

## HTML <acronym> Tag Deprecated

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#### Avoid the Deprecated <acronym> Tag in HTML 5

The `<acronym>` tag should not be used in HTML 5 because it is not a valid `<abbr>HTML</abbr>` element in the `<abbr>HTML 5</abbr>` specification.

Acronyms should be enclosed by the [HTML <abbr> tag](#). Since some browsers, most notably IE, do not activate the tool tip to assist the user when the `title` attribute appears on the `<abbr>` tag, the `abbr` element with the acronym should be placed inside an [a href element](#) with the `title` attribute on the starting `<a>` tag. The easiest way to do this is simply look up the HTML code for any acronyms that you want to use in the [acronym dictionary](#), at [Acronyms .net](#).

If you are not sure of the proper spelling of an acronym, you can [search for acronyms](#) based on the [meaning of the acronym](#) in the [Acronym Finder](#). then click on the "usage" link for that term and copy-and-paste the code provided.

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