

# <blockquote>

The HTML Blockquote Element is used for indicating that the enclosed text is an extended quotation.

Something more better from translating the HTML5.1 spec into human-readable newbie terms. The blockquote element represents content that is quoted from another source, optionally with a citation which must be within a footer or cite element, and optionally with in-line changes such as annotations and abbreviations.

## Examples

Here's a simple demonstration of the <blockquote> element.

HTML	Result
<pre>&lt;blockquote&gt; &lt;p&gt;Soft you now, the fair Ophelia. Nymph, in thy orisons, be all my sins remembered.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;/blockquote&gt;</pre>	Soft you now, the fair Ophelia. Nymph, in thy orisons, be all my sins remembered.

Use the `cite` attribute with a URL to designate the source for the quote, or to point to information explaining the context or reference for the quote.

HTML	Result
<pre>&lt;blockquote cite="http://www.shakespeare- online.com/plays/hamlet_3_1.html"&gt; &lt;p&gt;Soft you now, the fair Ophelia. Nymph, in thy orisons, be all my sins remembered.&lt;/p&gt; &lt;/blockquote&gt;</pre>	Soft you now, the fair Ophelia. Nymph, in thy orisons, be all my sins remembered.

This needs to be worked on more. Pulling more examples from the spec and other places showing the current thinking on how to markup blockquotes, giving the hot debates that have gone on.

HTML	Result
<pre>&lt;figure&gt; &lt;blockquote&gt;   "That monster custom, who all sense doth eat Of habit's devil," &lt;abbr title="et cetera"&gt;&amp;c.&lt;/abbr&gt; not in Folio    "What a falling off was there ! From me, whose love was of that dignity That it went hand in hand even with the vow I made to her in marriage, and to decline Upon a wretch." &lt;/blockquote&gt; &lt;footer&gt; – &lt;cite class="title"&gt;Shakespeare manual&lt;/ cite&gt; by &lt;cite class="author"&gt;Frederick Gard Fleay&lt;/cite&gt;, p19 (in Google Books) &lt;/footer&gt; &lt;/figure&gt;</pre>	put the results here

Probably another example or two, since blockquote debates are *hot!*

## Details

- The <blockquote> element was refined in mid-2013, changing details about how is should be used from HTML5 to HTML5.1.
- It is not appropriate to use the <cite> and <blockquote> elements to represent dialog in a conversation. There is a better way to [do that in HTML\\*\\*](#).
- Browsers usually indent <blockquote> elements visually by default. To change the indent, use [CSS margin](#) property.
- Do not use <blockquote> simply to indent text. This use of <blockquote> has been deprecated in favor of [CSS margin](#) and [padding](#) style properties. Only use <blockquote> when it is the correct element to use, semantically.
- For short quotes use <q> element.
- To validate a <blockquote> element as XHTML, it must contain only other block-level elements.

## Attributes

HTML elements can have one or more **attributes**. Attributes provide the browser with more information about how the element should appear or behave. Attributes consist of a name and a value separated by an equal sign, with the value surrounded by quotes. For example, `class="news"`.

The <blockquote> element supports the [global attributes](#), plus the following:

Attribute	Allowed Values	Description
<code>cite</code>	URL	Designates a source document or message for the information quoted. This attribute is intended to point to information explaining the context or the reference for the quote.

## ARIA Roles

Anything?

## [Needs name — Ideas?]

<b>Categories</b>	<a href="#">Flow content</a> , <a href="#">sectioning content</a> , <a href="#">palpable content</a> .
<b>Permitted contexts</b>	Where <a href="#">Flow content</a> is expected.
<b>Permitted contents</b>	<a href="#">Flow content</a> .
<b>Tag omission</b>	Must have both a start tag and an end tag.
<b>Permitted parent elements</b>	Any element that accepts <a href="#">flow content</a> .
<b>DOM interface</b>	<a href="#">HTMLQuoteElement</a>
<b>Typical default display properties</b>	<pre>nav { display: block; }</pre>

## Browser compatibility

Feature	Chrome	Firefox	Internet Explorer	Opera	Safari
Basic Support	(yes)	1.0 (1.7 or earlier)	(yes)	(yes)	(yes)

(Note from Jen — I like the *Can I Use*-shaped charts much better than tables like this one ^. Let's talk about how we want to display this information. I see three different patterns in common use. I don't think tables like this is the best one. We want something that makes it very easy to understand the data quickly.)

## Official Specifications

Specification	Status
<a href="#">WHATWG HTML Living Standard</a>	Living Standard
<a href="#">HTML5</a>	Candidate Recommendation (?)
<a href="#">HTML 4.01 Specification</a>	Recommendation (?)

## History

The <blockquote> element was introduced in [HTML 1.2](#), and was redefined in HTML5. The use and <blockquote> of was then further refined in mid-2013.

In HTML 4.01, the <blockquote> element defined a long quotation. In HTML5, the <blockquote> element specifies a section that is quoted from another source.

## Related or Similar Elements

<cite>

Use the <cite> element for source citations. The <cite> element is different than the `cite` attribute.

<q>

Use <q> for inline quotations.

## Learn more

- [HTML5 Doctor: cite and blockquote reloaded](http://html5doctor.com/cite-and-blockquote-reloaded/) (http://html5doctor.com/cite-and-blockquote-reloaded/)
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\* link to <http://www.w3.org/MarkUp/draft-ietf-iiir-html-01.txt>

\*\* link to <http://www.w3.org/html/wg/drafts/html/master/common-idioms.html#conversations> (or another version of the spec)