

ID1354 Internet Applications

HTML

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Introduction to HTML

 HTML defines parts of documents (headers, paragraphs, images, etc). Note that it does not define how these parts are rendered in a browser.

 HTML is maintained by W3C, which is the main international standards organization for the World Wide Web.

Current HTML Versions

- HTML 4.0/4.01 1997/1999
 Introduced many new features and deprecated many older features.
- XHTML 1.0/1.1 2000/2001
 Same content as HTML, but much more strict, leading to clean and clear documents in a standard form.
- HTML 5 2012

Unites the many different technologies in use on the WWW today, such as HTML, XHTML, standards introduced by browser manufacturers, common practices etc. Also introduces new features, including many APIs.

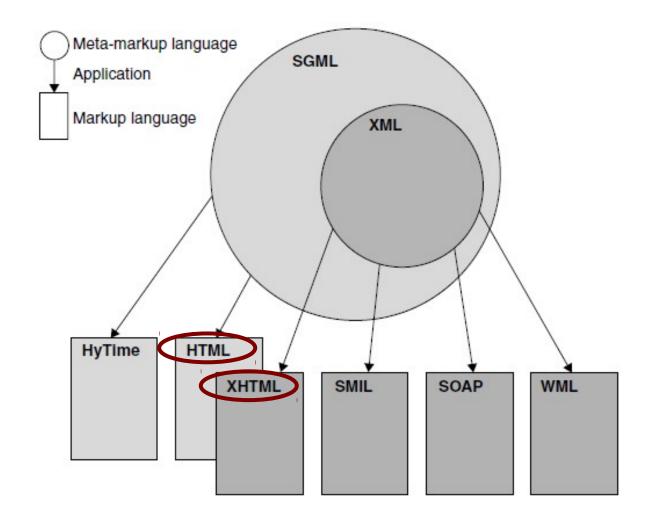
Which HTML Version Shall We Use?

- When developing new documents, use HTML5 with XHTML syntax. This is the case in the course text book.
- Reasons to use XHTML syntax rules:
 - 1. XHTML syntax is much more strict, leading to clean and clear documents in a standard form.
 - 2. HTML processors do not even enforce the few syntax rules that do exist in HTML.
 - 3. The syntactic correctness of XHTML documents can be validated.
- Not all HTML5 features are implemented in all browsers.
 Implementations status can be checked at http://caniuse.com

The Purpose of HTML

- The purpose of HTML is to define parts of a document.
- Layout should not be coded in HTML, but in CSS.

(X)HTML are SGML/XML applications



Standard Generalized Markup Language, SGML

- SGML is a standard for defining generalized markup languages for documents or data structures.
- The markup shall describe the document's structure and attributes, rather than the processing to be performed on it.
- HTML was a SGML application before HTML5

Extensible Markup Language, XML

- XML is a subset of SGML, and also introduces additional restrictions on syntax compared to SGML. The purpose is to make it easier to parse.
- XHTML is a XML application. HTML5 is not, but may be written in XML syntax.

XML, and HTML, Terminology

A tag defines an element. The HTML below, which states that the heading should be My Homepage, has the opening tag <h1>, the closing tag </h1> and the whole line is an element.

<h1>My Homepage</h1>

 The text between the opening and closing tag, My Homepage in the example above, is the elements content.

XML, and HTML, Terminology (Cont'd)

- There are empty elements, for example, the element defines an image.
- Tags may have attributes. The src attribute below defines the file containing the image.

- A nested element is located between the start and end tags of another element, as some text in the html below.
 <div>

some text</div>

Basic XML Syntax Rules

- The document contains only Unicode characters.
 - The special characters (e.g. < or &) are used only for markup.
 - Tags are correctly nested, with none missing and none overlapping.
 - Tags are case-sensitive, the start and end tags must match exactly. Tag names cannot contain any of the characters !"#%&'()*+,/;<=>?
 @[\]^`{|}~, nor a space character, and cannot start with -, ., or a numeric digit.
 - A single root element contains all the other elements



Basic HTML Syntax

- XHTML documents must have XML syntax.
 HTML documents do not have that requirement.
- As mentioned above, it is a good habit to always use xml syntax since it leads to clean and clear documents.
- Comments in HTML have the form
 <!-- a comment -->
- Browsers ignore comments, unrecognized tags and other errors, line breaks, multiple spaces, and tabs.

Basic HTML Syntax (Cont'd)

- Tags are suggestions to the browser, even if they are recognized by the browser.
- In XHTML, element and attribute names must be in all lowercase letters.
- In HTML, they can be any combination of uppercase and lowercase

HTML Errors

- HTML syntax errors or tags are silently ignored.
- This might cause much extra work.
- Always validate your HTML files! Use for example the W3C HTML validator, http://validator.w3.org/

Standard HTML5 Document Structure

- Every HTML5 and XHTML document must begin with <!DOCTYPE html>
- <html>, <head>, <title>, and <body>
 are required in every document.
- The whole document must have <html> as its root.

Standard HTML5 Document Structure (Cont'd)

- A document consists of a head, <head>,
 and a body, <body>.
- The <title> tag is used to give the document a title, which is normally displayed in the browser's window title bar (at the top of the display)
- The meta tag is required to provide the character set used:

```
<meta charset = "utf-8" />
```

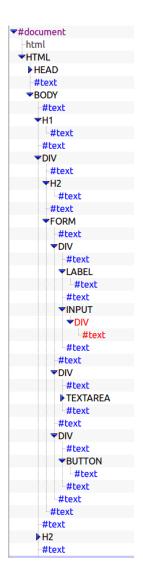
Standard HTML5 Document Structure (Cont'd)

 A minimum HTML5 Document: <!DOCTYPE html> <html> <head> <meta charset="UTF-8"> <title>Document Title</title> </head> <body> Content of the document..... </body> </html>

Question 1



The Document Object Model, DOM



- The browser creates a tree-like structure, called Document Object Model (DOM), which represents the elements in the HTML document.
- The picture to the left is a part of the DOM tree for the course's chat program.
- The DOM provides a JavaScript API, defined by the W3C.



Basic Text Markup

Paragraph Elements

Example

- Text is normally placed in paragraph elements
- Paragraph Elements
 - The tag breaks the current line and inserts a blank line the new line gets the beginning of the content of the paragraph.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Document With
      Paragraph </title>
    <meta charset = "utf-8" />
  </head>
  <body>
    >
      Greetings from your
Webmaster!
    </body>
</html>
```

- Line breaks

- The effect of the
br/> tag is the same as that of , except for the blank line.

- This is an empty tag.

- Example of paragraphs and line breaks

```
On the plains of hesitation  bleach the bones of countless millions  <br/> who, at the dawn of victory <br /> sat down to wait, and waiting, died.
```

- Typical display of this text:

On the plains of hesitation

bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the dawn of victory sat down to wait, and waiting, died.

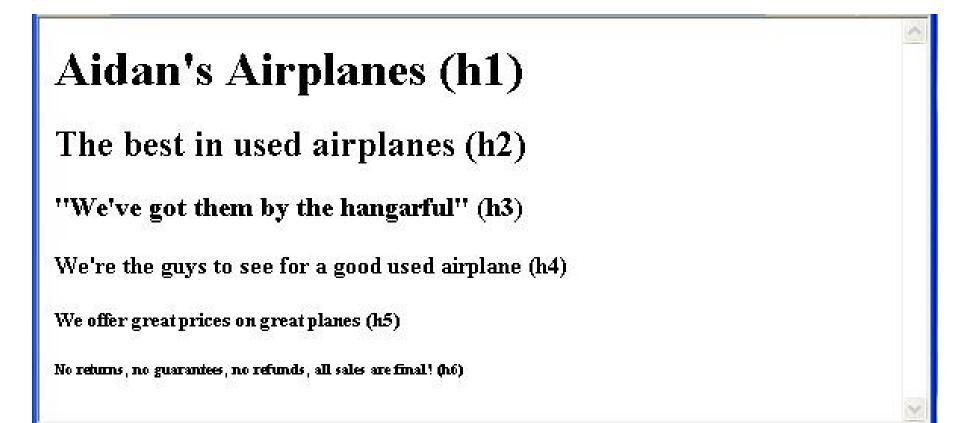
To keep text indentation, use the pre>
element. It preserves whitespaces and
displays text as it is entered.

Headings

Six sizes, 1-6, specified with <h1> to <h6>

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Headings </title>
    <meta charset = "utf-8" />
  </head>
  <body><h1> Aidan's Airplanes (h1)
  </h1>
    <h2> The best in used airplanes
  (h2) < /h2>
    <h3> "We've got them by the
  hangarful" (h3)
    </h3>
    <h4> We're the guys to see for a
  good used airplane (h4) </h4>
    <h5> We offer great prices on
  great planes (h5) </h5>
    <h6> No returns, no guarantees,
  no refunds, all sales are final
  (h6) < /h6>
  </body>
</html>
                                 28(88)
```

Example for headings



- Blockquotes
 - Content of <blockquote>
 - To set a block of text off from the normal flow and appearance of text
- Font Styles and Sizes
 - Emphasis
 - Strong
 - Code <code>
 - Do not use $\langle b \rangle$ (bold) or $\langle i \rangle$ (italic), that is layout, which shall be coded in CSS.

BlockQuote example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>
<h1>About WWF</h1>
Here is a quote from WWF's website:
<blockquote>
    For 50 years, WWF has been protecting the future of nature. The world's leading conservation organization, WWF works in 100 countries and is supported by 1.2 million members in the United States and close to 5 million globally.
</body>

</pd>

</p
```

About WWF

</html>

Here is a quote from WWF's website:

For 50 years, WWF has been protecting the future of nature. The world's leading conservation organization, WWF works in 100 countries and is supported by 1.2 million members in the United States and close to 5 million globally.

Superscripts and subscripts

- Subscripts: <**sub**>
- Superscripts: <**sup**>

```
HTML:
```

x₂³

Display: X₂³

Character Entities

Char.	Entity	Meaning	HTML:
&	&	Ampersand	ampersand: & less than: <
<	<	Less than	
>	>	Greater than	Display: ampersand: &
**	"	Double quote	less than: <
•	'	Single quote	
1/4	¼	One quarter	
1/2	½	One half	
3/4	¾	Three quarter	`S
0	°	Degree	
(space)		Non-breaking	space

A non-breaking space requests the browser not to break a line at that space.

Horizontal rules

<hr/>hr/> draws a line across the display, after a line break</hr>



Images

Allowed Formats:

- **GIF** (Graphic Interchange Format)
 - 8-bit color (256 different colors)
- **JPEG** (Joint Photographic Experts Group)
 - 24-bit color (16 million different colors)
- Both use compression, but JPEG compression is better
- **PNG** (Portable Network Graphics)
 - Relatively new
 - Should eventually replace both gif and jpeg
 - Files are bigger than jpeg no lost data!

- Images are inserted into a document with the tag.
- The **src** attribute specifies the image file.
- The **alt** attribute defines a text that is displayed if the image can not be shown.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
         <head>
                    <title> Images </title>
                    <meta charset = "utf-8" />
                                                                                                                                                              Image Example
         </head>
         <body>
                    <h1> Aidan's Airplanes </h1>
                    <h2> The best in used airplanes </h2>
                    <h3> "We've got them by the hangarful" </h3>
                    <h2> Special of the month </h2>
                    >
                              1960 Cessna 210 <br/>
                              577 hours since major engine overhaul <br/>
                               1022 hours since prop overhaul <br/>
                               <img src = "c210new.jpg"</pre>
                                                         alt = "Picture of a Cessna210"/> <br/>
                              Buy this fine airplane today at a remarkably low price <br/> <br/>br/>
                              Call 999-555-1111 today!
                    </body>
</html>
```

Image Example (Cont'd)

Aidan's Airplanes

The best in used airplanes

"We've got them by the hangarful"

Special of the month

1960 Cessna 210 577 hours since major engine overhaul 1022 hours since prop overhaul



Buy this fine airplane today at a remarkably low price Call 999-555-1111 today!



Question 2



Hypertext Links

- Hypertext is text which contains links to other texts.

A link is specified with the href
 (hypertext reference) attribute of <a>
 (the anchor tag)

The content of <a> is the visual link in the document

Link Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title> Links </title>
    <meta charset="utf-8" />
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1> Aidan's Airplanes </h1>
    <h2> The best in used airplanes </h2>
    <h3> "We've got them by the hangarful" </h3>
    <h2> Special of the month </h2>
    >
      1960 Cessna 210 <br/>
      <a href = "C210data.html">
        Information on the Cessna 210 </a>
    </body>
</html>
```

Link Example (Cont'd)



Link Targets and Images (Cont'd)

- If the target is not at the beginning of the document, the target must be defined.
- Many tags allow a target to be
 defined with the id attribute, as in
 <h1 id = "baskets">
 Baskets
 </h1>
- If the target is in a different
 document, the file name must
 be included

 Baskets

- The link to an id must be preceded by a pound sign (#). If the id is in the same document as the link, the link can be written as What about baskets?

References

 A relative reference identifies the target document relative to the current document's location:

 my link

 Here, the target document is file.html in the directory dir2, in the directory dir1, in the current document's directory.

References (Cont'd)

```
A relative reference can also identify
the target document relative to the
web server's root directory:
<a href="/dir1/dir2/file.html>
my link
</a>
```

 Here, the target document is file.html in the directory dir2, in the directory dir1, in the web server's root directory.

References (Cont'd)

 An absolute reference specifies a complete uri and may indicate a document on another server:

```
<a href="http://myserver.se/dir1/dir2/file.html>
    my link
</a>
```

Here, the target document is file.html in the directory dir2, in the directory dir1, in the root directory of the server myserver.se.

References (Cont'd)

It is best to use references relative to the current document's directory. Only then is it possible to move the web site without editing all links.



Lists

Unordered lists

- The list is the content of the ul>tag
- A List element is the content of a tag

```
<h3>
Some Common Single-Engine Aircraft
```

- </h3>
 - ul>
 - Cessna Skyhawk
 - Beechcraft Bonanza
 - Piper Cherokee

Some Common Single-Engine Aircraft

- Cessna Skyhawk
- Beechcraft Bonanza
- Piper Cherokee

🥭 Done

Ordered lists

- The list is the content of the
 tag
- A List element is the content
 of a tag
- Each item in the display is preceded by a sequence value

💻 My Computer

Lists (Cont'd)

Nested lists

- Any type of list can be nested inside any type of list.
- The nested list must be in a list item of the outer list.

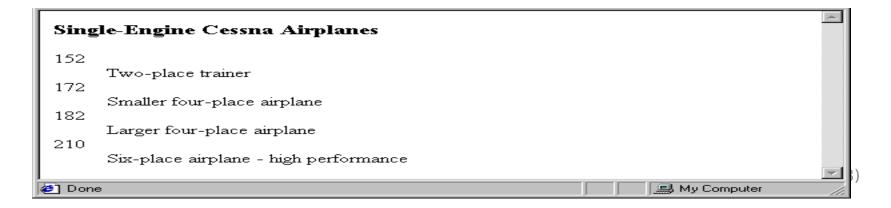
Lists (Cont'd)

Definition list

is a list of terms/names, with a description of each term/name.

- The list is the content of a **<d1>** element.
- A term is the content of a **<dt>** element.
- A description is the content of a<dd> element.

```
<h3>
    Single-Engine Cessna Airplanes
</h3>
< 11 >
  <dt> 152 </dt>
  <dd> Two-place trainer </dd>
  <dt> 172 </dt>
  <dd> Smaller four-place airplane
  </dd>
  < dt > 182 < / dt >
  <dd> Larger four-place airplane </dd>
  <dt> 210 </dt>
  <dd> Six-place airplane - high
  performance
  </dd>
</d1>
```





Tables

- A table is a matrix of cells, each possibly having content.
- The cells can include almost any element.
- A table is specified as the content of a
 tag.
- In HTML5, tables do not have borders between the rows or columns. CSS is used for this.
- Tables are given titles with the <caption> tag.

Tables (Cont'd)

- Each row of a table is specified as the content of a element.
- Row headings are specified as the content of elements.
- Contents of a data cells are specified as the content of
 td>
 elements.

```
<caption>
 Fruit Juice
</caption>

   Apple 
   Orange 
  Breakfast 
  0 
  1 
  Lunch 
  1 
  0
```

```
<caption>
 Fruit Juice
</caption>

   Apple 
   Orange 
  Breakfast 
  0 
  1 
  Lunch 
  1 
  0
```

Table Example

```
Fruit Juice
Apple Orange
Breakfast 0 1
Lunch 1 0
```

Tables (Cont'd)

 A table can have more levels of column labels

 The colspan attribute of the tag specifies the number of spanned columns.

```
    Fruit Juice

Orange
```

```
Fruit Juice
Apple Orange
Breakfast 0 1
Lunch 1 0
```

Tables (Cont'd)

- If the rows have labels and there is a spanning column label, the upper left corner must be made larger, using the rowspan attribute.

```
Fruit Juice
Apple Orange
Breakfast 0 1
Lunch 1 0
```

```
Fruit Juice
 Apple 
 Orange
```

DO NOT Use Tables for Layout

- In the past, tables were used for page layout, that is deprecated.
- Use only CSS for layout
- Use tables only when the information is naturally tabular

Question 3



Forms

- A form is the usual way information is gotten from a browser user to a server.
 - HTML has tags to create a many different elements for this information gathering
 - These elements are called widgets or controls or components. (e.g., radio buttons and checkboxes)
 - When the Submit button of a form is clicked, the form's values are sent to the server for processing

Forms (Cont'd)

- All components of a form are defined in the content of a <form> tag
- The only required attribute of <form> is action, which specifies the URL of the application that is called when the Submit button is clicked.
 - <form action="handle-input.php">
- The method attribute of <form> specifies which of the two possible HTTP methods to use for transferring form data to the server, get or post.
 - The default is **get**.

Components

- Many are created with the <input> tag
- The type attribute of <input>
 specifies which component to create.

1. Text

- A horizontal box for text input.
- The name attribute is used to reference elements in a JavaScript, or to reference form data after a form is submitted.
- Note: Only form elements with a name attribute will have their values passed when submitting.
 - <input type="text" name="phone"/>

- The <label> tag is used to define labels for components.
- The id attribute of the input element must match the for attribute of the label element.

Phone:

- 2. Password just like text except asterisks are displayed, rather than the input characters.
- 3. Checkboxes to collect multiple choice input
- Every checkbox requires a value attribute, which is the component's value in the form data when the checkbox is 'checked'.
- To initialize a checkbox to 'checked', the **checked** attribute must be set to **checked**.

4. Radio Buttons

- Collection of checkboxes in which only one button can be 'checked' at a time.
- -Every button in a radio button group must have the same name.

```
Grocery Checklist
<form action = "">
   <input type = "checkbox"</pre>
          name ="groceries"
           value = "milk"
           checked =
                "checked"/>
   Milk
  <input type = "checkbox"</pre>
         name ="groceries"
          value = "bread" />
   Bread
  <input type = "checkbox"</pre>
         name = "groceries"
          value= "eggs" />
```

Radio Buttons (Cont'd)

If no button in a radio button group is 'pressed', the browser often 'presses' the first one

```
Age Category
<form action = "">
   <input type = "radio"</pre>
           name = "age"
           value = "0-19"
          checked =
                  "checked"/>
       0 - 19
   <input type = "radio"</pre>
           name = "age"
           value = "20-35" />
      20 - 35
   <input type = "radio"</pre>
           name = "age"
           value = "36-50" />
      36 - 50
   <input type = "radio"</pre>
           name = "age"
           value = "over50" />
       Over 50 </label>
</form>
```

```
⊙ 0-19 ○ 20-35 ○ 36-50 ○ Over 50
```

Age Category

5. The <select> tag

- There are two kinds of menus, those that behave like checkboxes and those that behave like radio buttons (the default)
- Menus that behave like checkboxes are specified by including the multiple attribute, which must be set to multiple.
- The name attribute of <select> is required
- The size attribute of <select> can be included to specify the number of menu items to be displayed (the default is 1)

<select> (Cont'd)

- Each item of a menu is specified with an <option> tag, whose text content is the value of the item.
- An <option> tag can include the selected attribute, which when assigned selected specifies that the item is preselected.

```
Grocery Menu - milk, bread,
  eggs, cheese
<form action = "">
    With size = 1 (the default)
    <select name = "groceries">
      <option> milk </option>
      <option> bread </option>
      <option> eggs </option>
      <option> cheese </option>
    </select>
```



<select> (Cont'd)

- After clicking the menu:



- After changing **size** to 2:



Components (Cont'd)

Please provide your employment aspirations

6. Text area - created with
<textarea>

<textarea
 name="aspirations"</pre>

rows="3" cols="40"

placeholder="Be

brief and
concise">

 Usually includes the rows and cols attributes to specify the size of the text area.

</textarea>

</form>

<form action =

 The placeholder attribute specifies a text that disappears when the user types.

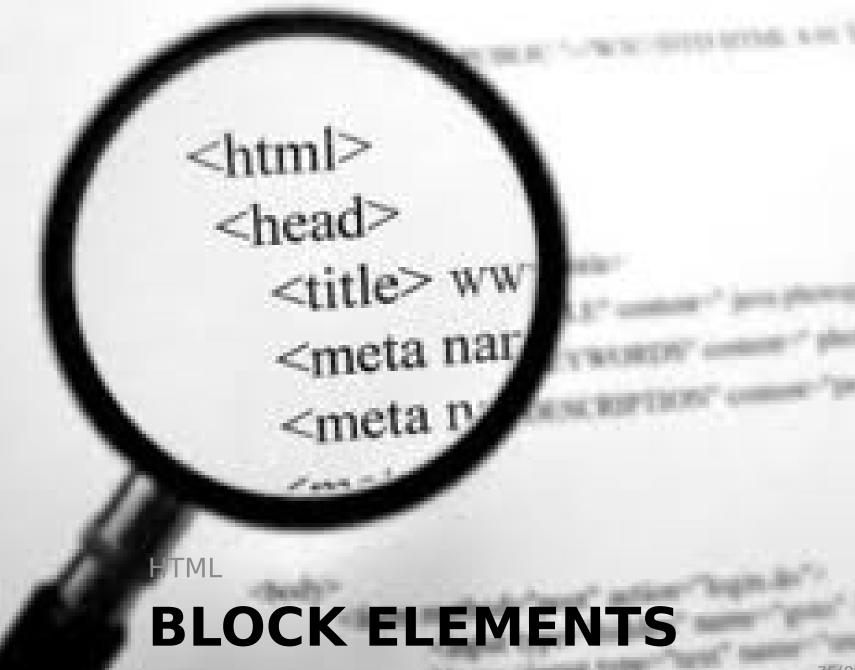
Be brief and concise

Components (Cont'd)

7. Reset and Submit buttons

Both are created with <input>

- Submit performs two actions:
- 1. Encodes the data of the form
- 2. Sends HTTP request to the server specified in the value of the action attribute of <form> tag.
- A Submit button is required in every form.
- Reset empties all components in the form and does not send any HTTP request.



Block and Inline Elements

- A block element takes up the full width available, and has a line break before and after it.
 Examples: <h1>, , <u1>,
- Page layout is managed by positioning block elements using CSS.
- A <div> is a block element that has no other purpose than to define a block. It is often used for layout.
- The 'opposite' of block element is inline element, which does not force line breaks and occupies only the necessary width. Examples: , <a>,
- A < span> is an inline element that has no other purpose than to define the element. It is also often used for layout.

Question 4



HTML5

- All HTML code in this presentation is valid HTML5 (using XHTML syntax).
- However, HTML5 adds lots of new features, like new elements, new attributes, extended CSS support, video and audio players, graphics, local SQL database, full duplex communication, and more.
- Browser support increases steadily, but it is necessary to check that all required browsers support the HTML5 feature you wish to use. A good source for this is http://caniuse.com.

HTML5 Goals (Cont'd)

- HTML5 is not just new features. It also has different goals than previous versions.
- Deliver rich content without need for additional plugins.
- Features should be based on HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
- Designed to be cross-platform and work for example on PCs, tablets, smartphones, and smart TVs.
- Error handling should be easier than in previous versions.

HTML5 Audio Element

- Prior to HTML5, a plug-in was required to play sound while a document was being displayed
- Audio encoding algorithms are called audio codecs e.g., MP3, Vorbis
- Coded audio data is stored in containers—e.g., Ogg, MP3, and Wav (file name extension indicates the container, not the audio code)
 - Vorbis code is stored in Ogg containers
 - MP3 code is stored in MP3 containers
 - Wav code is stored in Wav containers

HTML5 Audio Element (Cont'd)

General syntax:

Your browser does not support this audio format.

</audio>

- Browser chooses the first audio file it can play and skips the content; if none, it displays the content
 - Different browsers have different audio capabilities
 - The controls attribute creates a start/stop button, a clock, a progress slider, total time of the file, and a volume slider

HTML5 Video Element

- Prior to HTML5, there was no standard way to play video clips while a document was being displayed
- Video codecs are stored in containers
- Video codecs:

H.264 (MPEG-4 AVC) – can be stored in an MPEG-4 container

Theora – can be stored in any container

VP8—can be stored in any container

- Different browsers support different codecs
- The width and height attributes set the screen size
- The autoplay attribute specifies that the video should play as soon as it is ready
- The **preload** attribute specifies that the video should be loaded as soon as the document is loaded
- -The controls attribute is like that of the audio element

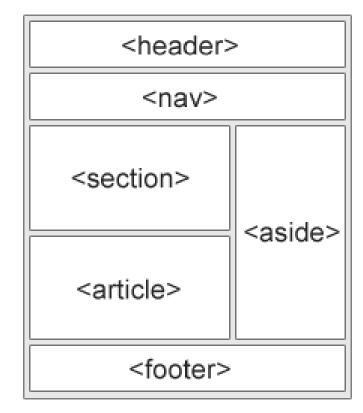
HTML5 Video Element

HTML5 Semantic Elements

- A semantic element is an element that clearly describes its meaning, e.g., <form>, , and .
- A typical non-semantic element is <div>,
 which was previously often used for
 layout.
- In order to make the code clearer, HTML5 introduces many new semantic elements as alternatives to <div>. Some examples are <header>, <nav>, <section>, <article>, <aside>, and <footer>.

HTML5 Semantic Elements (Cont'd)

- These new semantic elements represent a page layout as depicted to the right.
- Note that these elements do not make the browser place the blocks, that must still be done with CSS. The elements are just names to make the CSS clearer than using <div> for all these blocks.



Picture from w3schools.com

Many More HTML Elements

- There are many more new elements and attributes in HTML5 (and also in HTML4).
- w3schools.com is a good starting point for exploring them.

A Final World of Great Importance

- It is worth to iterate once more:
 HTML should only be used to define parts
 of a document.
- Layout is coded in CSS, client side behaviour in JavaScript and server side behaviour in for example PHP.
- This separation is necessary to maintain high cohesion.