding an HTML comment?

a. <- HTML Comment ->

Incorrect. Try again.

b. <!-- HTML Comment -!>

Incorrect. Try again.

c. <!-- HTML Comment -->

Correct. The proper syntax for an HTML comment is <!-- HTML Comment -->.

d. <-- HTML Comment -->

Incorrect. Try again.

2. Placing HTML comments is allowed in which of the following situations?

a. Before opening tags

Incorrect. Try again.