

Web Pages: Creating and Maintaining

tomkeane@udel.edu

BODY Tag

`<body>`

`</body>`

Use: Placed after the `</head>` tag and before the final `</html>` tag.
The body section of a webpage contains all of the content that appears on your web page.

Options:

BGCOLOR:	Background color ("hex color code" or "color name")
TEXT:	Sets the Default color of the text on the webpage ("hex color code" or "color name")
TOPMARGIN:	(pixels)
LEFTMARGIN:	(pixels)
RIGHTMARGIN:	(pixels)

Example:

```
<body bgcolor="#f0f0f0" text="black" topmargin="100" leftmargin="25">
```

<!DOCTYPE> Declaration

The doctype declaration should be the very first thing in an HTML document, before the `<html>` tag. It is not an HTML tag; it is an instruction to the web browser as to the version of the markup language contained within the page.

The doctype declaration refers to a Document Type Definition (DTD). The DTD specifies the rules for the markup language, so that browsers can render the content correctly.

There are several different versions of the doctype declaration. This version is what we shall use for most of the HTML discussed in this course.

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"  
"http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
```

When coding in HTML5, the declaration is:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```