

HTML spellcheck Attribute

#.. spellcheck="..."# controls spell checking of HTML elements. #.. spellcheck="..."# description, values and examples. HTML-5.com is a great guide for web developers. [TV Series & Actors and Actresses](#). Follow [TV Series](#) and [HTML 5](#) on Google+.

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The `spellcheck` attribute in HTML

The `spellcheck` property determines whether or not an HTML element will be spell checked. Try entering some text with spelling errors in the following input fields.

```
<textarea cols="75" rows="2" spellcheck="true" style="padding: 0 0.3em">This text area  
should be checked for misspelled words.</textarea>  
<textarea cols="75" rows="2" spellcheck="false" style="padding: 0 0.3em">This text area  
should not be checked for misspelled words.</textarea>
```

This is a contenteditable paragraph. It should be checked for misspelled words.

This is a contenteditable paragraph. It should not be checked for misspelled words.

WebKit browsers such as Chrome and Safari will not highlight (with a dotted red underline) the misspelled words in the existing content, such as "misspelled" in the examples above. If you type in those fields, any spelling errors in new text that is entered in fields created by HTML elements with the `spellcheck` property set to **true** will be spell checked, but the text decoration of pre-existing content will not be changed.

How to code the `spellcheck` attribute

Make sure you understand the [difference between an attribute and property](#) and are familiar with the [definitions](#) of other [HTML terms](#).

The spellcheck attribute is an enumerated attribute, *not* a [boolean attribute](#). There are four possible ways to code the `spellcheck` attribute to set the `spellcheck` property of an element:

1. omit the `spellcheck` attribute, in which case the value of the `spellcheck` property will be inherited
2. `spellcheck=" "`, which sets the `spellcheck` property to **true**
3. `spellcheck="true"`, which sets the `spellcheck` property to **true**
4. `spellcheck="false"`, which sets the `spellcheck` property to **false**

All other values are not valid.

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