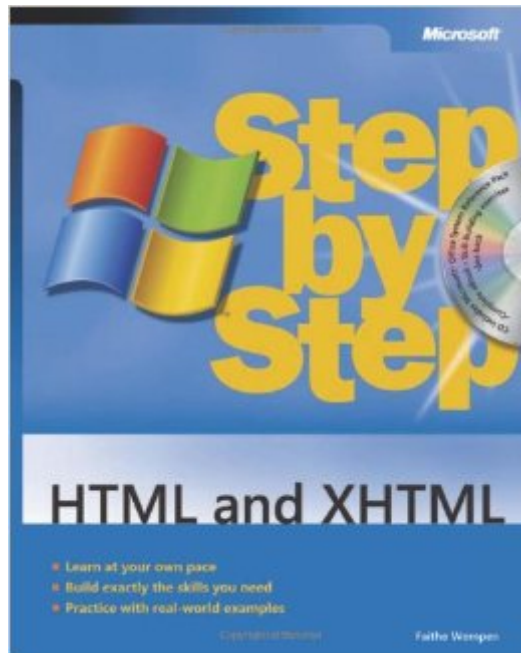


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# HTML And XHTML Step By Step (Step By Step Developer)



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Experience learning made easy?and quickly teach yourself the skills you need to create Web pages with HTML and XHTML. With STEP BY STEP, you can take just the lessons you need, or work from cover to cover. Either way, you drive the instruction?building and practicing the skills you need, just when you need them!Structure your page with tables, frames, or a division-based layout Create bulleted and numbered lists for easy-to-read text Include hyperlinks and menu bars for clear navigation Add graphics, sounds, and videos to your pages Apply colors, font sizes, and other formatting with tags or Cascading Style Sheets Build user-input forms with option buttons, check boxes, and drop-down menus Includes coverage of Microsoft Office Word 2003 and FrontPage 2003 Practice files, eBooks, and other resources on the CD! Your Microsoft Office System Reference Pack on CD includes: HTML color reference charts HTML and XHTML templates Bonus guides: • "Designing for Accessibility" • and "Designing for Usability" • Microsoft Office System Quick Reference eBook Insider's™ Guide to Microsoft Office OneNote 2003 eBook Microsoft Computer Dictionary, Fifth Edition, eBook?10,000+ entries! Introducing the Tablet PC eBook Complete STEP BY STEP eBook Skill-building practice files

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If you want to learn about web design, the first step is learning HTML and XHTML. The last official version of HTML (4.1) was released in 1999. In January, 2000, the W3C release XHTML. HTML and

XHTML are very similar; XHTML uses the stricter syntax of XML. I have been looking for a book to teach an introductory HTML class. Most books I reviewed were not up-to-date. I really needed a book that did NOT use deprecated tags, that used XHTML syntax, and that introduced cascading style sheets. HTML and XHTML Step-by-Step is the book I have been looking for. The book is very well-organized with plenty of exercises. The explanations are clear. It's a great book to teach yourself HTML and XHTML even if you are a completely new to web design. What is absent is a discussion about cross-browser compatibility. Being a Microsoft Press book, it only addresses IE. If you are using another browser, for example, Firefox, you will find that some of the css code will display differently in other browsers. But this is a basic book and a good web design teacher should be able to point out the differences. There are also a few syntax errors, but they are minimal. On the whole, this is a great book to start with if you are learning about web design.

A beginner will go from nothing to intermediate very quickly. I've been working with web pages at work for a year, and decided I needed some better grounding in HTML. I am using Visual Studio to make web pages and have been doing quite well, but I realized "something was missing" in my knowledge, as I was running into "walls". So I picked up this book. As the author says, "but you will be a much better Web designer--and understand what is going on in Word or FrontPage much better--if you tough it out with Notepad in the beginning." Visual Studio is great, but I needed to "fill in the holes" in my knowledge of what's going on underneath and how I can manipulate that. This book works for learning and also as a reference. I hope this author continues to write other books in this manner - I will be looking for books by her. It's what the "Step by Step" books should be like.

This is a good starting point for learning the basics. I especially like the instructive exercises. I have only one caveat: there are some typos, one of which gave me some minor grief trying to get my first web page validated at one of the online validation sites. In chapter 2 the author explains how the opening tag should look in an XHTML document, but transposes two of the letters (xlmns should read xmlns). The same mistake is repeated in the instructional exercise (step 8 of the first exercise in chapter 2). To repeat: it is a good starting point to learn the basics and the exercises provide clarity, but be aware of the typos and get a good reference work to go with it. I bought HTML & XHTML: The Complete Reference (Osborne Complete Reference Series) to go with it, and am satisfied that these two books will put me on the path to competence in creating web pages.

This book was extremely easy to follow and relate my personal information. I built an entire 13 page

website within two days using only html codes.

Using this book is the way all aspiring web designers or web developers should begin their journey. HTML is the basis and foundation of everything relating to the web. This book shows you the basic elements of a web page from a structural standpoint. The HTML code is presented neatly and consisely. The method they use to help you learn is using Notepad. Stripped of all WYSIWYG tools (if you don't know what this means...google it) the user acquires an understanding of what HTML does in regards to presentation and how the browser interprets everything that is written. The simplicity and straightforward style of the book is greatly appreciated. I am impressed and will use this book to train students in my web design classes. The book does suffer from too much simplicity. Once you have gotten HTML under your belt you will want to know more about HTML or find out about other tags that are available. The next book to add to your library would then be "The Complete Reference HTML & XHTML". This will make you complete in that regard as it also covers CSS and web practices. Keep in mind that some of the web practices may or may no longer still apply given that the aforementioned reference was written in 2003. As for the Step by Step HTML & XHTML...I highly recommend it!

After, believe it or not, prayerfully looking through my local giant bookstore's web design section and reading reviews I was sure this was the one and I am convinced after reading into it I was right. I couldn't be more pleased with this book. I'm the type of person who doesn't need anything but neat, clean, and correct information. I don't need or want jokes and distractions in my books. My wife and I both ordered a copy of Step by Step. On the surface Step by Step is sturdy and well-constructed (from a former bindery worker). The Quick Reference in the beginning is thorough and readable. The writing in the book is refreshingly consistent from a writer and educator's perspective with neat and clean organization. Excellent proofing and editing no doubt. Step by Step is no-nonsense (X)HTML training at an affordable price. Incredibly, the hard copy comes with the entire book in PDF on CD with web color charts! Ms. Wempen, thanks for the book!

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