XHTML Quick Reference

Rules

Declare a DOCTYPE

For a list, see http://www.w3.org/QA/2002/04/valid-dtd-list.html

```
<!DOCTYPE doctype goes here >
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head><title>page title</title></head>
<body>content …</body>
</html>
```

Write tags in all lowercase

✗ <TABLE>
✗ <Table>
✓ <table>

Close all tags

✗
✓
✗ <img src="pix.gif">
✓

Nest tags in order

✗ text
✓ text

Use quotes for attribute values

✗ <table width=50%>
✓ <table width="50%">

Use id instead of name

The name attribute has been replaced with id.

✗
✓

Hide scripts with CDATA

JavaScript code should be enclosed in CDATA ("character data") sections.

```
<script type="text/javascript">
/* <![CDATA[ */
javascript code
/* ]]> */
</script>
```

Tags

Structure

<h1>	Heading 1 (through <h6>)
<p>	Paragraph
 	Line break
	Block of content
	Inline block of content

Formatting

<hr />	Horizontal rule/line
	Emphasis (italic)
	Bold
<sub>	Subscript (H_2O)
<sup>	Superscript text ($E=mc^2$)

Links

Hyperlink	*link text*
Bookmark	*link text*
Email	*link text*
Stylesheet	<link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css" type="text/css" />
JavaScript	<script language="javascript" type="text/javascript" src="code.js" />

Special characters

Non-breaking space		Double quotes (")	"
Ampersand (&)	&	Copyright (©)	©
Greater than sign (>)	>	Trademark (™)	™
Less than sign (<)	<	Registered trademark (®)	®

Forms

```
<form>
  <fieldset>
  <input type="text" />
  <input type "checkbox" />
  <input type="radio /">
  <select />
  <input type="submit" /> Submit
  </fieldset>
</form>
```

Tables

```
<table>
<tr><th>head</th><th>head</th></tr>
<tr><td>cell</th><td>cell</th></tr>
</table>
```

Bulleted lists

```
<ul>
  • <li>…</li>
  • <li>…</li>
</ul>
```

Numbered lists

```
<ol>
  1. <li>…</li>
  2. <li>…</li>
</ol>
```

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