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Stands for "anchor". This is one of the most basic HTML-tags, that makes the text and pictures between the start and end tags to act as a link to another page. HREF is the address to the linked file, usually a page, picture or a sound. #anchor is a specified part of a linked page, see below. The link can be opened in a different frame or window using the TARGET-parameter, and the tag can also be used to open an email-window. See the Appendix for more information.

The linked text will show up in a different color, usually blue, and also be underlined unless the user has turned off this feature. You can change the color of the linked text using the LINK and VLINK-properties to the BODY-tag, or you can use the FONT-tag within the A-tags to change the color. This will only work in newer browsers though. There is no way to prevent the text from being underlined, unless by the use of other techniques such as Style Sheets.

Linked pictures will have a colorized border, which can be removed using the BORDER-property to the IMG-tag.

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Defines a new anchor on the page. To link to the anchor from the same page, use , and to link to the anchor from another page, use , as described before.

To check pages for broken links and missing anchors, I've written a program named HTML LinkChecker. The program can be downloaded from http://www.calles.pp.se/nisseb/html_linkchecker.html.