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The <select> Tag in HTML 5

The <select> tag is used to create a drop-down box with a selection list in an HTML form. It is one of the tags for interactive content in HTML.

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<select> 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="../../att
        ...
      <a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#phrasing-content-model">... phrasing content e
          <a mode="pre" href="../optgroup-tag/"><optgroup></a>
            <a mode="pre" href="../optgroup-tag/"><option></a><a mode="pre" href="../../definit
          </optgroup>
          ... and/or ...
          <a mode="pre" href="../optgroup-tag/"><option></a><a mode="pre" href="../../definition
      <b mode="pre"></select></b>  ...
        ...
    </form>
    ...
    <a mode="pre" href="../html-tag-list.html#phrasing-content-model">... phrasing content expe
        <a mode="pre" href="../optgroup-tag/"><optgroup></a>
          <a mode="pre" href="../optgroup-tag/"><option></a><a mode="pre" href="../../definition
        </optgroup>
        ... and/or ...
        <a mode="pre" href="../optgroup-tag/"><option></a><a mode="pre" href="../../definitions/
      <b mode="pre"></select></b>  ...
      ...
  </body>
```

Rules for coding HTML select 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 **select** element where phrasing content is expected, usually inside a **form element**.
2. Begin the **select** element with a starting <select> 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. If the field is for a form that can be submitted but is *outside* that **form** element, include a `form` attribute referencing the form the select is to be associated with.

4. Include any other attributes on the <select> tag as appropriate.

5. Inside the **select** element, between the `<select>` start tag and `</select>` end tag, code the inner HTML phrasing content.

6. End the **select** element with a matching `</select>` closing tag.

Content Model

The content of the **select** element can include HTML comments, text content and only those HTML tags that can be used in phrasing content.

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<select> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the <select> tag

global attributes	In addition to the personal attributes of the <select> tag below, any of the common HTML attributes can also be coded.
`autofocus="autofocus"`	Sets the value of the <select autofocus> boolean attribute to `true`. Omitting it sets to `false`.
`disabled="disabled"`	Sets the value of the <select disabled> boolean attribute to `true`. Omitting it sets to `false`.
`form`	
`multiple="multiple"`	Sets the value of the <select multiple> boolean attribute to `true`. Omitting it sets to `false`.
`name`	
`size`	

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Changes in HTML 5 - <select> Tag

What's new in HTML 5

The autofocus="autofocus" and form attributes have been added.

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 **select** 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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