

A VERY BRIEF TUTORIAL ON HTML

In HTML you control the look of your page with 'tags'. A 'tag' tells your browser what to do with the line, or lines, of text or images that it surrounds.

A 'tag' always begins with a less-than sign: `<` and ends with a greater-than sign: `>` and should look like this - `<html>`

Some tags require a complimentary ending tag:

- start `<html>`

- end `</html>` ... the ending tag uses a forward slash in front of the letters.

1. Basic Tags

The **BASIC TAGS** need to create a Web page are as follows:

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<html>
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<head>
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```
<title>My Page</title>
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```
</head>
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```
<body>
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```
</body>
```

```
</html>
```

All pages must begin with `<html>` and end with `</html>`. Two sections are created within these main tags – the **HEAD** section and the **BODY** section. The **HEAD** section is used for text and tags that do not show directly on the page. The **BODY** section is used for text and tags that are shown directly on the page. All pages must be saved with the extension .html or .htm for example: **index.html**

2. Header Tags

Header #1 `<h1>text goes in here</h1>`

Header #2 `<h2>text goes in here</h2>`

Header #3 `<h3>text goes in here</h3>`

Header #4 `<h4>text goes in here</h4>`

Header #5 `<h5>text goes in here</h5>`

Header #6 `<h6>text goes in here</h6>`

3. Common Tags

**** - **Bold** text, requires an end tag ****

<u> - **Underline** text, requires an end tag **</u>**

<i> - **Italicize** text, requires an end tag **</i>**

<center> - Centers text on the page, requires an end center **</center>**

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** - This is a line break, use it when you want to stop a line at a certain place.

4. Backgrounds – bgcolor attribute

You can choose to have a solid color for your page background. To have a solid color, use the 'bgcolor' attribute inside the body tag and specify a color value either by name or by hexadecimal value:

<body bgcolor="yellow"> ... or ... **<body bgcolor="#FFFF66">**

5. Images - How to add images to your page.

The image tag is written: **** The tag you need to use to add images to your page is:

Just place it in on your page where you would like the image to appear. Select the image you want to use and replace the '**image.gif**' with your actual image name and extension. Be sure the image name and path are correct.

For our purposes, only use .gif or .jpg images for the Web.

6. Backgrounds – background attribute

To have a tiled image as your background, use the 'background' attribute inside the body tag and specify the name of the image to be used:

<body background="line.jpg"> ... or ... **<body background="kitty.gif">**

7. Horizontal Rule

<hr> - No end tag required
