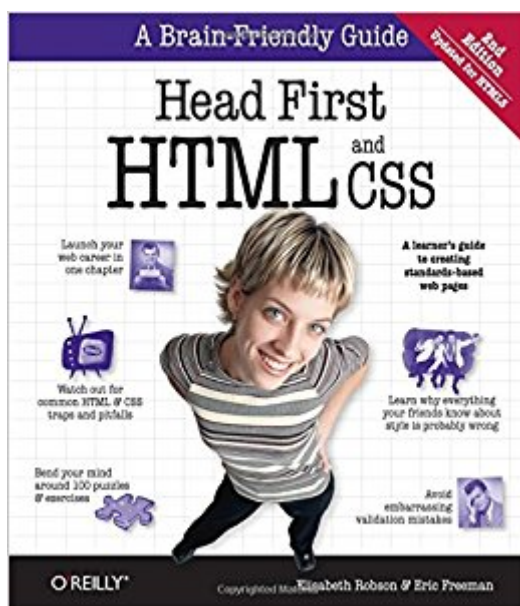


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# Head First HTML And CSS: A Learner's Guide To Creating Standards-Based Web Pages



## Synopsis

Tired of reading HTML books that only make sense after you're an expert? Then it's about time you picked up *Head First HTML and CSS*, and really learned HTML. You want to learn HTML so you can finally create those web pages you've always wanted, so you can communicate more effectively with friends, family, fans, and fanatic customers. You also want to do it right so you can actually maintain and expand your web pages over time so they work in all browsers and mobile devices. Oh, and if you've never heard of CSS, that's okay--we won't tell anyone you're still partying like it's 1999--but if you're going to create web pages in the 21st century then you'll want to know and understand CSS. Learn the real secrets of creating web pages, and why everything your boss told you about HTML tables is probably wrong (and what to do instead). Most importantly, hold your own with your co-worker (and impress cocktail party guests) when he casually mentions how his HTML is now strict, and his CSS is in an external style sheet. With *Head First HTML and CSS*, you'll avoid the embarrassment of thinking web-safe colors still matter, and the foolishness of slipping a font tag into your pages. Best of all, you'll learn HTML and CSS in a way that won't put you to sleep. If you've read a *Head First* book, you know what to expect: a visually-rich format designed for the way your brain works. Using the latest research in neurobiology, cognitive science, and learning theory, this book will load HTML and CSS into your brain in a way that sticks. So what are you waiting for? Leave those other dusty books behind and come join us in Webville. Your tour is about to begin.

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"The Web would be a much better place if every HTML author started off by reading this book." -- L. David Baron, Technical Lead, Layout & CSS, Mozilla Corporation

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After finishing two brilliant headfirst books, HF java, HF JSP and Servlets couple of years back, I knew, if I ever have to learn a new technology in detail, the first place would be headfirst. Kathy Sierra and Bert Bates are my legends, thanks to the awesome books they have written on java. However recently I was asked by a friend to code a small website for his company. His requirements weren't too fancy and I had some basic knowledge of html and css from various online tutorials. However his requirements got delayed and I got this idea of learning html/css basics from the ground level. I turned to [and](#) found Head First HTML and CSS with 70% users giving it a full five stars. I ordered the book online and the minute I opened it, I was pleasantly surprised by the glossy

paper finishing and color images. Somewhere in my mind I always had this grudge that headfirst guys even though trying to convey concepts through pictures and visuals but shy away from proportionately rich look by selecting black-and-white colors, may be they want to keep the costs down. Anyway, I loved this graphic novel/comic (don't judge :-)) style of printing. It has been six days since and I have completed almost 350 pages (half the book). The minute detail given behind every html element and css rule is commendable. I feel much more comfortable around them now. Like everyone else has mentioned, "there are no dumb questions" is undoubtedly the best feature of this book. Most of the questions felt like snatched straight from your mouth. Even though I am halfway through this book, I will give 10/10 to this wonderful book. Thank you Eric Freeman and Elisabeth Robson, you deserve a salute.

So I just finished working through this book. I enjoyed it as there was a lot of hands on work which I think is important to actually learning the content, and though I knew a little about HTML and CSS as I had taken an HTML course a few years back. What this book did that the college level course I took didn't was actual help me visualize and understand how a website is actually laid out, and the difference between the content and structure. What was annoying was they way they would teach you how to do something one way, and then at the end of the chapter, tell you that isn't the way it is done and then show you real quick the way it is done now. I understand that you need to know the way it used to be done, because I am sure a lot of people are still doing things that way, so when reading the code you will understand it, but I think they should of spent some more time on the way it is done now in stead of 20+ pages on the old way and then a page or two on the new proper way. That was not enough to take a star away, but that in combination with the last chapter was. The last chapter on forms they have you build a form and you do it, and you feel like you have a good grasp on it, then at the end they introduce some elements that SHOULD of been included in the initial lesson (fieldset and legends) because now I had to go back and re-visualize they way you were supposed to code the form. Then once you do that you look at the code in a different page and they don't use the fieldset or legend..so am I supposed to use that or not?!?! But even that I ws willing to give it 4 Stars. What sealed the deal at a 3 star was, they tell you to view the finalized code to see the changes they made. Looking at the HTML easily made sense, then you look over o the CSS page(Chapter 14:access form.css) and they have this printed `div.tableRow > p, div.tableRow > label, div.tableRow > input { display: table-cell; vertical-align: top; padding: 3px;}div.tableRow > p, div.tableRow > label, div.tableRow > input`

I haven't gotten too far into the book yet, nor am I by any means an expert on books about HTML, (this naturally being my first one) but my initial feelings about the book have been positive. This was the suggested reading for a Web Design class I'm taking in college. I will get to my thoughts on the book but first I must briefly mention the kindle version. I bought the kindle version of this book (actually the html, CSS, and XHTML, book specifically) and was not able to download it onto my phone (SG3). I just want you to be warned that if your phone is your pocket desk you will have to be buying the physical copy of this book. Anyways, so far I've been impressed with the book. It explains things in a simple way that you can easily understand. Sometimes I get irritated with the thought bubbles and the general layout but it is livable so far. What you really need to know is that this book will help you understand how HTML and CSS work, their differences and using them together. This book will not be a good reference guide if you are really familiar with web design already. There isn't a place where they layout a list of code for HTML and CSS, which although it would be nice, it's not what this book does. You will certainly gain knowledge of the languages, but throughout the book and with hands-on experience using the specific codes. Don't think of this as a physicians desk reference, think of it as a course on CPR.

This book was well written and really walked me through learning the basics of HTML & CSS. I had tried several on-line courses prior to reading this book, and the book was by far the better teacher for me!

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