

HTML <figcaption> Tag

Description, syntax, usage, attributes and examples of the HTML <figcaption> tag
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The <figcaption> Tag in HTML 5

The <figcaption> tag is used to put a caption above or below a [figure](#) in HTML. The **figcaption** element is one of the [phrase elements in HTML](#).

Figure with caption

```
<figure> </img>
  <figcaption>Example of HTML <figure> with <figcaption></figcaption> </figure>
```

This is an actual working example of the [<figcaption> tag example code](#) below.

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<figcaption> Tag Syntax

```
<a mode="pre" href="../body-tag/index.html#syntax"><body></a>
...
<a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#flow-content-model">... flow content expected ...
<a mode="pre" href="../figure-tag/index.html#syntax"><figure></a>
  <b mode="pre"><figcaption></b>
    <a mode="pre" href="../../definitions/index.html#flow-content">... flow content ...</a>
  <b mode="pre"></figcaption></b>
  <a mode="pre" href="../../definitions/index.html#flow-content">... flow content ...</a>
</figure>
...
<a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#flow-content-model">... flow content expected ...
<a mode="pre" href="../figure-tag/index.html#syntax"><figure></a>
  <a mode="pre" href="../../definitions/index.html#flow-content">... flow content ...</a>
  <b mode="pre"><figcaption></b>
    <a mode="pre" href="../../definitions/index.html#flow-content">... flow content ...</a>
  <b mode="pre"></figcaption></b>
</figure>
...
</body>
```

Rules for coding HTML **figcaption** 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. Include a **figcaption** element inside a [figure element](#) where [flow content](#) is expected.
2. Begin the **figcaption** element with a starting <figcaption> 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 **figcaption** element, between the `<figcaption>` starting tag and the `</figcaption>` ending tag, code the inner HTML **flow content** for the figure caption.
4. End the **figcaption** element with a matching `</figcaption>` closing tag.

Content of the figcaption element

The content of the **figcaption** element can include [HTML comments](#), [text content](#) and any [tags that can be used in flow content](#).

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<figcaption> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the <figcaption> tag

[global attributes](#)

In addition to the personal attributes of the `<figcaption>` tag below, any of the [common HTML attributes](#) can also be coded.

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<figcaption> Tag Examples

Examples of the `figcaption` tag in HTML 5

Figure with `<figcaption>`

```
<div style="text-align: center; margin: 1em">
  <figure>
    <br/>
    <figcaption>Example of HTML &lt;figure&gt; with
    &lt;figcaption&gt;</figcaption>
  </figure>
</div>
```

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Changes in HTML 5 - <figcaption> Tag

What's new in HTML 5

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

Differences between HTML 5 and earlier versions of HTML

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

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