

# HTML Quick Reference

| Opening tag | Closing tag | Purpose / effect                                                                         |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <!--        | -->         | Add clarifying text to source code or disable rendering of text / not visible in browser |
| &amp;       |             | Add an ampersand (&) to source / renders a &                                             |
| &copy;      |             | Add a copyright symbol to source / renders a ©                                           |
| &mdash;     |             | Add an em-dash to source / renders a —                                                   |
| &nbsp;      |             | Add a non-breaking space to source                                                       |
| <a>         | </a>        | Creates a hyperlink or anchor                                                            |
| <b>         | </b>        | Bold text                                                                                |
| <body>      | </body>     | Defines the document body to be displayed in browser                                     |
| <br>        |             | Line break                                                                               |
| <em>        | </em>       | Emphasize text (usually rendered w/ italics)                                             |
| <h1>        | </h1>       | 1st level heading (most important)                                                       |
| <h2>        | </h2>       | 2nd level heading                                                                        |
| <h3>        | </h3>       | 3rd level heading                                                                        |
| <h4>        | </h4>       | 4th level heading                                                                        |
| <h5>        | </h5>       | 5th level heading                                                                        |
| <h6>        | </h6>       | 6th level heading (least important)                                                      |
| <head>      | </head>     | Defines the header portion of the HTML document                                          |
| <hr>        |             | Horizontal rule                                                                          |
| <html>      | </html>     | Defines the document as HTML                                                             |
| <i>         | </i>        | Italicize text                                                                           |
| <img>       |             | Insert an image                                                                          |
| <li>        | </li>       | List item (should only be used inside an <ol> or <ul>)                                   |
| <ol>        | </ol>       | Ordered list (used for collections where order is important)                             |
| <p>         | </p>        | Paragraph                                                                                |
| <pre>       | </pre>      | Pre-formatted text / white space and line-breaks in source are respected when rendered   |
| <strong>    | </strong>   | Strongly emphasize text (usually rendered w/ bold)                                       |
| <style>     | </style>    | Defines a stylesheet for current document (can only appear in <head>)                    |
| <table>     | </table>    | Table (should really only be used for tabular data, not layout)                          |
| <td>        | </td>       | Table data-cell                                                                          |
| <title>     | </title>    | Title of the HTML document / important for search-engines appears in top of window       |
| <tr>        | </tr>       | Table row                                                                                |
| <tt>        | </tt>       | Teletype text / text is rendered using default monospace font                            |
| <u>         | </u>        | Underline text                                                                           |
| <ul>        | </ul>       | Unordered list (used for arbitrary collections where order doesn't matter)               |