

# HTML, HyperText Markup Language

« *HTML* was originally developed by Tim Berners-Lee while at CERN, and popularized by the Mosaic browser developed at NCSA. During the course of the 1990s it has blossomed with the explosive growth of the Web. During this time, *HTML* has been extended in a number of ways. The Web depends on Web page authors and vendors sharing the same conventions for *HTML*. This has motivated joint work on specifications for *HTML*.

*HTML 2.0* (November 1995 (...)) was developed under the aegis of the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) to codify common practice in late 1994. *HTML+* (1993) and *HTML 3.0* (1995 (...)) proposed much richer versions of *HTML*. Despite never receiving consensus in standards discussions, these drafts led to the adoption of a range of new features. The efforts of the World Wide Web Consortium's *HTML Working Group* to codify common practice in 1996 resulted in *HTML 3.2* (January 1997(...)).

Most people agree that *HTML* documents should work well across different browsers and platforms. Achieving interoperability lowers costs to content providers since they must develop only one version of a document. If the effort is not made, there is much greater risk that the Web will devolve into a proprietary world of incompatible formats, ultimately reducing the Web's commercial potential for all participants.

Each version of *HTML* has attempted to reflect greater consensus among industry players so that the investment made by content providers will not be wasted and that their documents will not become unreadable in a short period of time.

*HTML* has been developed with the vision that all manner of devices should be able to use information on the Web: PCs with graphics displays of varying resolution and color depths, cellular telephones, hand held devices, devices for speech for output and input, computers with high or low bandwidth, and so on. 2.3 *HTML 4 HTML 4* extends *HTML* with mechanisms for style sheets, scripting, frames, embedding objects, improved support for right to left and mixed direction text, richer tables, and enhancements to forms, offering improved accessibility for people with disabilities...

...*HTML 4* is an SGML application conforming to . »

**Source.** *HTML Specification, version 4.01*

## Objectifs

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## Recommandations(s)

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 *HTML: The Markup Language*

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Document sur <http://www.w3.org/TR/html-markup/>

 *Spécification HTML*

Recommandation, version 4.01, du 24-12-1999

Document sur <http://www.la-grange.net/w3c/html4.01/cover.html>

 *HTML Specification*

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Document sur <http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/>