

HTML <label> Tag

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The <label> Tag in HTML 5

The <label> tag is used to create a field label for an input field in an [HTML form](#).

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<label> 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="../form-tag/index.html#syntax">form</a> <a mode="pre" href="../at
...
<a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#phrasing-content-model">... phrasing content e
<a mode="pre" href="../definitions/index.html#phrasing-content">... phrasing content
...
</form>
...
<a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#phrasing-content-model">... phrasing content expe
<a mode="pre" href="../definitions/index.html#phrasing-content">... phrasing content ...
...
</body>
```

Rules for coding HTML label 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 **label** element where [phrasing content](#) is expected, usually inside a [form element](#).
2. Begin the **label** element with a starting <label> 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 a [for attribute](#) with the [id](#) of the input field being labeled, unless that field will be the default one inside the **label** element.
4. If the label is for a field on a form that can be submitted but is *outside* that [form element](#), include a [form attribute](#) referencing the form the label is to be associated with.
5. Include any other [attributes on the <label> tag](#) as appropriate.
6. Inside the **label** element, between the starting <label> tag and the ending </label> tag, code the inner HTML [phrasing content](#). The content will normally include [text content](#) for the label and the input field the label applies to.
7. End the **label element** with a matching </label> closing tag.

Content Model

The content of the **label** element can include [HTML comments](#), [text content](#) and only those [HTML tags that can be used in phrasing content](#). If there is no [for](#) attribute then the label will be associated with the first [button](#), [input](#), [keygen](#), [meter](#), [output](#), [progress](#), [select](#) or [textarea](#) element inside the **label** element.

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<label> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the <label> tag

global attributes	In addition to the personal attributes of the <label> tag below, any of the common HTML attributes can also be coded.
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Changes in HTML 5 - <label> Tag

What's new in HTML 5

Differences between HTML 5 and earlier versions of HTML

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

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