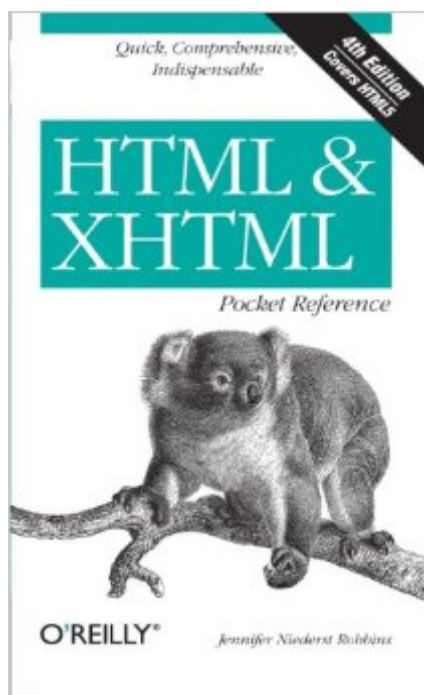


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# HTML & XHTML Pocket Reference: Quick, Comprehensive, Indispensable (Pocket Reference (O'Reilly))



## Synopsis

After years of using spacer GIFs, layers of nested tables, and other improvised solutions for building your web sites, getting used to the more stringent standards-compliant design can be intimidating. HTML and XHTML Pocket Reference is the perfect little book when you need answers immediately. Jennifer Niederst-Robbins, author *Web Design in a Nutshell*, has revised and updated the fourth edition of this pocket guide by taking the top 20% of vital reference information from her *Nutshell* book, augmenting it judiciously, cross-referencing everything, and organizing it according to the most common needs of web developers. The result is a handy book that offers the bare essentials on web standards in a small, concise format that you can use carry anywhere for quick reference. HTML and XHTML Pocket Reference features easy-to-find listings of every HTML and XHTML tag, and every Cascading Style Sheet value. It's an indispensable reference for any serious web designer, author, or programmer who needs a fast on-the-job resource when working with established web standards.

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The biggest problem with this pocket book is its completeness. It covers three entire versions of HTML all in the one book and with all the elements and attributes supported by each of the three versions all jumbled in together. The earliest of the three versions covered (HTML 3.2) is now obsolete and should only need to be referenced when transitioning code to HTML 4 That

information would therefore have been better presented in its own section where those using HTML 4 transitional while gradually replacing those elements and attributes could still have access to information about them (and preferable suggestions on what to replace them with - something missing from the book) while those who have already succeeded in moving fully to HTML 4 (strict) could easily ignore that section. Similarly the information on HTML 5 can be ignored by 99.9%+ of readers as that is only an early draft and will be significantly changed by the time it finally becomes a standard (if it ever does). Given the number of sites still relying on HTML 3.2 it will be long after that before a lot of sites even finish upgrading to HTML 4. That information could therefore have been better presented as a separate section in a more abbreviated format. Had the book actually been set out that way with HTML 3.2, HTML 4 (strict) and HTML 5 as separate sections (with all of the overlap with HTML 4 being included in the HTML 4 section then the book would have been far more user friendly. The book also claims to cover XHTML 1.0 and 1.1 but in fact does not mention many of the ways that elements can be defined that are valid in XHTML but not in HTML.

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