

# Web Authoring

**HTML tags and attributes** *(The following will be explained in class – [www.w3schools.com](http://www.w3schools.com))*

- Doctype - what it is for and why it is used.

The <!DOCTYPE> declaration must be the very first thing in your HTML document, before the <html> tag. The <!DOCTYPE> declaration is not an HTML tag; it is an instruction to the web browser about what version of HTML the page is written in. HTML5 is not based on SGML, and therefore does not require a reference to a DTD. Always add the <!DOCTYPE> declaration to your HTML documents, so that the browser knows what type of document to expect.

- html - <html>

Tags at the beginning and end of a webpage

- Sections of a webpage - <head><body>

Head section contains meta tags, some javascript, etc

Body section contains the content of the webpage

- Page title - <title>
- Page paragraphs and sections - <p><span><div>
- Header elements - <h1><h2><h3><h4><h5><h6>
- formatting elements - <strong><em>
- data tables - <table><tr><th><td><caption>
- lists - <ol>, <ul>, <li>, <dd>, <dt>, <dl>

A description list, with terms and descriptions:

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<dl>
  <dt>Coffee</dt>
  <dd>Black hot drink</dd>
  <dt>Milk</dt>
  <dd>White cold drink</dd>
</dl>
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- images - <img>
- links - <a>, <link>
- quotes - <q>, <blockquote>
- abbreviations - <abbr>
- meta - <meta>

Meta tags such as “description. Keywords, etc” used in conjunction with search engines

- divisions (div tags) - <div>
- forms - <form>, <input>, <textarea>
- Special symbols and character entities:

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|--------------------------------|---|
| ○ Copyright symbol - &copy;    | © |
| ○ Registered trademark - &reg; | ® |
| ○ Trademark - &trade;          | ™ |
| ○ Ampersand symbol - &amp;     | & |
| ○ Euro sign - &euro;           | € |
| ○ Less than - &lt;             | < |
| ○ Greater than - &gt;          | > |
| ○ Non-breaking space – &nbsp;  |   |

A common character entity used in HTML is the non breaking space (&nbsp;). Remember that browsers will always truncate spaces in HTML pages. If you write 10 spaces in your text, the browser will remove 9 of them. To add real spaces to your text, you can use the &nbsp; character entity.