

More HTML

Chapter 4

Nesting Tags

- How do you write the following in HTML?

This is really, *REALLY fun*.

- The wrong way:

```
This is <strong>really, <em>REALLY</strong> fun</em>!
```

- Tags must be correctly nested.

▫ A closing tag must match the most recently opened tag.

- The right way:

```
This is <strong>really,</strong>
<em><strong>REALLY</strong> fun</em>!
```

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Spacing And Indentation

- Which tag is not closed?

```
<html><head><title>Can you find it?</title></head>
<body><p><ul><li>Not it!</li><li><ol><li>Is it here?
</li><li>Or maybe it's this one?</li></ol></li><li>
More words here</li><li>This is very hard to
read</li></p></body></html>
```

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How About Now?

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Can you find it?</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    <p>
      <ul>
        <li>Not it!</li>
        <li>
          <ol>
            <li>Is it here?</li>
            <li>Or maybe it's this one?</li>
          </ol>
        <li>More words here</li>
        <li>This is very hard to read</li>
      </ul>
    </p>
  </body>
</html>
```

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Spacing And Indentation Guidelines

- If the tag's content fits on one line, open and close the tag on the same line.

```
<li>Is it here</li>
```

- Otherwise, the tag's content should be indented more than the starting and closing tags.

```
<ol>
  <li>Is it here?</li>
  <li>Or maybe this tag is not closed?</li>
</ol>
```

- If the starting and closing tags are on separate lines, they should line up vertically, like above.

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Spacing And Indentation Guidelines

- Use *newlines* to structure the HTML.

- The wrong way:

```
<ol>
  <li>Item 1</li><li>Item 2</li><li>Item 3</li>
</ol>
```

- The right way:

```
<ol>
  <li>Item 1</li>
  <li>Item 2</li>
  <li>Item 3</li>
</ol>
```

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Extensible HTML: XHTML

- Newer version of HTML, standardized in 2000
- XHTML tags must always be ...
 - ... in lowercase
 - ... closed
 - ... nested properly
- **XHTML 1.0 Strict** is the standard we will be using.
 - Reference: <http://www.december.com/html/x1/>

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Why Use Standards?

- Ensure interoperability across different browsers
- Can easily verify if standards-compliant
 - XHTML Validation Service: <http://validator.w3.org/>
- Alas, not all web browsers (particularly Internet Explorer) adhere to the standards
 - <http://www.webdevout.net/browser-support-summary>

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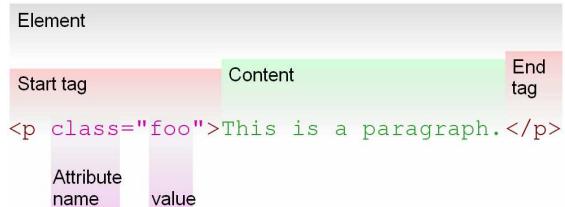
Basic XHTML Template

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-strict.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <head>
    <title>page title goes here</title>
  </head>

  <body>
    page content goes here
  </body>
</html>
```

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HTML Element



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Block vs. Inline Elements

- Block elements create "larger" structures than inline elements.
- In general,
 - block elements may contain text, inline elements, and other block elements.
 - inline elements may contain only text and other inline elements.
- Block elements begin on new lines, inline elements do not.

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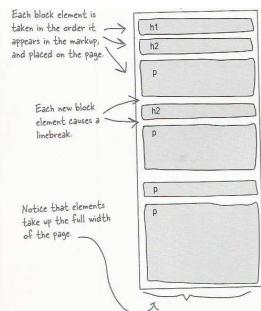
Block or Inline?

- Block
 - `h1, h2, ..., h6`
 - `p`
 - `ul, ol`
 - `hr`
- Inline
 - `br`
 - `em`
 - `strong`
 - `a`
 - `img`

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Document Flow: Block Elements

```
<html>
  <head> ...
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1> ...
    <h2> ...
    <p> ...
    <h3> ...
    <p> ...
    <p> ...
  </body>
</html>
```

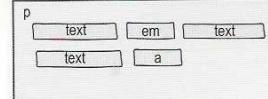


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Document Flow: Inline Elements

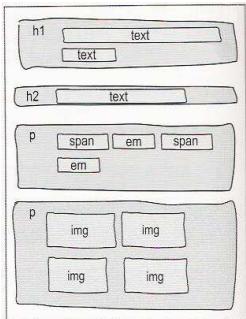
<p>

Join us **any evening** for these and all our other wonderful **elixirs**.



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Document Flow Example



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Why Important?

Only block elements are directly allowed inside the **body** element.

Elements allowed in body element

Image snapshot from XHTML 1.0 Strict Reference <http://www.december.com/xhtml/element/body.html>

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What About Links?

Allowable content for **body**:

Content (p | h1 | h2 | h3 | h4 | h5 | div | ul | ol | dl | p | br | blockquote | address | fieldset | table | form | noscript | ins | del | script)*

No a!

Illegal:

```
<body>
  <a href="http://www.yahoo.com">Yahoo!</a>
</body>
```

How can a web page have links?

- One solution is to put the link in a block element.

```
<body>
  <p><a href="http://www.yahoo.com">Yahoo!</a></p>
</body>
```

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Images In XHTML

Requires an **alt** attribute describing the image

```
<p>
  
</p>
```

Image present:



Image missing:

Hamster eating carrot

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XHTML Validation

- Make sure your files validate!
 - XHTML Validation Service: <http://validator.w3.org/>
 - When fixing errors, fix the first error and then try validating again.
 - For example, a single missing closing tag might be confused for several errors.
- Validation does not check for proper indentation.

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HTML/XHTML Resources

- W3Schools HTML Tutorial
 - <http://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp>
- W3Schools XHTML Tutorial
 - <http://www.w3schools.com/xhtml/default.asp>
- Complete list of HTML tags
 - <http://www.w3schools.com/tags/default.asp>
- XHTML 1.0 Strict Reference
 - <http://www.decerber.com/html/x1/>

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Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)

- Describe the appearance, layout, and presentation of information on a web page
- Describe *how* information is to be displayed, not *what* is being displayed

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Basic CSS Rule

- A CSS file contains one or more **rules**.
- Rule **syntax**:

```
selector {  
    property: value;  
    property: value;  
    ...  
    property: value;  
}
```

- **selector**: HTML element you wish to style
- **property**: attribute you wish to change

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Example

- CSS:

```
p {  
    font-family: sans-serif;  
    background-color: yellow;  
}
```

- HTML:

```
<p>Can you see me now?</p>
```

Can you see me now?

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Color Properties

- **color:** color of the element's text
- **background-color:** color that will appear behind the element

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Colors

- Colors are defined by three numbers (from 0 to 255) representing the amount of red, green, and blue (RGB)
- Can specify colors by:
 - Pre-defined name
 - aqua, black, blue, fuchsia, gray, green, lime, maroon, navy, olive, purple, red, silver, teal, white, yellow
 - RGB triplet
 - $rgb(R, G, B)$ where R, G, and B are each numbers from 0 to 255
 - RGB triplet in hexadecimal format*
 - $\#RRGGBB$ where RR, GG, BB are the red, green, and blue values in hexadecimal
- ColorSchemer: <http://www.colorschemer.com/online.html>

*You do not need to understand hexadecimal.

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Colors Example

- Ways to specify teal

```
h1 {  
    color: teal;  
}  
  
h1 {  
    color: rgb(0,128,128);  
}  
  
h1 {  
    color: #008080;  
}
```

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More Properties: Font

- **font-family:** which font will be used
- **font-size:** how large the letters will be drawn
- **font-style:** used to enable/disable italic style
- **font-weight:** used to enable/disable bold style
- For examples on how to set these and other properties, see:
 - http://www.w3schools.com/css/css_reference.asp
 - <http://www.tizag.com/cssT/reference.php>

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Attaching a CSS File: <link />

```
<head>  
    <title>...</title>  
    <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="style.css" />  
</head>
```

- Copy the **rel** and **type** attributes and their corresponding values verbatim
- Use the **href** attribute to specify the location of a stylesheet file
 - Path location may be absolute or relative

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CSS Resources

- CSS property references:
 - http://www.w3schools.com/css/css_reference.asp
 - <http://www.tizag.com/cssT/reference.php>
- CSS tutorial:
 - <http://www.tizag.com/cssT/>
- CSE 190 M (Web Programming) lecture notes:
 - http://www.cs.washington.edu/education/courses/cse190m/CurrenQt/lectures/slides/lecture03-basic_css.html

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