

What are HTML Files?

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HTML is a computer language devised to allow website creation. These websites can then be viewed by anyone else connected to the Internet. It is relatively **easy to learn**, with the basics being accessible to most people in one sitting; and quite **powerful** in what it allows you to create. It is constantly undergoing revision and evolution to meet the demands and requirements of the growing Internet audience under the direction of the [W3C](#), the organisation charged with designing and maintaining the language.

The definition of HTML is **HyperText Markup Language**.

» *HyperText* is the method by which you move around on the web by clicking on special text called **hyperlinks** which bring you to the next page. The fact that it is *hyper* just means it is not linear i.e. you can go to any place on the Internet whenever you want by clicking on links there is no set order to do things in.

» *Markup* is what **HTML tags** do to the text inside them. They mark it as a certain type of text (*italicised* text, for example).

» HTML is a *Language*, as it has code-words and syntax like any other language.