

# HTML <DOCTYPE> TAG

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## Description

The HTML <doctype> tag is used for specifying which version of HTML the document is using. This is referred to as the document type declaration *DTD*.

**NOTE:** The <!DOCTYPE> tag does not have an end tag!.

## Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML doctype Tag</title>
</head>
<body>
<p>doctype declaration <doctype> is mentioned at the starting of every HTML
document.</p>
</body>
</html>
```

This will produce following result:

doctype declaration <doctype> is mentioned at the starting of every HTML document.

## Declaration

HTML 4.01 has 3 possible doctypes: HTML 4 Strict, HTML 4 Transitional, and HTML 4 Frameset. Every HTML document you create should have one of these three DTDs.

### HTML 4 Strict

This document type includes all HTML elements except those that have been deprecated, and those that appear in frameset documents.

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/strict.dtd">
```

### HTML 4 Transitional

This document type includes all HTML elements including those that have been deprecated.

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">;
```

### HTML 4 Frameset

This document type includes all HTML elements in the transitional DTD as well as those in framed document.

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Frameset//EN"
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/frameset.dtd">
```

## HTML 5 Declaration

In HTML5 there is only one declaration i.e.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

## Browser Support

Chrome	Firefox	IE	Opera	Safari	Android
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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