

HTML <param> Tag

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The <param> Tag in HTML 5

The <param> tag specifies parameters for an object when the [<object> tag](#) is used to embed content from an external resource into a web page.

Using an <object> to embed a YouTube video

The "old" embed code for YouTube uses the [object element](#) with <param> tags, as shown below. (The "new" embed code uses the [<iframe> tag](#) instead.)

```
<object width="640" height="390"> <param name="movie" value="http://www.YouTube.com/v/GGT8ZCTBoBA?fs=1&hl=en_US"></param> <param name="allowFullScreen" value="true"></param> <param name="allowScriptAccess" value="always"></param> <embed src="http://www.YouTube.com/v/GGT8ZCTBoBA?fs=1&hl=en_US" type="application/x-shockwave-flash" allowScriptAccess="always" allowfullscreen="true" width="640" height="390"></embed> </object>
```

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<param/> Tag Syntax

Rules for coding HTML `param/` elements

```
<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=".../object-tag/"><object type="type/subtype" ...></a>
    <b mode="pre"><param name="pname" value="pvalue"/></b>
    ...
    <a mode="pre" href=".../definitions/index.html#flow-content">... flow content ...</a>
  </object>
  ...
</body>
```

<param/> Content Model

Contents of the param element

Content: *Empty*. All properties are coded using [attributes](#).

Since the `<param/>` tag is a [void element](#), it is not allowed to have any content, even [HTML comments](#) and therefore should always be coded as a self-closing [standalone tag](#), ending with the delimiter string `/>` rather than just `>` (`<param ... />`).

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<param> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the <param> tag

[global attributes](#)

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

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<param> Tag Examples

Examples of the `param` tag in HTML 5

Example of embedding video in HTML 5

The "old" YouTube embed code used the [<object> tag](#) with <param> tags and an [<embed> tag](#). (The "new" YouTube code uses the [<iframe> tag](#).)

```
<<a mode="pre" class="nobr" href="/object-tag/"></a>    width="640" height="390">
<b mode="pre"><param name="movie" value="http://www.YouTube.com/v/GGT8ZCTBoBA?fs=1&hl=en_US"/></b>
<b mode="pre"><param name="allowFullScreen" value="true"/></b>
<b mode="pre"><param name="allowScriptAccess" value="always"/></b>
<<a mode="pre" class="nobr" href="/embed-tag/"></a>    src="http://www.YouTube.com/v/GGT8ZCTBoBA?fs=1&hl=en_US"
      type="application/x-shockwave-flash"
      allowScriptAccess="always" allowfullscreen="true"
      width="640" height="390"/>
</object>
```

The [<embed> tag](#) provides a fallback for browsers that do not support the [<object> tag](#).

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Changes in HTML 5 - <param> 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 **param** 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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