The UX Designer's



Cheat Sheet, version 2

HTML5 has more than 120 tags. That's a *lot*. But to make useful HTML prototypes, you only need a small subset of them. Here they are.

Element	Looks like this	What it's for	Important attributes*
<head></head>		Contains <title>, <meta>, etc.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><title></td><td></td><td>The page title (displayed in the title bar/tab)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><meta></td><td></td><td>Metadata about the page</td><td>name, content,
charset</td></tr><tr><td><link></td><td></td><td>Used to include stylesheets and other files</td><td>href, rel</td></tr><tr><td><script></td><td></td><td>Used to include JavaScript in the head or body (inline or from a separate file)</td><td>src, type</td></tr><tr><td><body></td><td></td><td>Contains the actual page contents</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><h1>, <h2>, <h3>, <h4>,
<h5>, <h6></td><td>Heading 1 Heading 2 Heading 3 Heading 4 Heading 5 Heading 6</td><td>Headings</td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>A paragraph</td><td>Paragraph</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><div></td><td></td><td>A section. Groups content, often for styling purposes. The more specific HTML5 elements (<section>, <header>, <footer>, <nav>) are often more appropriate.</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><section></td><td></td><td>A section</td><td></td></tr><tr><td><header></td><td></td><td>Page header</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table></title>	

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<footer></footer>		Page footer	
<nav></nav>		A set of navigation links (does not specify position or presentation)	
	emphasis	Emphasis (usually italic)	
	strong	Strong (highlighted—usually bold)	
		Image	src, alt, height, width
<0>	<u>a link</u>	Link	href
	OneTwoThree	Unordered list (usually bulleted). Contains elements.	
<01>	1. One 2. Two 3. Three	Numbered list. Contains elements.	
<	• One	List item	
<pre><pre></pre></pre>	Some code	Preformatted text—for code samples, etc.	
<form></form>		Form (if you have form elements, enclose them in a <form>)</form>	
<input type="text"/>	some text	Text input	autofocus, disabled, list, placeholder, required, value
<input type="password"/>	•••••	Special text input for passwords (masks the value)	autofocus, disabled, placeholder, required
<pre><input type="email"/> <input type="tel"/> <input type="url"/></pre>	some text	Text input variants. On many smartphones, the keyboard layout changes to suit.	autofocus, disabled, placeholder, required, value

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<pre><input type="number"/></pre>	X Y	Number input	max, min, step, autofocus, disabled, placeholder, required, value
<pre><input type="button"/></pre>	Button	Button (cannot contain markup)	autofocus, disabled, value (used as the label)
<pre><input type="submit"/></pre>	Submit	A special button that submits a form	autofocus, disabled, value (used as the label)
<pre><input type="checkbox"/></pre>	Checkbox	Checkbox	checked, autofocus, disabled
<input type="radio"/>	Radio button	Radio button. Use the same name for multiple buttons to make them behave as a group.	autofocus, disabled, checked, name
<input type="range"/>		Slider	autofocus, disabled, value, max, min, step
<button></button>	⊘ Yes!	Button (can contain markup, e.g., images)	autofocus, disabled, type, value
<textarea></td><td>1</td><td>Multi-line text input</td><td>autofocus,
disabled,
placeholder,
required,
type, cols, rows</td></tr><tr><td><select></td><td>Select ‡</td><td>Drop-down list. Contains <option> and (optionally) <optgroup> elements.</td><td>autofocus,
disabled,
multiple,
number</td></tr></tbody></table></textarea>			

Element	Looks like this	What it's for	Important attributes*
<option></option>	Select \$ Select Email Phone SMS	An option in a <select> (dropdown list)</select>	disabled, selected, value
<optgroup></optgroup>	Select Select Cheeses Cheddar Leicester Stilton Fish Salmon Trout Cod	Groups options in a <select> (drop-down list)</select>	
<pre><input list="dl"/> and <datalist id="dl"> containing <option>s</option></datalist></pre>	al V Alfa Romeo Aston Martin	Autocomplete input	
<label></label>	Email address	A label for a form element	for
<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>		A progress bar	max, value

^{*} Important attributes for \emph{all} elements: class, id, tabindex