About Entities

The original HTML-language does not allow special characters other than the usual ones in the English language. To write a Swedish å, ä or ö, to write accents of e and other characters or to insert symbols like \$ and $\mathbb G$, there are so called entities. An entity begins with an ampersand and ends with a semicolon, and in between, there are usually the character that is enhanced followed by a few more letters that indicates how it would appear. For example, é means $\'{e}$. An entity can also be written using "&#" followed by the character value and finally a semicolon.

The standard used to define entities is called ISO Latin-1. Today, many pages do have special characters anyway, since most browsers will understand them. If you're not using entities, you should include <META HTTP-EQUIV="Content-Type" CONTENT="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1"> in the head-section of your page.

Special Characters

There are a few characters that must be coded in different ways since they are otherwise used to define HTML-code, unless they are used within a set of SAMP-tags. You may use quotes and amps in the text, but not in tags (such as the ALT-text of an IMG-tag). These letters are

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< #60 &lt;
> #62 &gt;
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Also the non-breaking space entity is useful, since the browser normally won't care about multiple spaces, while multiple non-breaking spaces can be used as a simple way to add some horizontal space.

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Other Special Characters

Some of these characters cannot be printed in Courier, which is used here, or in Times that is the standard www-font. If you need characters that doesn't appear correctly, make it as a picture instead.

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