


## Introduction

All HTML documents have a minimum structure of four tags. The first tag, <HTML>, tells a browser that it's reading an HTML document. The second tag <HEAD> tells the browser where the header is. The header provides document information, such as the document title, which appears in the browser window's document title bar. The <TITLE> tag encloses the title of the document, and the fourth tag, <BODY>, encloses the body of the document. Most HTML tags require an open tag and a close tag in the form: <TAGNAME> </TAGNAME>. The opening tag and closing tag do not have to be close together. In fact, the </HTML> and </BODY> closing tags are usually placed far apart from their opening counterparts because they enclose large amounts of text and other content. Here's an example of a complete HTML document with a title and very brief body.

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<HTML> <HEAD> <TITLE> Quick Guide to HTML </TITLE> </HEAD>
<BODY> Body of document: can include hyperlinks, text, images, and graphics </BODY>
</HTML>
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It is important to note that the document title has many uses. In WebCT the document title appears as the identifying name of files in a path. In a browser, the document title appears in the bar atop the window and is the page name for a "Bookmark" (Netscape) or "Favorite" (Internet Explorer). The title is "invisible" in the sense that it does not appear in the body of your document.

HTML Tag Samples (with text)	Resulting Text (as viewed in a browser)
<B>Bold</B>	<b>Bold</b>
<I>Italics</I>	<i>Italics</i>
<H6>Header 6</H6>	Header 6
<H4>Header 4</H4>	Header 4
<H2>Header 2</H2>	Header 2
<Center>Center</Center>	Center
Unordered List: <UL> <LI>Item</LI> <LI>Item</LI> </UL>	Unordered List:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item one</li> <li>• Item two</li> </ul>
Ordered List: <OL> <LI>Item one</LI> <LI>Item two</LI> </OL>	Ordered List  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Item one</li> <li>2. Item two</li> </ol>
Paragraph Break<P>	Paragraph Break
Line Break  (<I>Paragraph and line Breaks do not require a close tag.</I>	Line Break <i>(Paragraph and line Breaks do not</i>

	<i>require a close tag.)</i>
Use the anchor tag to create a <A HREF="http://www.suu.edu">link</A> to another location, such as the SUU homepage.	Use the anchor tag to create a <u>link</u> to another location, such as the ISU homepage.
Use the image tag to include an image. <IMG SRC="bug.jpg">	Use the image tag to include an image. 

**References:**

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**URL Links:**

<http://www.isu.edu/itrc/handouts.shtml>



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