

## Just Enough HTML

A Web page written in HyperText Markup Language is just a text file with some particular rules about using certain words and symbols. Knowing a tiny bit of html code can help you dress up your online e-mail and discussions.

Angle brackets < > indicate that the term inside the brackets is an instruction for the web browser to show or do something.

Bracket/slash </ > tells the browser to stop doing it.

Example: It's a <b> simple </b> idea. The word simple would appear in bold typeface.

Here are some common html tags to use for dressing up text.

<b> </b> bold

<i> </i> italics

<em> </em> emphasis

<strong> </strong> strong emphasis

<tt> </tt> typewriter style

<center> </center> text in between will be centered on that line

<blockquote> </blockquote> indents text from both sides

<h1> </h1> heading size 1 (alternatives: 1,2,3,4,5,6)

<font color="red"> </font> will produce red text (alternatives: blue, green yellow, etc., or hexadecimal - 0-9, A-F, 2 digits for red, green, blue ie. 2D96FF)

<p> begin new paragraph - double line space from previous

<br> line break - next word starts on the line immediately below the previous

<p align=left> text on left side of screen. (alternatives: center, right)

<a href="newpage.html"> click here </a> when you click on the text, you will go to the web page called newpage.html

 puts an image on the webpage at that point.

 aligns the image to the middle of the surround text. (alternatives: bottom, middle, left, right)

<hr> inserts a horizontal line

The essential structure for an html page is:

<html>

<body>

This is a web page.

</body>

</html>

If you create a text file with these 5 lines, save it as webpage.txt, then change the file name to webpage.html, it will open as a web page that shows a white screen with the words This is a web page. Try it using Notepad, Wordpad or SimpleText.

<http://www.htmlgoodies.com/primers/html/> is a good introduction a reference.