

# HTML TEXTAREA TAG

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## Description

The HTML <textarea> tag is used within a form to declare a textarea element - a control that allows the user to input text over multiple rows.

## Example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>HTML textarea Tag</title>
</head>
<body>
<form action="/cgi-bin/hello_get.cgi" method="get">
Fill the Detail: <br />
<textarea rows="5" cols="50" name="description">
Enter your name
</textarea>
<input type="submit" value="submit" />
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

This will produce following result:

Fill the Detail:

Enter your name

## Global Attributes

This tag supports all the global attributes described in - [HTML Attribute Reference](#)

## Specific Attributes

The HTML <textarea> tag also supports following additional attributes:

Attribute	Value	Description
autofocus	autofocus	Specifies that on page load the text area should automatically get focus.
cols	number	Specifies the width of the textarea based on the number of visible character widths.
disabled	disabled	Specifies the width of the textarea based on the number of visible character widths.
form	form_id	Specifies one or more forms.
maxlength	number	Specifies the maximum number of characters in textarea.
name	text	Assigns a name to the input control.

placeholder	text	Specifies a short hint of the value in textarea.
readonly	readonly	Sets the input control to read-only. It won't allow the user to change the value. The control however, can receive focus and are included when tabbing through the form controls.
required	required	Specifies that a textarea is required
rows	number	Specifies the height of the textarea based on the number of visible lines of text. If there's more text than this allows, users can scroll using the textarea's scrollbars.
wrap	hard soft	Specifies the text to be wrapped in textarea.

## Event Attributes

This tag supports all the event attributes described in - [HTML Events Reference](#)

## Browser Support

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