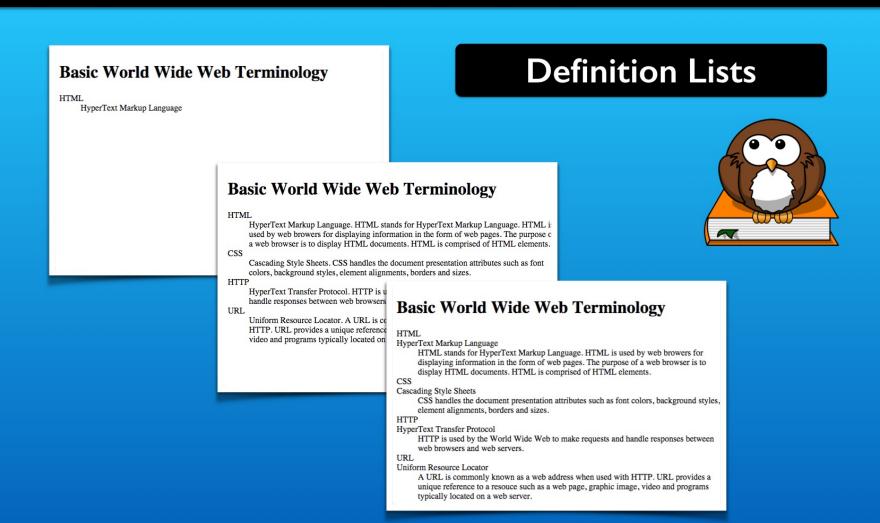
How to Create Definition Lists in HTML

With Lon Hosford

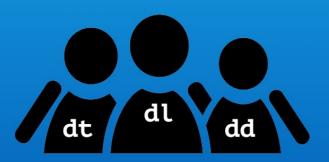
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In addition to the ordered and unordered list, HTML offers us the definition list. So lets take a look at how we can create one to list some terminology about the world wide web.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- *View and test with web browser

```
<dl>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd><</dd>
</dl>
```

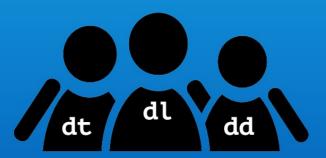


Definition lists have three elements that work together.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- *View and test with web browser

definition list

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<dl>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
</dl>
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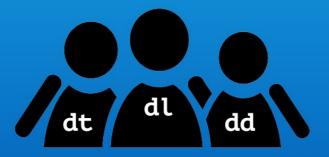


There is the container dl element for the definition list.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- *View and test with web browser

definition term

```
<dl>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
</dd>
</dd>
</dd>
</dd>
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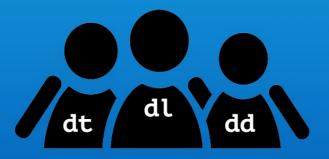


Then we have the dt element for the definition term.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- *View and test with web browser

definition description

```
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
</dd>
</dd>
</dd>
```



And the dd element for the definition description.

- * Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- st View and test with web browser

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<dl>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dt>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
</dl>
```

Basic World Wide Web Terminology

HTMI

HyperText Markup Language. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language. HTML is used by web browers for displaying information in the form of web pages. The purpose c a web browser is to display HTML documents. HTML is comprised of HTML elements.

CSS

Cascading Style Sheets. CSS handles the document presentation attributes such as font colors, background styles, element alignments, borders and sizes.

HTTP

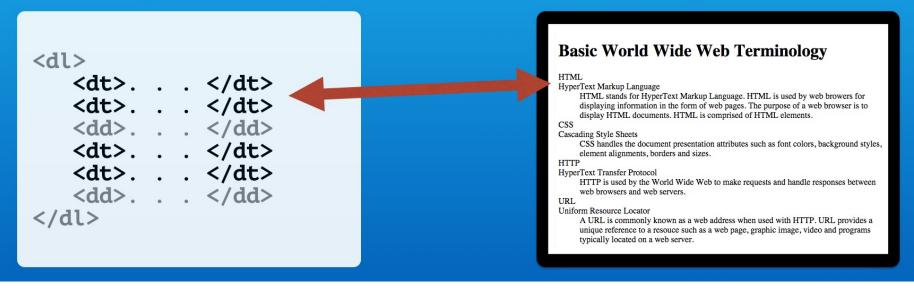
HyperText Transfer Protocol. HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to make requests at handle responses between web browsers and web servers.

URL

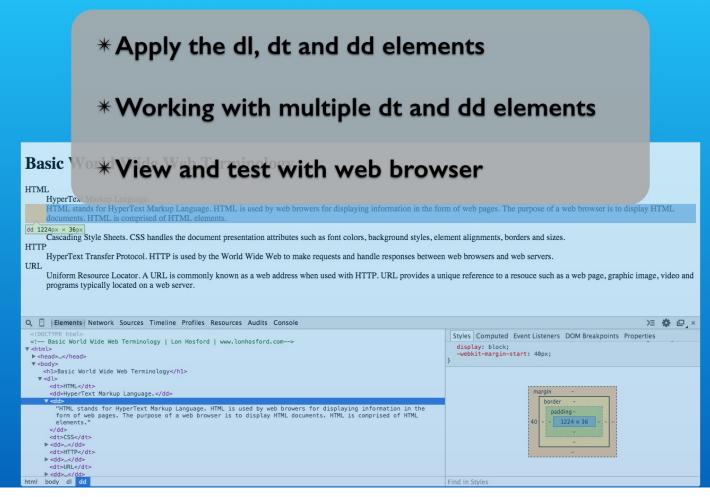
Uniform Resource Locator. A URL is commonly known as a web address when used wit HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such as a web page, graphic image video and programs typically located on a web server.

Together they organize terms with indented descriptions.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- * Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- *View and test with web browser



We also can use the dt and dd elements more than once. For example multiple terms with the same description.



As we go we will look at the box formatting for the definition list elements using the web developer tools.

Bonus



Watch for the bonus CSS styling example that will appear before you are done.

Four Interesting Owls

Long Eared Owl

Asio otus, previously Strix otus

Locations: Europe, Asia, and North America.

Characteristics: It has erect blackish ear tufts located in the center of the head. It uses the ear tufts look larger when perched with other larger owl species.

Barn Owl

Tyto alba

Locations: Most ubiquitous landbird found everywhere except Antarctica.

Characteristics: Heart shaped face. It has a pale color with some shades of grey throught the forehead and back in some variations. It has long legs and long wings. The tail is described as squarish.

Spectacled owl

Pulsatrix perspicillata

Locations: Mexico, Central America, Trinidad, Tobago and South America.

Characteristics: It has yellow eyes and palish beak. The upper parts, head and upper breast, are brown with white facial markings. Lower parts are whitish to yellowish-ochre.

Eastern screech owl

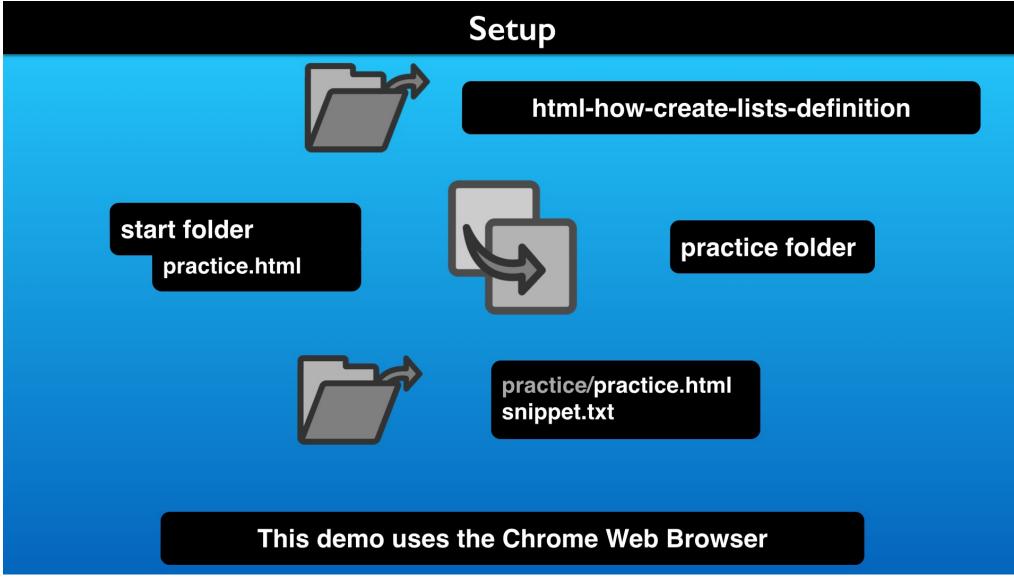
Pulsatrix perspicillata

Locations: Eastern half of North America from Canada to Mexico.

Characteristics: Stocky broad winged with a short tail. Head is round. Eyes are yellow and the beak is also yellow like. Ears have a prominent tuft.



At the end you will be challenged to create this web page using only the definition list HTML elements.



To follow the steps, copy the file in the start folder and open the listed files in an editor.

Review The Starting Files

```
1 html_lists_description | Lon Hosford www.lonhosford.com
                                                                                   1 <!doctype html>
                                                                                   2 <!-- Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford | www.lonhosford.com-->
3 STEP 1: Create definition list container.
                                                                                     <html>
           IN practice.html TYPE IN body element AFTER h1 element
                                                                                   4 <head>
5 <dl>
                                                                                     <meta charset="UTF-8">
6
                                                                                   6 <title>Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford</title>
7 </dl>
                                                                                   7 </head>
                                                                                   8 <body>
8
9 STEP 2: Add definition term
                                                                                     <h1>Basic World Wide Web Terminology</h1>
10
           IN practice.html TYPE IN dl element.
                                                                                  10 </body>
11
                                                                                  11 </html>
12
       <dt>HTML</dt>
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13
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14 STEP 3: Add definition description.
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           TYPE IN dl element AFTER dt element
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17
       <dd>HyperText Markup Language</dd>
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19 STEP 4: Replace definition description.
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           IN practice.html REPLACE dd element
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       <dd>HyperText Markup Language. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language
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       . HTML is used by web browers for displaying information in the form of
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       web pages. The purpose of a web browser is to display HTML documents.
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       HTML is comprised of HTML elements.</dd>
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24 STEP 5: Add remaining definition terms.
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           IN practice.html INSERT AFTER dd element
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       <dt>CSS</dt>
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       <dd>Cascading Style Sheets, CSS handles the document presentation
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                                                                                                                 practice.html
       attributes such as fontSnIDDCLS.LXtd styles, element alignments,
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       borders and sizes. </dd>
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29
       <dt>HTTP</dt>
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       <dd>HyperText Transfer Protocol. HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to
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       make requests and handle responses between web browsers and web servers.
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       </dd>
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       <dt>URL</dt>
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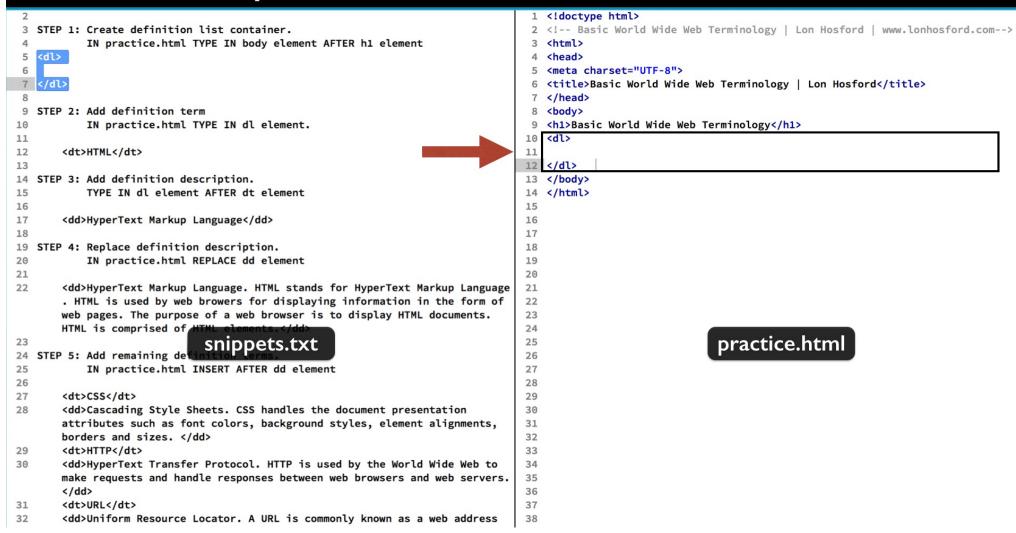
We are using a very basic HTML file with no added CSS styling. The only display content item is the h1 element for the heading.

Review The Starting Files

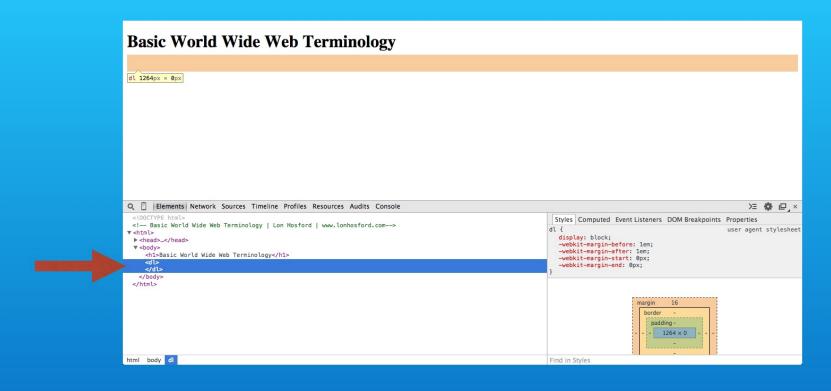
Basic World Wide Web Terminology			

And this is the page rendered. We just have the heading and we will add our definition list under it.

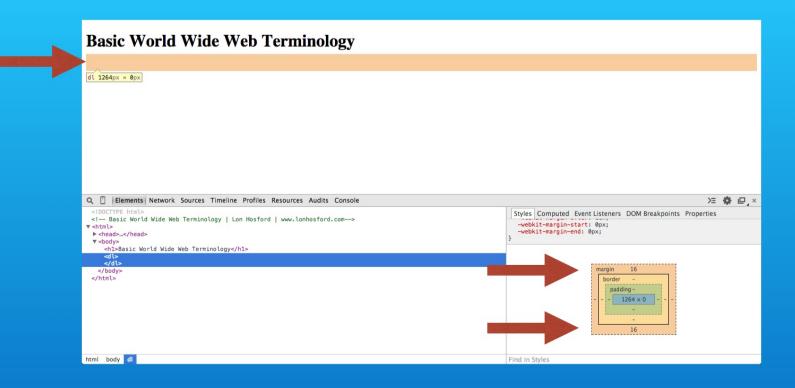
Step I - Create Definition List Container



First we need the dl element which is the definition list container. Add that from step 2 and place under the h1 element.

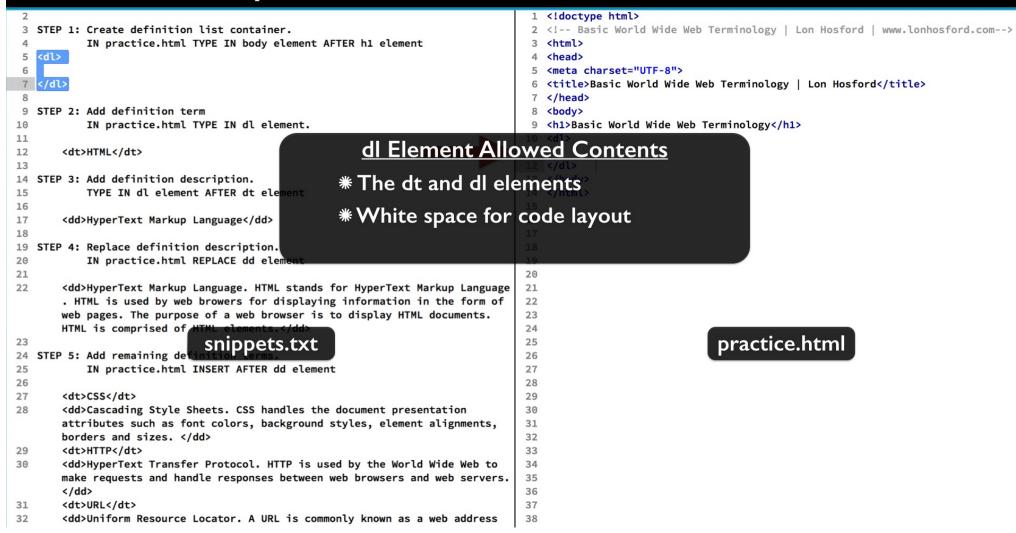


Save and reload in the web browser. We have no new visible content, but you can inspect the dl element.



Notice that the box model shows that there is a standing top and bottom margin. This came from the web browser style settings.

Step I - Create Definition List Container

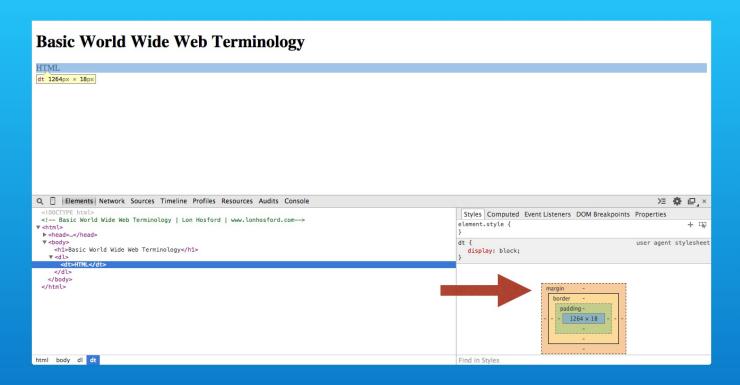


The dl element cannot contain any elements other than the dt and dl elements. You can use white space for code layout. All of this should seem similar to the ol and ul elements.

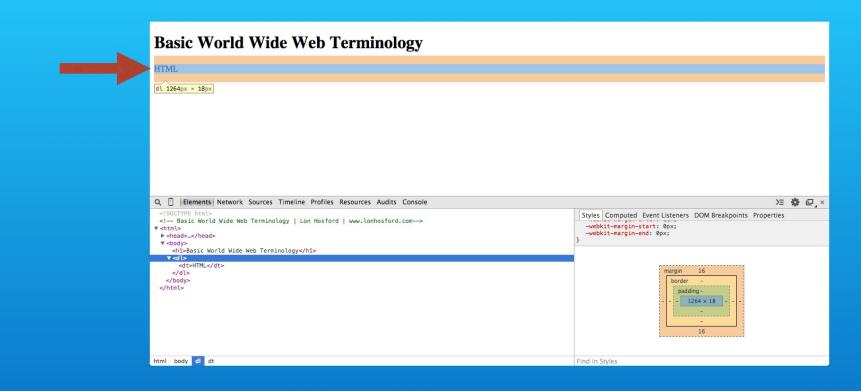
Step 2 - Add definition term

```
1 <!doctype html>
9 STEP 2: Add definition term
                                                                                    2 <!-- Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford | www.lonhosford.com-->
           IN practice.html TYPE IN dl element.
10
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                                                                                    4 <head>
       <dt>HTML</dt>
12
                                                                                      <meta charset="UTF-8">
13
                                                                                    6 <title>Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford</title>
14 STEP 3: Add definition description.
                                                                                    7 </head>
15
           TYPE IN dl element AFTER dt element
                                                                                    8 <body>
16
                                                                                    9 <h1>Basic World Wide Web Terminology</h1>
                                                                                   10 <dl>
17
       <dd>HyperText Markup Language</dd>
                                                                                         <dt>HTML</dt>
18
                                                                                   12 </dl>
19 STEP 4: Replace definition description.
20
           IN practice.html REPLACE dd element
                                                                                   13 </body>
21
                                                                                   14 </html>
22
       <dd>HyperText Markup Language. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language
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        . HTML is used by web browers for displaying information in the form of
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       web pages. The purpose of a web browser is to display HTML documents.
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       HTML is comprised of HTML elements.</dd>
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23
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24 STEP 5: Add remaining definition terms.
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25
           IN practice.html INSERT AFTER dd element
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26
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27
       <dt>CSS</dt>
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       <dd>Cascading Style
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                              snippets.txt
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       borders and sizes.
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       <dt>HTTP</dt>
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       <dd>HyperText Transfer Protocol. HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to
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       make requests and handle responses between web browsers and web servers.
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       </dd>
31
       <dt>URL</dt>
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       <dd>Uniform Resource Locator. A URL is commonly known as a web address
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       when used with HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such
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       as a web page, graphic image, video and programs typically located on a
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       web server.</dd>
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34 STEP 6: Add second description element to first definition
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           IN practice.html ADD close dd tag, new line AND open dd tag BEFORE
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Step 2 adds our first dt element. Insert it within the dl element.



Save and check in the web browser. Selecting the dt element shows that it does not have any default web browser margin or padding style values.



Select the dl container element and you still see default the top and bottom margin.

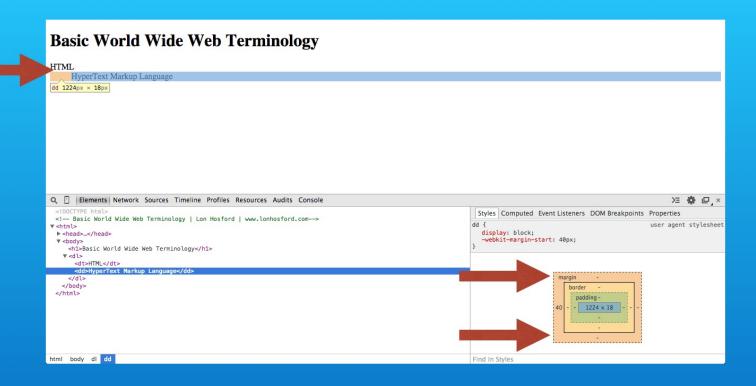
Step 3 - Add definition description.

```
1 <!doctype html>
13
                                                                                    2 <!-- Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford | www.lonhosford.com-->
14 STEP 3: Add definition description.
           TYPE IN dl element AFTER dt element
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16
                                                                                    4 <head>
       <dd>HyperText Markup Language</dd>
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                                                                                      <meta charset="UTF-8">
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                                                                                    6 <title>Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford</title>
19 STEP 4: Replace definition description.
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           IN practice.html REPLACE dd element
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21
                                                                                      <h1>Basic World Wide Web Terminology</h1>
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       <dd>HyperText Markup Language. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language
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       web pages. The purpose of a web browser is to display HTML
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       HTML is comprised of HTML elements.</dd>
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24 STEP 5: Add remaining definition terms.
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           IN practice.html INSERT AFTER dd element
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        <dt>CSS</dt>
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        <dd>Cascading Style Sheets. CSS handles the document presentation
       attributes such as font colors, background styles, element alignments,
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       borders and sizes. </dd>
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        <dt>HTTP</dt>
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       make requests and ham
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       as a web page, graphic image, video and programs typically located on a
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       web server.</dd>
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34 STEP 6: Add second description element to first definition
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35
           IN practice.html ADD close dd tag, new line AND open dd tag BEFORE
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           HTML stands as follows:
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37
       <dd>HyperText Markup Language.</dd>
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        <dd>HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language. HTML is used by web
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       browers for displaying information in the form of web pages. The
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Step 3 has the description for the term. We use the dd element for that. Add it after the dt element.



Save and reload. First notice that there is no spacing between the lines of the term and its description.



This is because for both the dt and dd elements the web browser did not apply default margins or padding for the top and bottom.

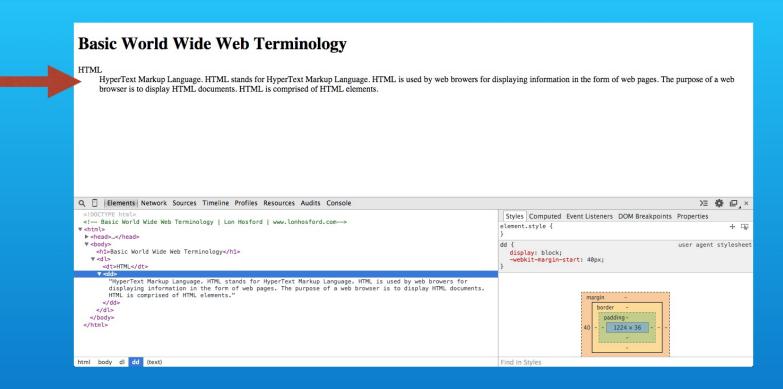


But you do see that there is a default left margin giving us the indentation.

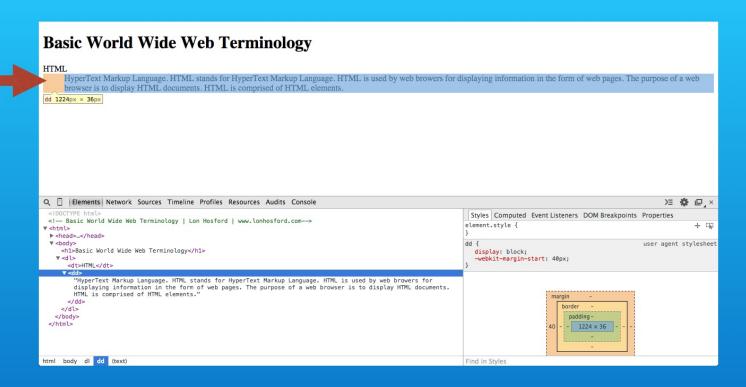
Step 4: Replace definition description.

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1 <!doctype html>
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19 STEP 4: Replace definition description.
                                                                                   2 <!-- Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford | www.lonhosford.com-->
           IN practice.html REPLACE dd element
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22
       <dd>HyperText Markup Language. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language
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        HTML is used by web browers for displaying information in the form of
                                                                                   6 <title>Basic World Wide Web Terminology | Lon Hosford</title>
       web pages. The purpose of a web browser is to display HTML documents.
                                                                                   7 </head>
       HTML is comprised of HTML elements.</dd>
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24 STEP 5: Add remaining definition terms.
                                                                                  10 <dl>
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           IN practice.html INSERT AFTER dd element
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       <dt>CSS</dt>
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       <dd>Cascading Style Sheets. CSS handles the document presentation
       attributes such as font colors, background styles, element alignments,
                                                                                         HTML is comprised of HTML elements.</dd>
       borders and sizes. </dd>
                                                                                  13 </dl>
29
       <dt>HTTP</dt>
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       <dd>HyperText Transfer Protocol. HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to
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       make requests and handle responses between web browsers and web servers.
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       </dd>
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       <dt>URL</dt>
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       <dd>Uniform Resource Locator. A URL is commonly known as a web address
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       when used with HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such
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       as a web page, graphic image, video and programs typically located on a
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       web server.</dd>
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34 STEP 6: Add second description element to first definition
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           IN practice.html ADD close dd tag, new line AND open dd tag BEFORE
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           HTML stands as for
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       <dd>HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language. HTML is used by web
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       browers for displaying information in the form of web pages. The
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       purpose of a web browser is to display HTML documents. HTML is
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       comprised of HTML elements.</dd>
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40 STEP 7: Create two definition terms.
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           IN practice.html CHANGE dd element TO dt element for <dd>HyperText
```

Now lets add a bit more content to our definition. Replace the dd element with the code snippet in step 4.



Save, reload. Narrow your web browser window so you can see the description text word wrapping.

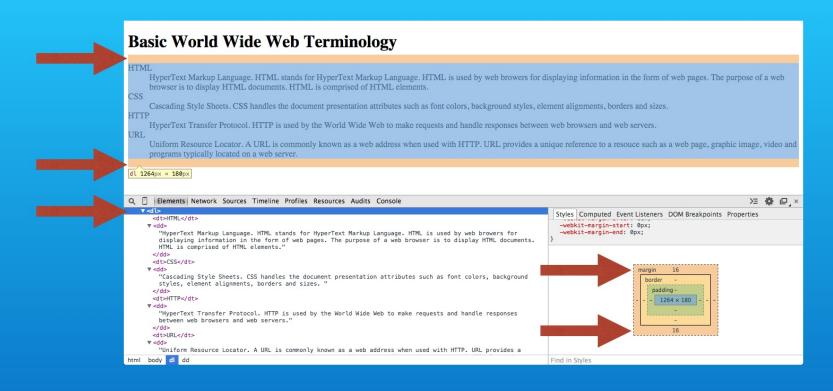


There also appears to be a hanging left indent you find in word processors. But really it is just that the dt element has no left margin and the dd element has a 40 pixel left margin.

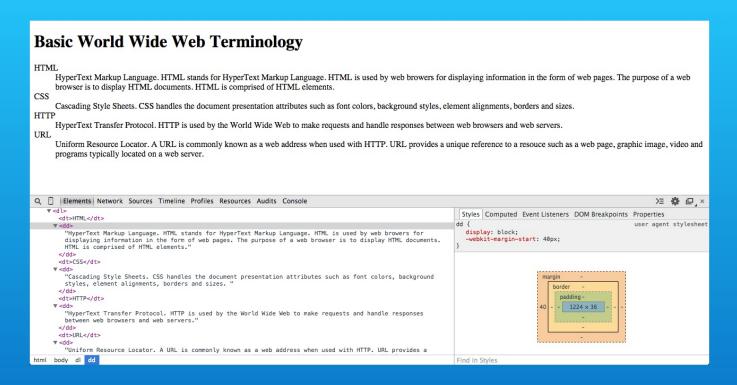
Step 5: Add remaining definition terms

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                                                                                   9 <h1>Basic World Wide Web Terminology</h1>
24 STEP 5: Add remaining definition terms.
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           IN practice.html INSERT AFTER dd element
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       attributes such as font colors, background styles, element alignments,
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       borders and sizes. </dd>
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       <dt>HTTP</dt>
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       <dd>HyperText Transfer Protocol. HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to
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       make requests and handle responses between web browsers and web servers.
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       <dt>URL</dt>
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       <dd>Uniform Resource Locator. A URL is commonly known as a web address
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       when used with HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such
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       as a web page, graphic image, video and programs typically located on a
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       web server.</dd>
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                                                                                          when used with HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such
34 STEP 6: Add second description element to first definition
                                                                                          as a web page, graphic image, video and programs typically located on a
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           IN practice.html ADD close dd tag, new line AND open dd tag BEFORE
                                                                                         web server.</dd>
           HTML stands as follows:
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       <dd>HyperText Markup Language.</dd>
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       browers for displaying information in the form of web pages. The
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       purpose of a web browser is to display HTML documents. HTML is
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       comprised of HTML el
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40 STEP 7: Create two defin
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           IN practice.html CHANGE dd element TO dt element for <dd>HyperText
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           Markup Language.</dd> as follows:
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43
       <dt>HyperText Markup Language.</dt>
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45 STEP 8: Repeat for remaining definitions.
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46
           IN practice.html REPLACE remaining terms as FOLLOWS:
                                                                                  34
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                                                                                  36
       <dt>CSS</dt>
```

Next lets pop in a few more terms for our web page. Paste the snippet for step 5 after the current dd element.



Save and reload. Now we have all the terms. You can better see the dl element's top and bottom margin defaults.

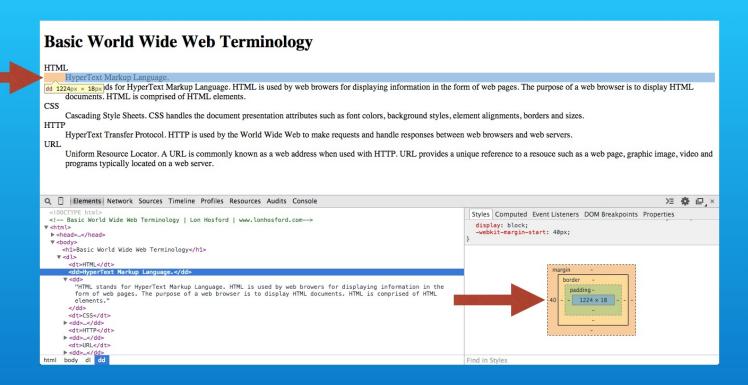


You also can better see the lack of spacing between the terms and their descriptions. CSS styling will allow you to change that to meet you own design needs.

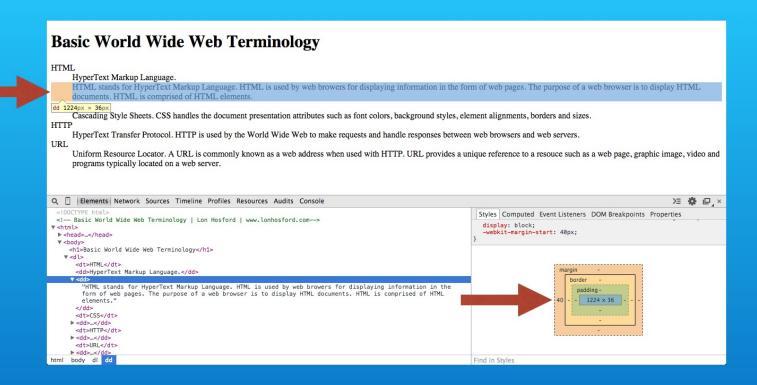
Step 6: Add second description element to first definition

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                                                                                     <h1>Basic World Wide Web Terminology</h1>
34 STEP 6: Add second description element to first definition
                                                                                  10 <dl>
           IN practice.html ADD close dd tag, new line AND open dd tag BEF
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40 STEP 7: Create two definition terms.
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The HTML definition lists allow multiple uses of the dt and dl elements. In step 6 we split the first description into two lines. Just replace the existing dd element with the snippet.



Once you reload, select the first dd element and you can see it occupies its own box area. We still have the left margin.

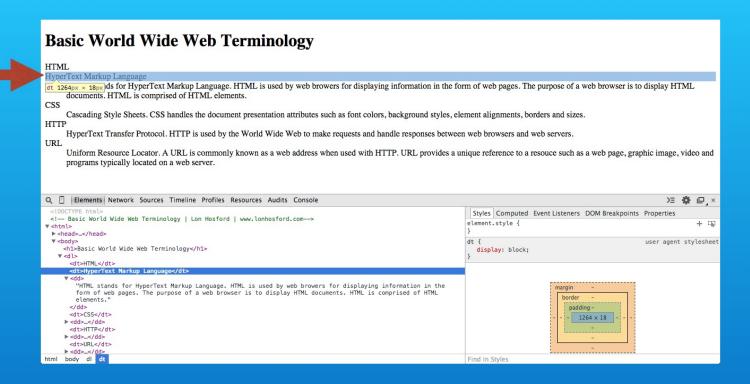


Select the second dd element. It is also a self contained box with a left margin.

Step 7: Create two definition terms.

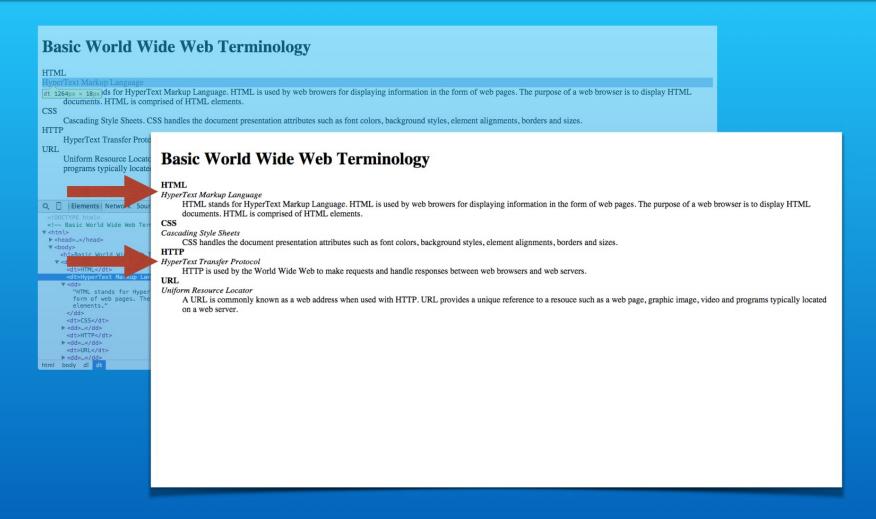
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<h1>Basic World Wide Web Terminology</h1>
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We can repeat the dt element as well. What we will do is just change the first dd element to a dt element.



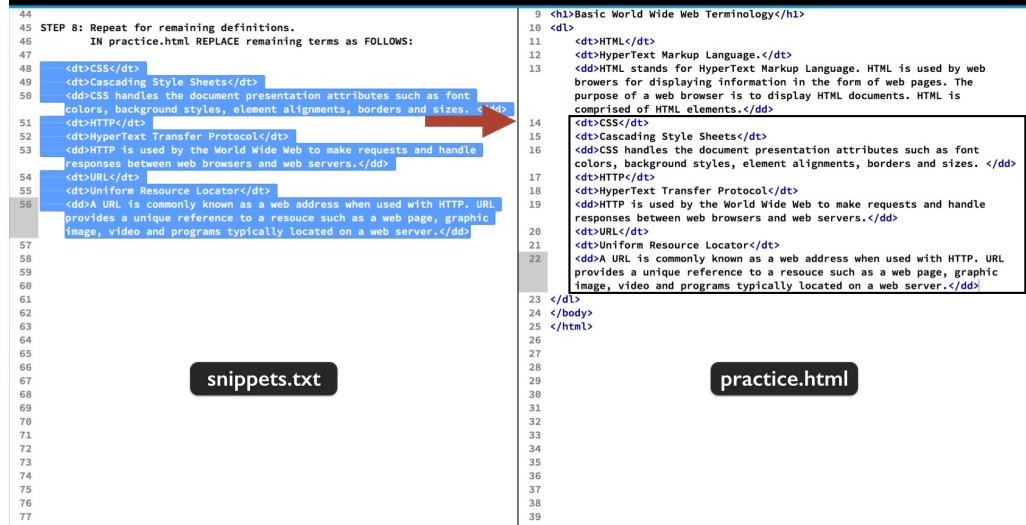
Once you reload, you see it aligns to the left along with the dt element above it. This result may not be very interesting from a styling perspective.

Testing in the Web Browser



We can improve the visual appearance of definition lists. For example we could style the first and second dt element differently as shown in this version.

Step 8: Repeat for remaining definitions.



To finish up we will make all our definitions appear the same. Just replace the code snippet for step 8 for the last three definitions.

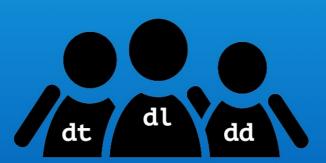
Testing in the Web Browser

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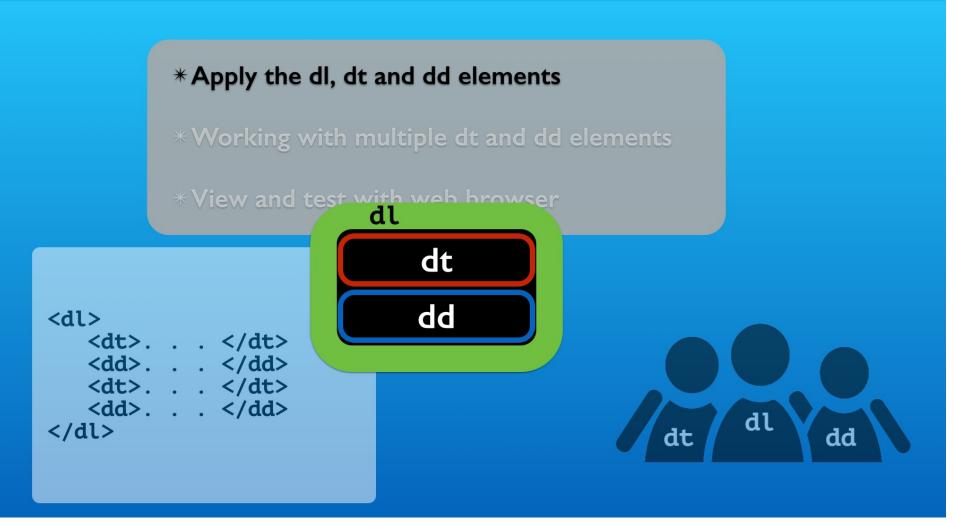
Save and check out the finished definition list reloaded in the web browser.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with multiple dt and dd elements
- *View and test with web browser

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<dl>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
<dd><</dd>
</dl>
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Well that wraps up this demo. You saw that the dl, dt and dd elements work together to structure data as a definition list.



The dl element is a container element for the dt and dd elements.

dl

dd

The dl element cannot contain any other content or HTML elements.

<dd>. . . </dd></dt></dt></dt></dd></dd>

</dl>

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Apply the dist and delements
    * dl = definition list container
    * dt = definition term
    * dd - definition description

* View and test with web browser
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<dl>
<dt>. . . </dt>
<dd>. . . </dd>
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<dd>. . . </dd>
</dl>
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HTMI

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CSS

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HTTP

HyperText Transfer Protocol. HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to make requests at handle responses between web browsers and web servers.

URI.

Uniform Resource Locator. A URL is commonly known as a web address when used wit HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such as a web page, graphic image video and programs typically located on a web server.

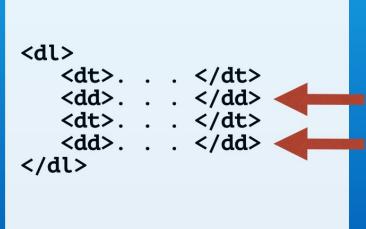
You use the dt element for the terms in the definition list.

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Basic World Wide Web Terminology

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Uniform Resource Locator. A URL is commonly known as a web address when used wit HTTP. URL provides a unique reference to a resouce such as a web page, graphic image video and programs typically located on a web server.

You use the dd element for description content. These appear with a left indent.

- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
- *Working with
- *View and test

Basic World Wide Web Terminology

HTML

HyperText Markup Language

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CSS

Cascading Style Sheets

CSS handles the document presentation attributes such as font colors, background styles,

HTTP

HyperText Transfer Protocol

HTTP is used by the World Wide Web to make requests and handle responses between w

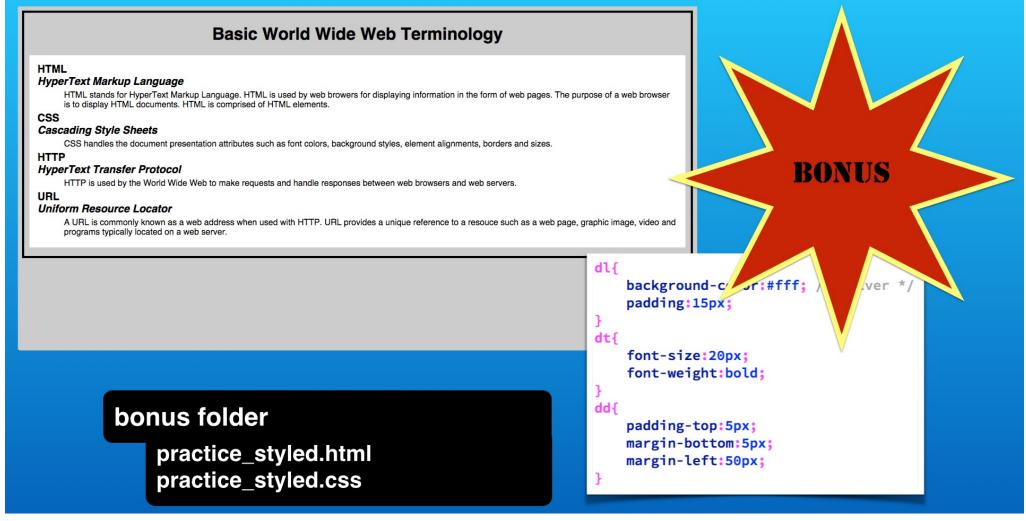
URL

Uniform Resource Locator

A URL is commonly known as a web address when used with HTTP. URL provides a un on a web server.

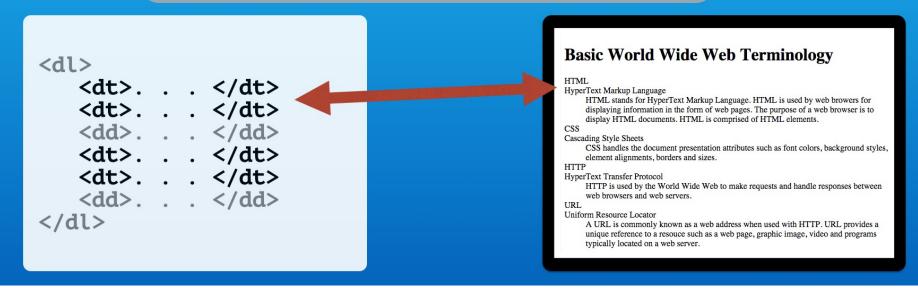
We can use styling to get a better visual appearance for the content. Just the simple addition of bold text and italics goes a long way.

Bonus



In your bonus folder you will find this basic example using CSS styling that targets the dl, dt and dd elements. Ask your self how was the left margin set for the definition descriptions?

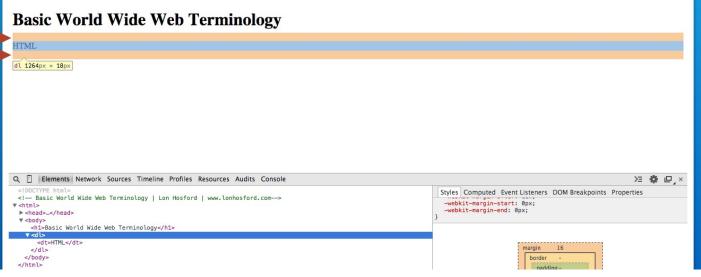
- *Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
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You also discovered that we can use multiple dt and dd elements for the lists.

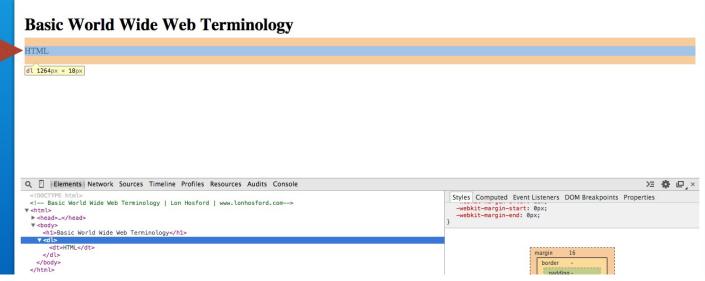
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We used the web inspection panels to learn about the default box model properties. The dl element received a default top and bottom margin from the web browser.

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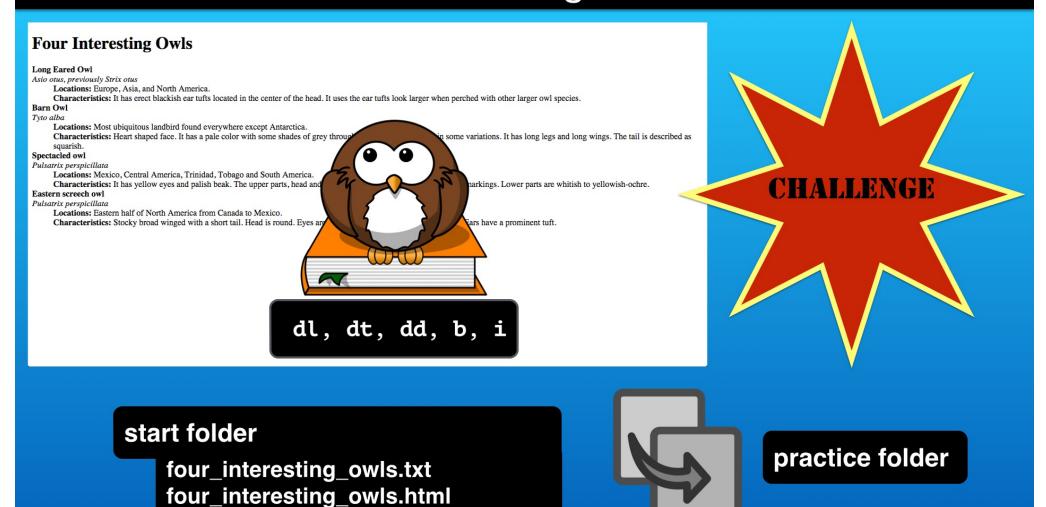
The dt element had no margins or borders.

- * Apply the dl, dt and dd elements
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The dd elements had a default left margin value. All of these box properties were dependent on the default web browser settings. Ultimately we will want to control them using our own CSS styles.

Challenge



Now its time for you to go to work with this definition list about owls. Only use the dl, dt and dd elements. Use the b and i elements for the text styling. The text file has the content so can copy and paste.

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