

# Basic HTML elements: Quick Reference

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## **Introduction**

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with Introduction to web page creation in XHTML (document web-t3) and can also be used as a quick reference guide. See the Related Documentation section for the location of this document.

# Basic HTML elements: Quick Reference Guide

## Skeletal tags

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code>&lt;html&gt; ... &lt;/html&gt;</code>	defines file as HTML document	
<code>&lt;head&gt; ... &lt;/head&gt;</code>	invisible, descriptive part of page	
<code>&lt;body&gt; ... &lt;/body&gt;</code>	visible part of page	<i>text = colour name/code</i> <i>link = colour name/code (links)</i> <i>alink = colour name/code (active links)</i> <i>vlink = colour name/code (visited links)</i> <i>background = URL of image file</i> <i>bgcolor = colour name/code</i>

## Header tags

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code>&lt;meta&gt;</code>	meta tags add information to head	<i>name = type (for example, keywords/description)</i> <i>content = string</i>

## Hyperlinks

Tag name	Definition	Attributes (values expressed within double quotes)
<code>&lt;a&gt; ... &lt;/a&gt;</code>	anchor – defines link	<i>href = url</i> <i>target = name</i>

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