

HTML <bdo> Tag for Bi-Directional Override

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The <bdo> Tag in HTML 5

The HTML <bdo> tag (bi-directional override) explicitly overrides the directionality property of the text within the **bdo** element. It is one of the [formatting tags in HTML 5](#). The required [dir](#) attribute specifies the direction of the text.

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<bdo> Tag Syntax

Rules for coding HTML **bdo** elements

```
<a mode="pre" href=" ../body-tag/index.html#syntax"><body></a>
...
<a mode="pre" href=" ../html-tag-list.html#phrasing-content-model">... phrasing content
<b mode="pre"><bdo dir="direction"></b><a mode="pre" href=" ../definitions/index.html#phr
...
</body>
```

Rules for coding HTML **bdo** elements

Make sure you understand the [difference between a tag and element](#) and are familiar with the [definitions](#) of [namespace](#) and other [HTML terms](#).

1. Code the **bdo** element where [phrasing content](#) is expected.
2. Begin the **bdo** element with a starting <bdo> tag. The element name uses lower case letters and should be in the [HTML namespace](#), which it will pick up automatically from the [xmlns](#) attribute on the <html> tag.
3. Inside the starting <bdo> tag code the required [dir](#) attribute with the direction along with any [HTML global attributes](#) as appropriate.
4. Inside the **bdo** element, between the starting <bdo> tag and the ending </bdo> tag, code the inner HTML [phrasing content](#).
5. End the **bdo** element with a matching </bdo> closing tag.

Content Model

The content of the **bdo** element can include [HTML comments](#), [text content](#) and only those [HTML tags that can be used in phrasing content](#).

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<bdo> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the <bdo> tag

global attributes	In addition to the personal attributes of the <bdo> tag below, any of the common HTML attributes can also be coded.
<code>dir="ltr"</code> <code>dir="rtl"</code>	directionality <i>required</i>

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<bdo> Tag Examples

Examples of the `bdo` tag in HTML 5

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Changes in HTML 5 - <bdo> Tag

What's new in HTML 5

The <bdo> tag is one of the new elements in HTML 5.

Differences between HTML 5 and earlier versions of HTML

The <bdo> tag did not exist in older versions of HTML.

The [2000-2010 Recommendations from the W3C HTML Working Group](#) defined the [HTML namespace](#) for the names of all [HTML element types](#), which now includes the **bdo** element name. In older (pre-2000) [versions of HTML](#), element type names were not associated with a namespace.

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