

HTML <thead> Tag for Table Header

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The <thead> Tag in HTML 5

The <thead> tag is used to create an area of table headings in HTML. When the table spans multiple pages, such as when a large table on a web page is printed, the table heading code within the **thead** element will appear on each page above the [table body](#).

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|
| | Multiple Column Heading | |
| First Column Heading | Second Column Heading | |
| Row 1 | Row 1 Column 1 | Row 1 Column 2 |
| Row 2 | Row 2 Column 1 | Row 2 Column 2 |
| This is an example of an HTML table footer. | | |

This is an actual working demo of the [table header example code](#) below. (Do [View Source](#) to verify that this page is using the [HTML 5 DOCTYPE](#). You can also verify it is [Valid HTML 5](#) using the [HTML Validator](#). Try using it to validate URLs with HTML examples from other places that claim to be HTML 5 web sites!)

See the tutorial on [Creating HTML Tables](#) for full details on [how to create an HTML table](#) using the [HTML table tags](#) together.

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<thead> 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=".../table-tag/index.html#syntax"><table></a>
<b mode="pre"><thead></b>
<a mode="pre" href=".../tr-tag/index.html#syntax"><tr></a>
<a mode="pre" href=".../th-tag/index.html#syntax"><th>...</th></a>
...
</tr>
<b mode="pre"></thead></b>
<a mode="pre" href=".../tbody-tag/index.html#syntax"><tbody></a>
<a mode="pre" href=".../tr-tag/index.html#syntax"><tr></a>
<a mode="pre" href=".../td-tag/index.html#syntax"><td>...</td></a>
...
</tr>
</tbody>
<a mode="pre" href=".../tfoot-tag/index.html#syntax"><tfoot></a>
```

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<a mode="pre" href="../tr-tag/index.html#syntax"><tr></a>
    <a mode="pre" href="../td-tag/index.html#syntax"><td>...</td></a>
    ...
</tr>
</tfoot>
</table>
</body>

```

Rules for coding the HTML `<thead>` element

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Child Elements of the `<thead>` tag

`<tr>` tag(s)

A `<tr>` tag for each table row with `<th>` tag(s) for each column heading.

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<thead> Tag Attributes

Attributes of the `<thead>` tag

[global attributes](#)

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

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<thead> Tag Examples

Examples of the `<thead>` tag in HTML 5

Here is the HTML code for the [table demo](#) above:

```

<table>
  <caption>Table Caption</caption>
  <colgroup>
    <col style="width: 20%"/>
    <col style="width: 80%"/>
  </colgroup>
  <b mode="pre"><thead></b>
    <tr>
      <th rowspan="2"></th>
      <th colspan="2">Multiple Column Heading</th>
    </tr>
    <tr style="vertical-align: bottom">
      <th>First Column Heading</th>
      <th>Second Column Heading</th>
    </tr>
  <b mode="pre"></thead></b>
  <tfoot>
    <tr><td colspan="2">This is an example of an HTML table footer.</td></tr>
  </tfoot>
  <tbody>
    <tr>
      <td>Row 1 Column 1</td>
      <td>Row 1 Column 2</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>Row 2 Column 1</td>
      <td>Row 2 Column 2</td>
    </tr>
  </tbody>

```

```
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
```

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