HTML Basics: Your First Web Page

Tags, a page skeleton and a browser

What HTML is

HTML describes the parts of a web page using tags in angle brackets, such as for a paragraph.

Tags

Most tags come in pairs: Hello has an opening tag and a closing tag with a slash.

The skeleton

Start with <!DOCTYPE html>, then <html>, a <head> with a <title>, and a <body> where the visible page goes.

Headings and text

Use <h1> for the main heading and for paragraphs. <h2> to <h6> are smaller headings.

Links and images

A link is text. An image is <img src="cat.png" alt="a cat">.

Lists

Use <ul> for a bulleted list and <ol> for a numbered list, with each item in <li>.

See it

Save the file as index.html with a plain text editor, then open it in a web browser.

Tip: Always write alt text for images. It helps people using screen readers.

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