

HTML dir attribute

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The `dir` attribute in HTML

Sets the value of the directionality property

Directionality of text

Property name:	directionality
Attribute name:	<code>dir</code>
Attribute type:	enumerated attribute
Inherited:	Yes

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

`dir="ltr"`

left to right

`dir="rtl"`

right to left

`dir="auto"`

the direction is determined by the content of the element

The default value of the **directionality** property when the attribute is not coded on the [top element](#) is `ltr` (left to right). On other elements where the attribute is not coded, the value of the **dir** property is inherited from the parent element.

The directionality can be overridden with the [<bdo> tag \(bi-directional override\)](#) or the [<bdi> tag \(bi-directional isolation\)](#).

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