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HTML

HTML is short for **HyperText Markup Language**.

HTML documents can contain formatted text, in-line images, and links to a wide variety of information types.

Limitations and problems with HTML

Extensions

The most frustrating problem you will most likely run into when designing your web pages is the issue of compatibility. HTML is very dynamic, and is constantly being modified, extended, and upgraded. Elements which one user may be able to view, may not be visible to another.

Your two main options for dealing with this problem are:

- 1. Stick to the official specifications.** Use only the universally expected tags so your pages will look very similar to all viewers.
- 2. Go with the extended options.** At the time of writing this, it was reported that over 87% of WWW users were using the leading browser program. Using the special tags for this browser will leave around 13% of Web users out, but will usually allow you to make much more interesting pages.

GOMER presents a mix of extended and strict tags. It is up to you to decide which you want to include in your documents. There is no 'correct' method... choose the option you feel most comfortable with.

Format

HTML was not originally intended for the elaborate pages it is now being used to create. Keep in mind that the language is still fairly simple, and there are many things which simply cannot be done yet in terms of formatting HTML documents.

Size

Because every element of a HTML document must be transmitted to the viewer, even a small difference in size can mean a difference in the amount of waiting time required to view the document.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is abusing images. Try to remember this handy tip... **An ENTIRE web page - images and text - should never exceed a total of 20k in size.** It is very common to break this rule, but try to always keep it in mind when designing. Amateurs (and even many professionals) tend to forget this rule, and produce pages with huge images; which may take many minutes to transfer. If your page hasn't loaded in a reasonable amount of time, chances are few people will bother to stick around for it.

Remember - every byte counts in web design. No one enjoys sitting while waiting for a large page to load. If you have quite a bit of information it is usually best to break it into better organized 'bite-sized' chunks, and put them on separate pages. Your audience can get to the information they are looking for more quickly.

About this Help File

Need help with an HTML Tag?

```
.on"><BR><HR><B>EDUCATI  
//www.wisc.edu/ETP
```

- **Highlight the tag** in the document you are working on
- Press the help key (**F1**).
- The appropriate help topic will appear when available.

Help with dialog boxes:

In addition to the F1 key, most dialog boxes have a  help button in the lower left-hand corner to bring up the appropriate help topic.

Because of the dynamic nature of the HTML specification and the speed at which it is evolving, this reference makes no distinction between official HTML Markup and extensions. Test any element you are unsure about with your browser program to see if it is supported.

Note: Some information has been intentionally simplified to help new users. This help file is intended for general reference only, for important technical reference, please use a more reliable source.

GOMER's HTML Tutorial 😊



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1. A simple page



- With Gomer running, press the  button, or select **New** from the file menu.
- The "New HTML Document" window should appear. Choose **OK** to accept the default values.
- The "Document Color Selection" window should appear. This window allows you to configure the text and background elements of your new document. Choose **OK** to accept default values.
- What you see is the basic template for an HTML document.
- Type `Hello!` between the `<BODY>` and `</BODY>` tags.

Your Document should look like:

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>New Document</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
Hello!
```

```
</BODY>
</HTML>
```

- Press the  (Save) button, or choose **Save As** from the File menu
- That's it! Start your web browser program and load the file from the Hard Drive.
- Your document should appear as:

Hello!

You should know:

- How to start a new document
- Where to enter text in an HTML document.
- How to save a document
- How to preview a document

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2. Formatting text



Use the document you created in the above lesson for this session.

- Type the words **Welcome to my Page** on the line below 'Hello!'. Enter additional text so your document appears as below:

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>New Document</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
Hello!
Welcome to my Page
So How Do You Like It?

Look out world.

</BODY>
</HTML>
```

- Preview your document, it should appear as:

Hello! Welcome to my page So How Do You Like It? Look out world.

- Highlight the word **Hello!** and press **SHIFT + F1** to enter the Header <H1> tag.
- Highlight the words **Welcome to my Page.** and press the  button
- After it, and between **Look out** and **world!**, press **SHIFT + ENTER** (or the  button) to enter the
 tag. This tag represents a line break, and will start a new line when viewed.
- Highlight the word **you.** and press the bold  button

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>New Document</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>
<H1>Hello!</H1>
<P>Welcome to my Page</P>
So how do <B>you</B> like it?<BR>

Look out <BR>world!

</BODY>
</HTML>
```

- Preview your document, it should appear as:

Hello!

Welcome to my Page

So how do **you** like it?

Look out
world!

You should know:

- Formatting depends on tags, not how it looks in the editor
- How to create a header
- How to format a paragraph
- How to enter line breaks
- How to format bold text

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3. Adding Images



You will need a .gif or .jpg image in the directory where the document is saved to complete this lesson.

The tag configures in-line images

- Place the cursor at the position in your document where you want the image. Press the camera button  to view the image dialog box.
- Select an image file and press OK. Preview your document.
- That is all you need to configure an image.
- It is a good idea to also include a description of the image in the **alternate text** area. This provides information to viewers who cannot see the image.
- Experiment with the other attributes available in the dialog box.

You should know:

- How to load the image dialog box
- How to include an image file in an html document
- Purpose of the ALT= element
- Effects of other available image attributes

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4. HyperText Links



HyperText links are one of the features of HTML which have contributed to the enormous popularity of the World Wide Web. Links allow users to jump from a page to any number of information sources.

- Create a new document, or use one created in a previous lesson.
- Place the cursor at the position where you want the link.
- Load the link dialog by pressing the  button.
- It is a good idea to also

Caption

- The caption box reflects the text a user will click on to reach the referenced URL.
- If text was selected when the caption dialog was opened, it will automatically appear in the caption box, otherwise you may type it there now.
- Place the cursor at the position where you want the link.

Internal / External Link

External

- The caption box reflects the text a user will click on to reach the referenced URL.
- You can use the prefix shortcut box to add common URL prefixes.
- Type the URL into the external link box

Internal

- Internal jumping to a specific anchor location within a document.
- Anchors within the current document are listed in the pull-down menu,
- Type the URL into the link box

Target =

- Use the Target attribute in a document using frames to specify where the followed link will be seen.

You should know:

- How to load the link dialog box
- Use of the Caption box of the link form.
- The difference between internal and external links
- Purpose of the TARGET= element

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5. Creating Lists



Gomer provides a handy tool for creating lists.

- If you already have the list typed into the document, highlight the list text.
- Press the  create list button.
- Select the proper list type.

Unordered (bulleted) List

- Make sure each list item is entered on a separate line.
- Select Bullet Style if desired.
- Press OK.

Ordered (numbered) List

- Enter each item on a separate line
- Select numbering style if required.
- Select starting number if needed.
- Press OK.

Definition List

- Place DT tag before each new term.
- Place DD tag between each term and definition.
- Press OK.

See Also:

[Lists](#)

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6. Creating Tables



Tables are a handy way to organize information in a web document.

- Place the cursor at the position in the document where you'd like the table.
- Press the  table button
- Select the proper number of rows and columns.
- Press OK.
- In the editor window, place cell information between <TD> tags.

Options

New Line for each cell

This option puts each <TD> tag set on a new line for easier editing.

Width

Not surprisingly, this sets the width of the table. (in pixels or percentage of page width)

Border

Sets the width of table borders.

Cell padding

Controls the space left between the cell wall, and cell data

Cell Spacing

Controls the amount of space between cells.

Caption

Allows for the table to have a caption

Editing Cells

After creating a table layout with the table tool, you will need to enter information into the individual cells.

Each set of <TD></TD> or <TH></TH> tags contains the data for one cell of a table.

Just about any information that can be put into a regular HTML document can be put into a table cell, images, links, and text are all commonly put into HTML tables.

Text

To put the word hello into a cell, you simply need to type it between the table data tags.

`<TD>Hello!</TD>` - would put Hello! into one of the cells.

Images and links

To put an image or a link into a cell, place the cursor between the tags, and use the normal tool buttons to create these items.

Table cells also support the COLSPAN, ROWSPAN, ALIGN=, and VALIGN= attributes.

See Also:

[<TABLE>](#)

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7. Creating Frames

Framesets can be a fun way to present interesting data in an unusual way.

- With a document open, select **Frames...** from the **Format** menu.
- Click 1 time anywhere you want on the white frame palette.
- A horizontal black line should appear.
- Click on the line and drag to move it. Drag off the screen to remove it.
- Place one line on the document, press OK.
- In the Configure Frame #1 box, choose a file for the first frame.
- Press OK, and continue to choose documents for the consecutive windows.
- Type **Oops, No Frames** between the <BODY> tags.
- Your finished document should look something like this...

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>New Document</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<FRAMESET ROWS="45%,55%">
  <FRAME SRC="TEST.HTM">
  <FRAME SRC="TEST.HTM">
</FRAMESET>
<NOFRAMES>
<BODY>
Oops. No Frames.
</BODY>
</NOFRAMES>
</HTML>
```

- Preview the document. If you see the frames, your browser supports frames, if you see a blank page with the words **Oops, No Frames**, your browser does not support frames.

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Learning Tips

Although HTML is easy to learn, getting started with any new language can be difficult. This tutorial covers the most basic aspects of HTML authoring. The lessons progress slowly, and you can repeat any if you are unsure of the subject.

Take some time to browse around the web to get a general idea of what can and can't be done.

Remember:

Although you can learn a lot from seeing other peoples' pages on the web, NEVER use someone else's source or images without their permission. Aside from the fact that it's illegal, and isn't a very nice thing to do, changing the HTML doesn't make it your property, and chances are the creator will recognize it anyway. A simple e-mail message complimenting the author, and requesting permission to use their methods will do wonders. They may even be flattered enough to help implement the item in your page.

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Summary of Tool Bar Buttons



Preview current document



New Document



Open Document



Save to Disk



Cut selected text to clipboard



Copy selected text to clipboard



Paste text from clipboard



Delete selected text



Insert [Line Break](#)



Mark [Paragraph](#)



Set [text attributes](#)



Insert [Horizontal Rule](#) (line)



Insert [image](#)



Create [Link](#)



Set [internal anchor](#)



[Bold](#) or [STRONG](#)



[Italicize](#) or [EMP](#)



[CENTER](#) or
[P ALIGN=CENTER](#) or
[ALIGN=CENTER](#)



Set [ALIGN=RIGHT](#) property



Set [ALIGN=LEFT](#) property



[Table](#) Dialog Box.



[Form](#) Dialog Box



[List](#) Dialog Box



Insert text as [Comment](#)



[Zap](#) all HTML tags from selected area.



Create [Header](#)



Print current document



Set [document color](#) attributes

About GOMER

GOMER provides the features needed by professional web designers and a simple text interface for total control over web documents.

Limitations

There are not buttons for everything in Gomer. There never will be. The intention of this editor is to simplify entering repetitive or complex tags, not shield the user from HTML scripting. Although GOMER will cut the time required to create a html document significantly, and aid new users in getting started with HTML, it is not meant to take the place of learning the context.

Registration Information

Contact information

For any questions regarding Gomer registration, please send E-mail to Stoopid Software at gomer@clever.net

To Register the Program

Please see the FORM.WRI and ORDER.WRI files for registration information.

Thank you.

Basic HTML tags

Here are a few of the basics to get you started.

Text

 	Line Break
<P>	Paragraph
	Bold
<I></I>	Italics
<BLINK></BLINK>	Blink

Graphics

<IMG	Start of image information
SRC="file"	Specifies image file
ALT="text"	Text to display if image cannot load
BORDER=x	x = border size
ISMAP	Sets image as an ISMAP image
LOWSRC=""	Specifies low-res file if desired
ALIGN=	sets alignment. Use: TOP, BOTTOM, MIDDLE, LEFT, RIGHT, TEXTTOP, ABS BOTTOM, ABSMIDDLE, BASELINE

Document

<HTML></HTML>	Identifies HTML document
<HEAD></HEAD>	Identifies header information
<TITLE></TITLE>	Document title .
<BODY></BODY>	Document body
BACKGROUND=	Document background image file.
BGCOLOR=	Document background color.
TEXT=	Document text color.
LINK=	Document link color.
ALINK=	Active link color.
VLINK=	Visited link color.

A more detailed list of tags is available by pressing **F5** while running Gomer.

Hyper-link

where X is any valid URL

Use this tag to create links within the current document, or to another file.

Example:

```
Please <A HREF="Myfile.html">click here</A>
```

Would appear as:

Please [click here](#)

Elements:

<A HREF=

Internal

"#***" Name of link within document (see: [A NAME](#))

External

"http://***" link to html document
"mailto:***" Send E-mail to ***
"ftp://***" link to FTP
"newsrc://***" link to USENET news
"***" Any valid URL

Used with [Frames](#)

TARGET=""
"*****" Name of frame.
"_TOP"
"_SELF"
"_PARENT"
"_BLANK"

clicking on the image or text between
these tags will bring you to the link.
(in this example "Myfile.html")

Document Elements <!... >

There are a variety of document elements which fall into this category.
the Document Type Definition is an example.

Internal Anchor ``

Example:

```
<A NAME="TOP"></A>
```

The `` tag will provide a destination for jumps within a document, or to jump to a specific location from another document. It is used in conjunction with the [<A HREF>](#) element.

Address <Address></Address>

Use this tag for displaying addresses

Example:

```
<Address>Bob Johnson<BR>
123 Johnson St.<BR>
Johnsonville, FL 12345<BR></Address>
```

Would appear as:

```
Bob Johnson
123 Johnson St.
Johnsonville, FL 12345
```

Align= property ALIGN=x

x can be any valid alignment for the element

Example:

```
<HR ALIGN=LEFT>
```

The Align property sets the alignment of an element in the HTML document.

The property must be part of another tag. Placing "align=right" alone in the document would just cause those words to appear.

elements: (depending upon item)

LEFT | CENTER | RIGHT | TOP | MIDDLE | BOTTOM | ABSBOTTOM | ABSMIDDLE | BASELINE

See Also:

[<HR>](#)

[<Hx>](#)

[](#)

[<INPUT>](#)

[<P>](#)

[<TABLE>](#)

[<TD>](#)

[<TH>](#)

Base .. <BASE ...>

Sets property of referenced item.

Example:

```
<BASE HREF="http://www.hello.com">
```

See Also:

[](#)
[<A HREF>](#)
[Target](#)

Big text <BIG></BIG>

Formats text in a larger size.

Example:

This is <BIG>Big</BIG> text.

Would appear as:

This is **Big** text.

See also: <SMALL>

Block Quote <BLOCKQUOTE></BLOCKQUOTE>

Used to clearly identify a block of text.

Example:

```
<BLOCKQUOTE>HELLO</BLOCKQUOTE>
```

Would appear as:

```
HELLO
```

Body <BODY></BODY>

Starts and ends the body of your HTML document. Nearly all of the information for a HTML document goes between the BODY tags. Document color specifications go in the first <BODY> tag.

Example:

```
<Body BGCOLOR="#FFFFFF" TEXT="#0000FF">
```

Would appear as:

A document with a white background and blue text

BACKGROUND=""	Background image file
BGCOLOR=""	Background color in hex
TEXT=""	Text color in hex
LINK=""	Link color in hex
ALINK=""	Active link color in hex
VLINK=""	Visited link color in hex
BGSOUND=""	Background sound file
LOOP=""	Number of times to play sound
BGPROPERTIES=FIXED	Non-scrolling background
LEFTMARGIN=""	Left Margin (no really!)
TOPMARGIN=""	Top Margin Size

See also: [Document Structure](#)

B **Bold** ``

Example:

This ``sample`` text.

Would appear as:

This **sample** text.

Use this tag to create bold text.

Shortcut key: **CTRL + B**

See Also: [](#)

Blink `<BLINK></BLINK>`

Example:

This `<BLINK>sample</BLINK>` text.

Would appear as:

In this example, the word "sample" would blink on and off when viewed.

Use this tag to create blinking text on browsers which support the feature. Be careful when using this tag, it is generally regarded as annoying, and overuse will give users a negative impression of your page.

Center `<Center></Center>`

Use this tag to center text or images on the page.

Example:

```
<Center>This sample text.</Center>
```

Would appear as:

This sample text.

If text is selected when the  is pressed `<CENTER>` is used, otherwise [ALIGN=CENTER](#) will be assumed.

See also: [<P ALIGN=CENTER>](#)

Comment <!-- -->

Example:

```
<!-- This sample text. -->
```

Would appear as:

Any text enclosed in this tag will not be shown when the document is viewed.

Use this tag to create comments.

note:

Some browsers incorrectly show tags which are enclosed in the comment. Although it is legal to enclose other tags in the <!-- --> you should remember that some viewers may actually see them when browsing the page.

Citation `<CITE></CITE>`

Use this tag to identify citations.

Example:

```
<CITE>this is a citation</CITE>
```

Would appear as:

this is a citation

Code `<CODE></CODE>`

Use this tag to differentiate Code text.

Example:

```
<CODE>this is code</CODE>
```

Would appear as:

```
this is code
```

Definiton <DFN></DFN>

Another tag used to differentiate text. Usually smaller, or in Italics.

Example:

<DFN>this is a definition</DFN>

Would appear as:

this is a definition

Definition List `<DL></DL>`

This list allows for the creation of definitions in a document.

Example:

```
<DL>  
<DT>Term<DD>Definition of the term.  
</DL>
```

Would appear as:

Term
Definition of the term.

<code><DL></DL></code>	Start/End of list
<code><DT></code>	Term
<code><DD></code>	Definition

Directory List <DIR></DIR>

Defines a menu

Example:

```
<DIR>
<LI>DIR ITEM
<LI>DIR ITEM
</DIR>
```

Would appear as:

- DIR ITEM
- DIR ITEM

See Also:

[Unordered List](#)
[Menu List](#)

Division `<DIV></DIV>`

Marks sections of a document.

Example:

```
<DIV ALIGN=CENTER>sample</DIV>text.
```

Would appear as:

sample
text.

`<DIV`

`ALIGN= LEFT | RIGHT | CENTER`

See also: [<P>](#)

Emphasis ``

Use this tag to create italicized (usually) text.

Example:

This `sample` text.

Would appear as:

This *sample* text.

See also: [<u></u>](#)

Font

This tag controls the appearance of text in an HTML document.

Example:

This sampletext.

Would appear as:

This **sample** text.

('Sample' should be red, and larger)

elements:

SIZE="X" +X | -X | X where X is any valid number.
COLOR=" " Hex # or Color name
FACE="x , x" Name of font(s) to use

Using the Frames Tool

- Click and Drag to move lines
- To remove lines click and drag off screen
- Up to 16 frames can be created (why would you want more?)
- When using Absolute sizes, remember that no browser uses the entire screen, and values should be adjusted accordingly.

See Also: [Creating Frames](#)

Creating Frames

Frames are used to present multiple HTML documents in the same browser window. At this time they are not part of any official HTML specification, and are not supported by many browsers.

Example:

```
<FRAMESET COLS="19%,81%">
<FRAMESET ROWS="21%,79%">
  <FRAME SRC="title.htm">
  <FRAME SRC="buttons.htm">
</FRAMESET>
<FRAMESET ROWS="21%,79%">
  <FRAME SRC="icons.htm">
  <FRAME SRC="main.htm">
</FRAMESET>
</FRAMESET>
```

Would generate the following frameset:



<FRAMESET> Configures frameset

Elements:

COLS=" " Columns - can be pixels, %, or * (remaining)
ROWS=" " Rows - can be pixels, %, or * (remaining)

<FRAME > Configures individual frame

Elements:

SRC=" " URL of HTML document to display in frame.
NAME=" " Name of frame for targeting.
SCROLLING= "NO" | "YES" | "AUTO"
NORESIZE Do not allow user to resize frame.

<NOFRAMES> Start of information to display if viewer doesn't support frames.

</NOFRAMES> End of information to display if viewer doesn't support frames.

Head Tag <HEAD></HEAD>

Example:

```
<HEAD>  
<TITLE>Hi</TITLE>  
</HEAD>
```

Contains [<TITLE>](#) tag and other document info.

The <HEAD> tag should follow the first [<HTML>](#) tag.

See also: [Document Structure](#)

Header `<Hx></Hx>`

(x is any number from 1 to 6; 1 being the largest size text.)

Use this tag to create a header. Headers are used as titles at the top of a document, or within individual sections.

Example:

```
<H2>Sample text</H2>
```

Would appear as:

Sample text

`<H1><H2><H3><H4><H5><H6>`

Note:

Sizes are for comparison only - Actual sizes vary greatly by browser.

Shortcut key: **SHIFT + F1 - F6**

Hex Colors "#FFFFFF"

Any color which can be displayed on a computer monitor (16.7 million of them) is made up of a composite of three base colors: Red, Green, and Blue (RGB). Each base color will have a value of 0 through 255. When these values are converted to hexadecimal 00-FF and placed in order, the six digit hex color code is created.

```
#000000 -Black (no red, green or blue)
#FFFFFF -White (100% of all colors)
#FF0000 -Red (100% red, 0% of green and blue... etc.
```

NOTE: The editor will take care of all of this for you, so you won't ever need to worry about it.

There are at least 2 web browsers that will now recognize literal color names, such as "BLUE" or "RED". Of course, it's important to note that hex values are compatible with the largest number of browsers, and are more configurable.

Horizontal Rule <HR>

Use this tag to create a dividing line between sections of information.

Example:

```
<HR WIDTH=70% NOSHADE>
```

Would appear as:



(A solid line 70% of the page width)

<HR

NOSHADE	No 3D effect on rule.
WIDTH=x	Sets width in pixels or percent of page.
SIZE=x	Sets thickness of rule.
ALIGN=	Sets alignment to LEFT, CENTER, or RIGHT.

HTML Tag <HTML></HTML>

<HTML></HTML>

Identifies HTML document.

Contains [<HEAD>](#), [<TITLE>](#) and [<BODY>](#) tags.

This tag should appear at the top and bottom of each document

See also: [Document Structure](#)

Image

Use the IMG tag to put pictures in your HTML document.

Example:

```
<IMG SRC="Myfile.gif" ALIGN=RIGHT>
```

Would display "Myfile.gif" in the current document.

Elements:

<IMG	Start of image information
SRC="URL"	Specifies image file
ALT="text"	Text to display if image cannot load
BORDER=x	x = border width
LOWSRC=""	Specifies low-res file if desired
ALIGN=	Alignment. use: TOP, BOTTOM, MIDDLE, LEFT, RIGHT, TEXTTOP, ABS BOTTOM, ABSMIDDLE, BASELINE
HEIGHT=	Specify height to speed loading
WIDTH=	Specify width to speed loading
ISMAP	Image map.
USEMAP=""	Client side image map
DYNSRC=""	VRML or AVI file to display
START=""	Fileopen or mouseover
LOOP=x	Repeat AVI x times
CONTROLS	Display controls for movie

ISINDEX <ISINDEX>

Identifies document as a searchable index

Example:

```
<ISINDEX PROMPT="Enter search text">
```

<ISINDEX> Create area for user input.
PROMPT="" Specifies Prompt (Browser Specific)

Italics `<I></I>`

Use this tag to create italicized text.

Example:

This `<I>sample</I>` text.

Would appear as:

This *sample* text.

Shortcut key: **CTRL + I**

See also: [](#)

Keyboard `<KBD></KBD>`

Use this tag to demonstrate text a user should type.

Example:

Next, type `<KBD>HELLO</KBD>`

Would appear as:

Next, Type HELLO

Line Break `
`

Use this tag to end the current line and start a new one.

Example:

This sample
text.

Would appear as:

This sample
text.

`
`

`CLEAR=""` LEFT | RIGHT | ALL | "x" - moves to clear area.

Shortcut key: **SHIFT + ENTER**

Link <LINK...>

Defines Relationships / Links related to a document.

Marquee <MARQUEE>

Defines moving text.

Menu <MENU></MENU>

Defines a menu

Example:

```
<MENU>
<LI>MENU ITEM
<LI>MENU ITEM
</MENU>
```

Would appear as:

- MENU ITEM
- MENU ITEM

See Also:

[Unordered List](#)
[Directory List](#)

Meta information <META...>

Defines Meta information in a document.

Example:

```
<META HTTP-EQUIV=Refresh CONTENT="5; URL=file2.html">  
<HTML>
```

Would appear as:

The browser would automatically load "file2.html" after the specified interval without requiring any special output from the server.

No Break <NOBR></NOBR>

Stop text from line wrapping.

Pre-formatted Text <PRE></PRE>

Text within this tag will be rendered in a monospace font, and will appear in the same format as when entered.

Example:

```
<PRE>This sample text.</PRE>
```

Would appear as:

```
This sample text.
```

Paragraph <P>

Use this tag to create blank space between, or paragraphs.

Example:

This <P>sample text.

Would appear as:

This

sample text.

Note: </P> closing tag is optional

</P> Closes <P> tag (Optional for most browsers)

ALIGN="" Specifies Paragraph [alignment](#)

If text is selected when  button is pressed, a closing </P> tag will automatically be appended to the end of the selection.

Pressing **SHIFT +**  will add the Align=center attribute to the <P> tag, causing it to function much the same as the [<CENTER>](#) tag.

 This button enters the <P ALIGN=CENTER> tag when strict tags are selected in the preferences box.

Shortcut keys:

CTRL + P To add the <P> tag. If text is selected, a closing </P> will automatically be added.

CTRL + INS Use this combination if you need to add a <P> tag with a closing </P> when no text is selected.

Lists

[Unordered](#) (bulleted) list

[Ordered](#) (numbered) list

[Definition](#) list

[List Item](#)

See Also:



[List Dialog Box](#)



List Dialog Box

This form helps speed creation of [lists](#).

Unordered List

- Enter each list item on a separate line.
- Select Bullet Style if required.

Ordered List

- Enter each item on a separate line
- Select numbering style if required.
- Select starting number if needed.

Definition List

- Place DT tag before each new term.
- Place DD tag between term and definition.

Text can be entered by typing into main document, and then highlighting before opening list form.

List Item

This tag designates an item in an [unordered](#), [ordered](#), [menu](#), or [directory](#)list.

Example:

```
<UL>  
  <LI> List Item  
  <LI> List Item  
  <LI> List Item  
</UL>
```

Unordered Lists

This type of list is represented by bulleted items.

Example:

```
<UL Type=circle>
<LI>This is a list
<LI>The Unordered type
<LI>Sample Sample
</UL>
```

Would appear as:

- This is a list
- The Unordered type
- Sample Sample

	Start /End of list
Type=circle	round bullets (default)
Type=square	square bullets
Type=disc	same as circle
	List Item

URL

Basically, the term URL refers to the address of a file on the internet. It allows a user to access a specific file among the billions which are currently available on the web.

Example:

`http://www.anysite.com/`

Ordered List

This type of list is represented by numbered items.

Example:

```
<OL START=1 TYPE=1>  
<LI>This is a list  
<LI>The Ordered type  
<LI>Sample Sample  
</OL>
```

Would appear as:

1. This is a list
2. The Ordered type
3. Sample Sample

 Start /End of list

Start=x Start list at x

Type=1 1, 2, 3 (Default)

Type=a a, b, c

Type=A A, B, C

Type=i i, ii, iii

Type=I I, II, III

 List Item

Sample `<SAMP></SAMP>`

Sample text. Usually fixed width

See Also:

[CODE](#)

Strikethrough <S></S>

Use this tag to Strikethrough text.

Example:

<S>HELLO</S>

Would appear as:

~~HELLO~~

Special Characters &xxx;

Example:

This file © Copyright 1996, Brad Klann

Would appear as:

This file © Copyright 1996, Brad Klann

To use a character which cannot be directly typed into a HTML document, use the ampersand (&) along with the character code or a # sign with that character's ANSI code.

<	<
>	>
"	"
©	© or ©
®	®
TM	™
&	&

note: These tags are not all supported in every browser. The editor has a larger list of special character codes.

Strong ``

Use this tag to create bold text.

Example:

This `sample` text.

Would appear as:

This **sample** text.

Shortcut keys:

CTRL + B

(With strict tags selected in preferences box)

See Also: [](#)

Title <TITLE></TITLE>

Example:

```
<HEAD>  
<TITLE>My Home Page</TITLE>  
</HEAD>
```

The title tag appears between the [<HEAD>](#) tags. Depending on the browser, the title will usually appear at the top of the browser window.

See also: [Document Structure](#)

HTML Document Structure

```
<HTML>
<HEAD>
<TITLE>My Home Page</TITLE>
</HEAD>
<BODY>

<!-- Document information goes here -->

</BODY>
</HTML>
```

This is an example of a very basic HTML document.

Use this format when producing HTML documents for the Web.
(The editor will automatically do this for you.)

See also:

[<HTML>](#)
[<HEAD>](#)
[<TITLE>](#)
[<BODY>](#)

Forms - Introduction

Forms provide an interface to an information gathering program on your server. Although you will most likely be exposed to a number of them, only advanced web designers will ever have to create forms, since a CGI program needs to be written, and many ISP's won't even allow this type of program to be run by private subscribers.

All form elements must be enclosed between these tags:

<FORM> **</FORM>**

elements:

ACTION=	URL data will be referenced to
METHOD=	Usually GET or POST
ENCTYPE=	Data format

See Also:

[<INPUT>](#)
[<TEXTAREA>](#)
[<SELECT>](#)
[<OPTION>](#)

Form Input <INPUT TYPE=...>

See also

TYPE=TEXT

Text box. Used for single line text input. The default input type for forms.

elements:

NAME= Name used for referencing input
SIZE= Size of text box
VALUE= Default value

TYPE=RADIO



Allows user to check options.

elements:

NAME= Name used for referencing input
VALUE= Default value
CHECKED Button will appear as checked

TYPE=CHECKBOX



Allows user to check options.

elements:

NAME= Name used for referencing input
VALUE= Default value
CHECKED Box will appear as checked

TYPE=RESET



Resets all form elements to their default values.

elements:

VALUE= Default value (displayed as caption)

TYPE=SUBMIT



Submits form data to specified URL

elements:

NAME= Name (optional)
VALUE= Default value (displayed as caption)

TYPE=IMAGE

Works a lot like an image map, but in conjunction with the form. The coordinates submitted by the user will be transmitted with the other information.

elements:

NAME= Name used for referencing input
SRC= URL of image file
ALIGN= Alignment of image file; [see](#)

TYPE=HIDDEN

Hidden Text box.

This input type is used for submitting information with a form. This field is not visible to, and cannot be changed by the viewer.

elements:

NAME= Name used for referencing input
SIZE= Size of text box
VALUE= Default value

TEXTAREA <TEXTAREA></TEXTAREA>

Used for multiline user text input.

elements:

```
<TEXTAREA  
  NAME=      Name used for referencing input  
  ROWS=     Number of textarea rows  
  COLS=     Number of textarea columns
```

Example:

```
<TEXTAREA NAME="textarea" ROWS=2 COLS=35>  
Text Area  
</TEXTAREA>
```

would look something like this:



See also:

[<FORM>](#)
[<INPUT>](#)
[<OPTION>](#)
[<SELECT>](#)

SELECT <SELECT></SELECT>

Allows user to make selection from several choices

Example:

```
<SELECT NAME="textarea" >
  <OPTION SELECTED>Dropdown Combo box
  <OPTION>Option 2
  <OPTION>Option 3
  <OPTION>Option 4
</SELECT>
```

would look something like this:



elements:

NAME=	Name used for referencing input
SIZE=	Size of Element
MULTIPLE	Allows more than one selection

See also:

[<FORM>](#)
[<INPUT>](#)
[<TEXTAREA>](#)
[<OPTION>](#)

OPTION <OPTION>...

Defines choices for the [SELECT](#) form element.

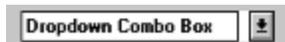
elements:

VALUE= Name used for referencing input
SELECTED= Displayed as selected initially

example:

```
<SELECT NAME="textarea" >
  <OPTION SELECTED>Dropdown Combo box
  <OPTION>Option 2
  <OPTION>Option 3
  <OPTION>Option 4
</SELECT>
```

would look something like this:



The user could choose from any of the other options as well.

See also

[<FORM>](#)
[<INPUT>](#)
[<TEXTAREA>](#)
[<SELECT>](#)

<FORM>
<INPUT>
<TEXTAREA>
<SELECT>
<OPTION>

Small text <SMALL></SMALL>

Formats text in a smaller size.

Example:

This is <SMALL>Small</SMALL> text.

Would appear as:

This is Small text.

See also:

<BIG>

Subscript ``

Formats text as subscript.

See also: [<SUP>](#)

Superscript ``

Formats text as superscript.

See also: [`<SUB>`](#)

Table <TABLE></TABLE>

A Table allows web page designers to organize data.

<TABLE></TABLE>

All table information is put between these tags.

Elements:

Border=	Table border size
Cellpadding=	Space between data and cell wall
Cellspacing=	Space between cells
Width=	Width of table in pixels or %

Related Elements:

<CAPTION></CAPTION>	Table Caption
<TR></TR>	Table Row
<TH></TH>	Table Header
<TD></TD>	Table Cell Data

Table Dialog Box

This form simplifies the creation of tables by laying out a basic template. After selecting table attributes, configure data elements in main editor.

Size Reference

This table shows the currently selected number of rows and columns

New Line for each cell

Checking this box leaves each <TD> element on a separate line.

Caption

Entering a caption for your table is optional.

See Also:

[Tables](#)

Typewriter `<TT></TT>`

Use this tag to display text as a monospaced font.

Example:

```
<TT>this is typewriter</TT>
```

Would appear as:

```
this is typewriter
```

Underline `<U></U>`

Use this tag to display underlined text. Because links are rendered as underlined text in many browsers, this tag can confuse some viewers.

Example:

This is `<U>underlined</U>` text

Would appear as:

this is underlined text.

Shortcut key: **CTRL + U**

Variable `<VAR></VAR>`

Use this tag to display variables.

Example:

Accessed`<VAR>`accesscount`</VAR>` times

Would appear as:

Accessed *accesscount* times

Word Break <WBR>

Use this to indicate possible word breaks.

Example:

Controlling Word break<WBR>age.

Could appear as:

Controlling Word breakage.

or as:

Controlling Word break-
age.

Because it is impossible to tell what size a line of text will be rendered at with every user's web browser, this tag allows for large words to be broken at specified positions rather than moving the whole word to the next line.

Remove all HTML Tags

This function will remove all markup tags from an HTML document.

This is handy if you need to convert a document to plain text, or if you want to redo a section of code.

Auto-break function

This function will automatically enter the
 tag at the end of every line within the currently selected text.

This is handy if you need to convert a plain text document to HTML.

Note: **SHIFT + ENTER** produces a single
 tag.

See Also: [
](#)

Auto-Paragraph function

This function will automatically enter the <P> tag on every blank line of the currently selected text.

This is handy if you need to convert a plain text document to HTML.

Note: **CTRL + P** produces a single <P> tag.

See Also: [<P>](#)

New Document Window

This window allows you to control the Document structure tags.

Document Title

Depending on the viewer's browser, this text will appear in the title bar.

Comments

Comments can't be seen when the document is viewed in a browser window. They are used mainly for information about the document, author, copyright, and creation and revision dates.

Buttons



Date



Time



Copyright & Year



Author's Name

Radio Buttons

The radio buttons on this form allow for the choice of DTD, No DTD, or No HTML Tags at all.

DTD is the information element containing document type definition information. This can be included in HTML documents, but it is not required.

No DTD is the default document format.

No Tags, use this option for creating non-HTML text files. If you need to write small scripts, or edit map files, you would not want to start with HTML tags.

Document Color Selection

This dialog box allows you to control the colors of the background, text, and links in the current HTML Document.

Background

Check the color box to select a background color for your document.

Check the image box to select a background image.

Text, Link, Active link, Visited link

Check box to change the color of the selected item.

Color="#000000"

This box shows the hex color code for the color displayed in the sample box.

Scroll Bars

Use the scroll bars to adjust the color of the selected item.

Custom Color Palette

This button brings up the windows color palette.

note:

- **All values are automatically reset when this form is loaded.**
- **To change the color of an item, the appropriate panel must be pressed in .**
- **Any unchecked items are left at the default value.**

Text Attributes

This form provides a quick reference to the most common HTML text attributes.

The upper panel shows a portion of the selected text for color reference.

See Also:

[Size](#)

[Text Color](#)

[Bold](#)

[Strong](#)

[Italic](#)

[Emphasis](#)

[Big](#)

[Small](#)

[Superscript](#)

[Subscript](#)

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Preview Options

When working with HTML documents, you are going to want to see what your page will look like. The only method of doing this (with any reliability) is to view it through the WWW browser, or several browsers for even more accuracy. This is the only way to see your page exactly as it will look when it is on the web. GOMER offers several methods of previewing your page.

Save Document, reload manually in browser(s)

I prefer this method for previewing HTML documents. Selecting this preview option is the same as pressing the save button on the toolbar. Each time you preview, you are saving the document.

To implement this method:

- After saving the file, start your WWW browser (or browsers) and load the file from the hard drive.
- To view revisions, press preview or save button to save the current file, next, press the reload button on your web browser. You can view the document on every loaded browser without resaving it. (saves some time)

Save current Document as temporary file, reload manually in browser(s)

This method is the same as above, except the file will be saved under a different filename in case you don't want the changes to be permanent.

Choose HTML Browser

With this method, Gomer will save the current document and load it into the selected browser. It is possible to specify up to 3 browsers to select from for previewing.

Gomer supports Dynamic Data Exchange with the Netscape™ web browser. This browser can be started through GOMER, and once running, pages can be passed to it easily.

Web Browsing programs which support command-line parameters can also be started through Gomer to preview pages, however, they must be closed when finished previewing to prevent multiple instances or possible errors.

Save file Preferences

You can choose between saving the current file before preview, or saving as a separate temporary file.

Save Current File

With this option selected, GOMER saves the changes to the current document, and launches the preview method selected above.

Use Temporary File

With this option selected, the current file will be saved as a file named ~temp.htm. If you select this option any changes to the current document will not be saved so you can revert to the last saved version if you don't like the newest changes. The ~temp.htm file will remain on your hard drive, but it will be overwritten with future previews.

Template Dialog

See Also: [Using Templates With GOMER](#)

Adding Templates to your list

To add template files to this list, you first need to create them.

- Create a normal document with all of the information you want on the template
- Save the file with the *.GTM extension
- You now have a Template

After you have created a suitable *.gtm file:

- Bring up the dialog again.
- Press the **ADD** button.
- Enter both a description, and the path to the template file.

Using Templates from the list

To use a template file from the list, just double-click on it's description.

Using Templates with GOMER

Templates can be used like a pattern for creating many web documents with much of the same information without entering it into each separately.

A Gomer template file is nothing more than a HTML file which has been saved with a file name extension identifying it as a template.

When a template file is opened, GOMER will not recognize it as a file, but will treat it as a new document. This helps to prevent accidental overwriting of the file.

Creating Templates

1. Create a document containing the information you want to be common to all documents which use it.
2. Save the document as a template by using the **.gtm** file name extension. (make sure to specify the extension, or it will default to .htm)

Using Templates

Gomer uses Template files in three ways:

1. They can be opened just like a regular file
2. They can be opened from the Template Dialog
3. A template file can be set as the default new document in the preferences dialog

Troubleshooting

Document text does not appear when loaded.

If no text appears in the document window, check the **window window font...** menu. The font may be set to a value which isn't supported by your system.

GOMER 'Hangs' when starting.

Check to see if enough memory is available. Close other applications and try starting Gomer again. If gomer will not load properly because of a corrupt initiation file, delete the **GOMER.INI** file to prevent reading of the incorrect data. You will lose any custom information, but the program should load properly.

Installation error: File not Found.

If you have any problems with the Setup program, you do not need to run it -- it's only function is to copy the .dll and .vbx files into your windows\system directory, the program files into whichever directory you specify, and create the program icons and group. This can all be done manually, and GOMER will run fine without ever using the setup program.

Cannot find VBRUN300.DLL

GOMER needs the vbrun300.dll run-time library file. This file is required for any VB application to run, so it is present on most machines. If you don't already have this file, it can be found nearly anywhere shareware files are distributed, or at the Gomer web site. (<http://www.clever.net/gomer/>)

THREED.VBX file is too old.

This error is caused by a conflict with another older copy of the THREED.VBX file.(usually in the \windows directory.) Search for multiple copies of this file and rename all but the one in the \windows\system directory. The file sent with the program is not the cause of this error, but other copies of the file on your hard drive must be disabled to eliminate this conflict error.

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The efforts of all contributors to this program are greatly appreciated. However, a couple of people came up with several especially helpful suggestions resulting in significant improvements in the program in multiple areas. These people deserve special recognition.

David Rawsthorne, Stewart Dean , Matthew Thompson

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General Information

This screen contains general information for use by the program.

E-Mail address

This e-mail address is used by the link dialog box for quick insertion into hyper-links.

Template information

If you prefer to start a document from a standard format instead of the default dialog boxes, you can specify that in this area.

Show Startup Screen

Unchecking this box disables the opening splash screen upon startup. This has no other effect on the program, other than making it load faster.

See Also:

[Using Templates](#)

Preferences Dialog Box

[Preview](#)
[HTML](#)
[General](#)

Preferences- HTML Tags

Tag Options

These functions can be created with more than one method. Choose whichever you prefer here.

Code in Lowercase

Inserts many of the most common tags in lowercase instead of the default Capital letters.

Revert to last saved version

The **REVERT** option under the File menu allows you to return the document you are working on to exactly how it was the last time it was saved. This works well after making large changes which you aren't too fond of.

The revert menu item will remain disabled when the displayed document is the same as the last saved version, or if the document has not yet been saved (still named Untitled)

Note:

Previewing a document will save it. If you aren't sure if you will want to keep any of the changes to the document, choose to preview the document with a temporary file.

Shortcut Keys

Shortcut keys eliminate the need to use a tool button or pull-down menu. I strongly recommend learning these keys.

F1	Help
CTRL+SHIFT+F1	Preview
SHIFT + ENTER	Line break
CTRL + P	Paragraph
CTRL + INS	Paragraph (closed)
CTRL + Z	Undo
CTRL + X	Cut
CTRL + C	Copy
CTRL + V	Paste
DEL	Delete
CTRL + B	Bold
CTRL + I	Italics
CTRL + U	Underline
CTRL + A	Text attributes
CTRL + M	Insert Image
CTRL + K	Create HyperText link
CTRL + L	Create list
CTRL + W	List Item
CTRL + E	List Definition
CTRL + H	Horizontal rule
CTRL + T	Create table
CTRL + D	Document colors
CTRL + F	Create frameset
Shift + F1	Header size 1
Shift + F2	Header size 2
Shift + F3	Header size 3
Shift + F4	Header size 4
Shift + F5	Header size 5
Shift + F6	Header size 6
F5	Preferences
F2	Quick Convert
F6	Tag quick-reference
CTRL + G	Find / Change
F3	Find next
F4	Replace
CTRL + F12	Last modified
F7	Upper case
F8	Lower case
F11	Edit / Select Custom
F12	Quick insert custom tag
CTRL + N	New File
CTRL + O	Open File
CTRL + S	Save File
CTRL + F5	Close all open windows
CTRL + F6	Cascade windows
CTRL + F7	Tile windows

Browse Files

Use this feature to preview HTML or other plain text files before you open them.

You cannot change any of the text in the preview window, however you may copy it to the clipboard, and paste it into an open document.

Double click on the file name, or click on the Open button to open.

The Delete button will permanently remove the selected file from your hard drive.

Known Bugs List

Problems Opening Help File

At the time of this writing, this has only been reported by 2 users and both were cured independently of the program. However, since it has not been duplicated here, it has not been isolated as yet. If you experience this problem, please report it to gomer@clever.net (of course if you are reading this file, you are most likely not having the problem)

Opening an Invalid File

Attempting to open a funky file, (image, executable, etc.) can create an *illegal function call* error. So far, this has only occurred with files which should not be opened with the editor anyway. This is a minor bug in the editor vbx, and not part of the Gomer program itself.

That's it for now...

Any bugs which are reported are corrected as quickly as possible, usually within a few days. New updates are put up on the web site as they are released.

Search / Replace

Search for and/or replace strings of text in an open document.

Enter String to search for:

Text to find when Find First or Find Next(F3) is pressed.

Change to:

Text which will be used to change when Change All or Change(F4) is pressed.

Match Case / Any Match

With Any Match selected, a word with letters of a different case, such as the capital T in "*The*" will match "*the*"; with Match Case selected, it will not.

Up / Down

Specifies search direction.

Words / Substrings

This option controls whether the search string can be found as any string, or only as an entire word.

Whole Page / From Cursor

Controls where to begin search from. Whole Page will start at top of page when direction is set to Down, bottom when direction is set to Up.

Find First

Finds the first instance of the string specified in the "Enter string to search for:" box. Additional instances can be found by pressing the F3 key, or changed with the F4 key.

Change All

Changes every instance of the string specified in the search box to the string specified in the "Change to:" box.

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Add Time

To add the time to the current document, click on the time box in the information bar (at the bottom of the editor screen.) This will only be visible when the screen is large enough for the box.

Check Tag Pairs

A common error in writing HTML is missing opening or closing tags. The tool checks about 40 of the most common tags to ensure they aren't missing closing elements.

The tool also checks the HTML, HEAD, TITLE, and BODY tags to see that there is only one pair of each in a document.

Quotation marks are counted, and a message box appears if an odd number is encountered. (note: this tool may miss some incorrect quotations-- an even number of unmatched quotes pairs will not be found)

Click and Drag Text Editing

This feature makes moving blocks of text quicker and easier than using cut and paste.

To move text within a document;

- Highlight the text
- Press and hold the left mouse button
- Drag to the proper position in the document
- Release the button

The highlighted text will be moved to the proper position.

Quick Cut and Paste

Gomer now supports quick editing of text with the right mouse button. Text can be cut from, and pasted into, the active document with the mouse.

When the right mouse button is pressed, a pop-up menu will appear. Choose to Cut, Copy or paste text from the pop-up menu.

Please Note:

Mouse cursor must be over the text window of the current document.

Text will be pasted at the position of the **text cursor** - *Not the mouse cursor*. To move the text cursor to the position of the mouse cursor press the left mouse button before pasting text.

Change Text Case

Upper Case / Lower Case

These tools change all of the selected text to upper or lower case.

Simple, but suprisingly handy.

Shortcuts:

F7 Upper Case

F8 Lower Case

Insert File into Document

With this, you can insert an existing text file into the current document.

Last Modified

Many Web authors like to display information about when a document was last revised. This feature easily adds this information.

Shortcut Key:

CTRL + F12

Remove Frames

If you want to redo, or eliminate the frames from a document, this'll do it for you quickly.

Word Wrap

Whether you prefer to view the lines of text in your document at actual length, or wrapped to fit the window, Gomer can handle it.

Word Wrap - Checked

All lines longer than the current window size will be wrapped to fit.

Word Wrap - Unchecked

All lines of the HTML document will remain as typed. Scroll to see any text not visible in window.

Custom Tool

If you need to enter a text string many times into a document, use this custom tool.

To edit or select custom text, press the **F11** key. (or custom, edit from the tags menu)

Whichever entry is selected when the window is closed becomes the default entry, and can be entered again by pressing the **F12** key. (or custom, Quick insert from the tags menu)

Beginning Tag

Information shown in this area will be inserted before selected text.

Ending Tag (if any)

Information shown in this area will be inserted after any selected text in the document. If an ending tag, is not needed, it is acceptable to leave this area blank.

Add Button

This button will create a place in the list for a new entry. Text can be entered in the areas at the bottom of the form.

Delete

This Button will delete the currently selected item.

Insert

Inserts selected item into current document. Function is the same as double-clicking on a list item.

Close

This button will unload the form.

Shortcut keys:

F12 - Quick insert selected entry

F11 Edit / Select custom text

Tooltips

These little yellow information boxes will pop up when the mouse pointer is over a toolbar button. They provide information about the purpose of the button.

To turn on (or off) tooltips, choose **Tooltips** from under the **Help** menu.

Quick Convert

Quickly converts special characters to a web-displayable format.

To Use:

- Press **F2** or choose *Quick Convert* from the *Tools* menu
- Type the character you want converted

NOTE: If a single character is selected when F2 is pressed, it will automatically be converted. If more than one character is selected, it will be replaced.

Other characters can also be created by typing the following characters:

Space	Non-breaking space
C	Copyright
R	Registered
T	Trademark (not currently supported by Netscape)

