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Avoid the Deprecated Inline Style Tags in HTML 5

The following inline style tags should be avoided because they are not valid in `HTML 5`:

- `big`
- `blink`
- `tt` (teletype text)
- `u` (underlined text) was deprecated in [HTML version 4](#) but added back in HTML 5 for special circumstances, such as to underline proper names in Chinese
To avoid confusion with [hypertext links](#), one of the [alternatives to the <u> tag](#) should be used instead; if the underline is required, the `style="text-decoration: underline"` [CSS style](#) should be used instead.
- `strike`, which has been deprecated since HTML version 4 and should be replaced with one of the following:
 - the [HTML tag](#), *only* if the content is to be considered as if it were `<dfn>effectively</dfn>` removed from the document,
 - the [HTML <s> tag](#), which was deprecated in HTML 4 but is now valid in HTML 5, if the content is inaccurate, incorrect or no longer relevant but is only to *appear* to be stricken and not actually removed from the document, or
 - the `style="text-decoration: line-through"` [CSS style](#), which allows the appearance to be changed dynamically based on a [CSS media type rule](#) or user-selected [alternate style sheets](#)

Styles of elements in HTML documents should be provided using `<abbr>CSS</abbr>` rather than inline style tags.

Although these are tags that are not *valid* in HTML 5, for backward compatibility with existing documents, these style tags may be supported in HTML 5 compliant browsers. However, when **creating web documents** conforming to the HTML 5 specifications, authors should avoid these deprecated tags.

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