

## HTML <s> Strike Tag

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### The <s> Tag in HTML 5

The HTML `<s>` tag for *strike out* text is used to indicate content that is inaccurate, incorrect or no longer relevant. The `s` element is one of the [phrase elements in HTML](#). Content inside an `s` element is often displayed in a `<dfn class="no-br">strike-through font</dfn>` using a [text-decoration: line-through style property](#).

The `<s>` tag should *not* be used to indicate a [deletion from an HTML document](#). To provide a standing record of the original text of a blog entry or other actual deletions, the [<del> tag](#) should be used instead. The `<s>` tag should only be used for other purposes, such as:

- to highlight text that is to *appear* as if it were deleted, sometimes used as humor as in the political correctness "corrections" in `<q>He is <s class="no-br">so retarded</s> <s class="no-br">as dumb as a rock!</s> not so bright.</q>`
- to mark items as complete in a to do list (although it would be more appropriate to code a `class="complete"` attribute on each item that references a common style with the [text-decoration: line-through property](#) for the strike-through effect.)
- to indicate something that would be considered a mistake if used, as in the examples below.

Incorrect: `<s><th colspan="3"></s>`

Correct: `<th colspan="3">`

This shows how the [example <s> tag code](#) below would be displayed.

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### <s> Tag Syntax

```
<a mode="pre" href="../body-tag/index.html#syntax"><body></a>
...
  <a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#phrasing-content-model">... phrasing content
...
</body>
```

#### Rules for coding the HTML `s` element

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 `s` element for strike-through text where [phrasing content](#) is expected.

2. Begin the **s** element with a starting `<s>` 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. Include any [HTML global attributes on the <s> tag](#) as appropriate.
4. Inside the **s** element, between the starting `<s>` tag and the ending `</s>` tag, code the inner HTML [phrasing content](#).
5. End the **s** [element](#) with a matching `</s>` closing tag.

## Content Model

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

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## `<s>` Tag Attributes

### Attributes of the `<s>` tag

<a href="#">global attributes</a>	The only attributes that can be coded on the <code>&lt;s&gt;</code> tag are the <a href="#">common HTML attributes</a> .
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## `<s>` Tag Examples

### Examples of the `<s>` tag in HTML 5

#### Example `<s>` tag to strike text

```
<h6>Avoid mismatched quotes in attribute values</h6>
<p>Incorrect: <s><th colspan="3'"></s><br/>
Correct: <th colspan="3"></p>
```

### Style alternative to the `<s>` tag

Instead of using the `<s>` tag to strike out text, a `<span>` tag with a [class attribute](#) or [style attribute](#) can be used to display the content with a [text-decoration: line-through property](#).

Incorrect: `<th colspan="3'">`

Correct: `<th colspan="3">`

With this approach and [alternative style sheets](#) the user can change the style. To see this in action in the example above select the "Incorrect code in red" style from the View -> Page Style menu in Firefox or from the View -> Style menu in Opera or IE.

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## Changes in HTML 5 - `<summary>` Tag

### What's new in HTML 5

#### Differences between HTML 5 and earlier versions of HTML

The `<s>` tag and `<strike>` tag were both deprecated in HTML 4, but the `<s>` tag may now be used in HTML 5 code. The `<strike>` tag should *never* be used, and neither it nor the `<s>`

tag should be used in HTML 4 code until the [DOCTYPE declaration](#) is modified to [convert to HTML 5](#).

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