

Learning HTML

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What is the topic of my project and why have I chosen this topic?

HTML (Hyper Text Mark-up Language). What is HTML anyway? Well, HTML stands for Hyper Text Mark-up Language and is the "secret code" that is used to create the look and layout of all the documents on the web. Why do I call it the secret code? Because everything on this web page is the result hidden instructions, called tags, that tell the web browser how to display the text, the images, the color, and such. Moreover, the web browser doesn't display the tags on the web page...so, that's why I call it the secret code. This is a small project about HTML, and how to use it in creating simple websites of your own. I have selected some sites that explain HTML and that got some HTML tutorials, etc. And finally, the sites were analyzed and ranked using a criterion given by our instructor.

Here are the URL's of the websites that I have chosen along with their tiny URL's:

1- HTML - An interactive tutorial for beginners (Dave's site)

<http://www.davesite.com/webstation/html/>

Tiny URL: <http://tinyurl.com/ezy7>

2- Learning HTML(KidSpace @ the internet public library "ipl") -

University of Michigan

<http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/kidsweb/>

Tiny URL: <http://tinyurl.com/ys739>

3- Teresa's Guide to Learning HTML - Stanford University

<http://www.stanford.edu/~ttorres/Internet/toc.html>

Tiny URL: <http://tinyurl.com/yvsf5>

4- Vance's e-Zguide "10+ steps to creating simple HTML files" Start here - Vance's Stevens Portal Page
http://www.homestead.com/prosites-vstevens/files/pi/very_basics/starthere.htm
Tiny URL: <http://tinyurl.com/32byv>

Summary: an overview of the four websites after evaluation

Site No.	Rating	Evaluation Overview	Useable?
1	64	<i>Excellent site with a good overview of HTML but no graphics plus there is too many pop-ups and commercials</i>	<i>Possibly</i>
2	80	<i>Highest marks among the other 3 sites but there is no much use of graphics</i>	<i>Yes</i>
3	68	<i>Lots of links, doesn't give a date, and no graphics at all</i>	<i>Yes</i>
4	64	<i>The same rating as the first but differs in its aspects. A private individual publishes the site, commercial domain name (com), no graphics, and finally there was no references</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Conclusion:

The page that seemed more relevant to my project was website no. 3. I gave it a rating of 80. It was good in most of its aspects except in the things mentioned in the previous table. The information is accurate, relevant, balanced. Moreover, the author was from a trusted authority, there was a link for the contacts information. Furthermore, the site was easy to read with clear expressions and no mistakes, the information are easy to browse and find. And finally, it's not a commercial site (domain=org), its all free for all of its users. In general, the site is excellent.

