

# HTML (HyperText Markup Language)

Short for HyperText Markup Language, the authoring language used to create documents on the World Wide Web. HTML is similar to **SGML** (Standard Generalized Markup Language), although it is not a strict subset. **HTML** defines the structure and layout of a web document by using a variety of tags and attributes. The correct structure for an HTML document starts with `<HTML><HEAD>` (enter here what document is about), `<BODY>` and ends with `</BODY></HTML>`. All the information you'd like to include in your web page fits in between the `<BODY>` and `</BODY>` tags.

There are hundreds of other tags used to format and layout the information in a web page. Tags are also used to specify hypertext links. These allow web developers to direct users to other web pages with only a click of the mouse on either an image or word(s).

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