

bout HTML Vocabulary 1.7.1

This program requires system 7.0 or later to run and AppleScript to print the pages via SimpleText. It was created by Carl Bäckström (Nisseb softwares) as a help to everyone who writes webpages in HTML, containing the usual tags for special characters, text styling, lists, forms and other useful tags. This file is \$5 shareware and a part of Nisseb software's \$10 shareware package containing some other useful programs. Please read the enclosed shareware license document for more. Paying the shareware fee would be very appreciated and encourage me to write and update more programs of this kind. Do not disturb modified copies! If you find something incorrect in this text, or have any other comments, suggestions or whatever, please contact me instead! Thank you!

I always write my own pages direct in HTML using SimpleText. I needed a fast and easy online help for special characters, rules about tables, and so on. I also wanted to make a little 'library' to copy for my friends, who also worked in HTML. HTML Vocabulary was written in SimpleText and converted into this standalone document using DialogMaker 2.2, ©James W. Walker, 1996. DialogMaker is an excellent tool is available at most ftp-sites, and creates standalone textdocument readers, without filling them with useless features like DocMaker does.

How to use the Vocabulary

Before using the vocabulary, you should know a few simple rules about how to write HTML. You can find information in magazines, on the net or from other resources. When you know the basics, this file may be a useful reference when you're writing your pages. The Vocabulary shouldn't be hard to read, but there is some conventions I am using that you should know about. HTML code is written in blue, as in **** where the tag is bold and the parameters are plain. Parameters written as contained in brackets, such as **[ISMAP]**, are optional and are not needed to be used. Sometimes, a parameter will have options, as in **SIZE=n%n**, where you may use either **n%** or **n**. The character **n**, by the way, represents a number. In the same way, **text** represents text, **url** the url (address) to a file, and **color** a specified color. You can read more about colors at the end of the Text Styles chapter. A tag with numerous parameters is written as **<TABLE [...]>**, meaning that the available parameters are too numerous to be listed in the example code. TARGET is used in many tags, but only described in the Picture and objects chapter. Please note, this Vocabulary does NOT include all available tags. Just the tags I know about, and some, like DOCTYPE, of which would require an whole Vocabulary in themselves to describe.

A few words about HTML standards...

Almost every browser supports the HTML 2.0 standard, set by the w3 organisation (www.w3.org). The two main browsers in use, Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer also have support for many tags in the HTML 3.0 definition, as well as some of their own extensions. The HTML 3.2 standard has not all HTML 3.0 tags. Netscape also supports some Explorer extensions, and vice versa. And they both come in new releases with new innovating features very often. In other words, it's very difficult to know which tags are supported by which browsers. The **** tag for example, is an Explorer extension, but supported in Netscape 3.0b5 and higher... However, don't forget the users of old browsers when you're building your pages.

Who am "I" and which other programs have I made?

y name is Carl Bäckström and I'm a 17 years old Swedish boy. If you want to know anything else about me, have a look at my website or send a little friendly mail. Computers aren't the most important part of my life, however, there are a lot of things I like to do before sitting in front of the screen... But when I do, I like to write some simple things for the Mac. There are some other stuff I've done which have been reviewed in magazines such like MacWorld and similar and brought onto CD's like the Netscape Web-authoring CD. Mailto Converter is a program that converts mailed webform results into readable text without the use of any cgi-script or that stuff. Mapper is the easiest way to create imagemaps, webmaps, clickable pictures or what do you like to call it. HTML LinkChecker scans the files for broken links and missing anchors. Calles Eudora Plugins gives some new features to Eudora, and finally there are some less useful and not yet released titles. Check out the website or mail me for information and free copies! All files are parts of my \$10 shareware package. Please read the enclosed shareware license document for more! You can reach me by mail or over the net on the following addresses:

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Version history

1.7.1 (12/01/97)

Spellchecked the Vocabulary, many thanks to Steve VanSlyck and Jerry Åman. Added a few new tags, there will be more. Also upgraded to ManualMaker 2.2 (used v2.0 before) which makes it possible to command-click on url:s to open them if Internet Config is installed. Also increased the height of this window. Users with old screens (like a Classic) may have to resize it manually.

1.7.0 (01/11/96)

Added some more tags, changed font and fixed the linewrapping.

1.6.0 (02/09/96)

Renamed the 'Picture' chapter to 'Picture and objects'. The WRAP parameter description in the Forms chapter is now more detailed, the EMBED tag was added, the HEIGHT parameter was added to the tables and some TARGET options were added in the links chapter. Thanks to Kjell Carli. This version history was also reordered to show the latest changes first.

1.5.0 (16/08/96)

Colorized the text to make it easier to read. Some new HEAD and META tags were added, thanks to Jerry Åman and Thomas Kahn. HTML Vocabulary is now also a part of my \$10 shareware package.

1.4.0 (30/06/96)

Added tags for frames and some new Netscape 3.0 innovations such as multi columns, the spacer tag and more. Also, I added a few words about animated gifs.

1.3.0 (28/05/96)

Added a lot of Internet Explorer tags and sorted the chapters in alphabetic order.

1.2.1 (18/05/96)

Added information about Client Side imagemaps (in earlier versions called Netscape maps). Thanks to Pascal Grenier for the suggestions! This stuff was missed in v1.2, stupid me!

1.2.0 (17/05/96)

Updated the text with some corrections and additions.

1.1.0 (26/04/96)

Changed all(?) painful grammar errors, many thanks to Mr. John Koch! Also fixed some bugs in the text, for example, `<TITLE="text">` didn't work quite well... Then I added the "Must end with..." string to most of the tags. Also added a lot of new tags, webmap chapter, forms chapter and more. Finally, I added the 'HTML 3.0 tag' and "Netscape tag" where I thought they were needed. Please note that I've probably missed a lot of these notes somewhere, so maybe you find a HTML 3.0 tag without this note. Thanks to Susan Anderson, the first registered user ever, for critique and support!

1.0.0 (17/04/96)

First public release.