

HTML Frames

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Frames

- With frames, you can display more than one HTML document in the same browser window. Each HTML document is called a frame, and each frame is independent of the others.

The disadvantages of using frames are:

- The web developer must keep track of more HTML documents
- It is difficult to print the entire page

The Frameset Tag

- The <frameset> tag defines how to divide the window into frames
- Each frameset defines a set of rows **or** columns
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- The values of the rows/columns indicate the amount of screen area each row/column will occupy

The Frame Tag

- The <frame> tag defines what HTML document to put into each frame

```
<frameset cols="25%,75%">  
    <frame src="frame_a.htm">  
    <frame src="frame_b.htm">  
</frameset>
```

Vertical frameset

```
<html>
```

```
  <frameset cols="25%,50%,25%">
    <frame src="frame_a.htm">
    <frame src="frame_b.htm">
    <frame src="frame_c.htm">
  </frameset>
```

```
</html>
```

Horizontal frameset

```
<html>
```

```
  <frameset rows="25%,50%,25%">
    <frame src="frame_a.htm">
    <frame src="frame_b.htm">
    <frame src="frame_c.htm">
  </frameset>
```

```
</html>
```

Useful Tips

- If a frame has visible borders, the user can resize it by dragging the border. To prevent a user from doing this, you can add noresize="noresize" to the <frame> tag.
- Add the <noframes> tag for browsers that do not support frames.

Important: You cannot use the <body></body> tags together with the <frameset></frameset> tags!

However, if you add a <noframes> tag containing some text for browsers that do not support frames, you will have to enclose the text in <body></body> tags!

Mixed frameset

```
<html>

<frameset rows="50%,50%>

    <frame src="frame_a.htm">

        <frameset cols="25%,75%">
            <frame src="frame_b.htm">
            <frame src="frame_c.htm">
        </frameset>

    </frameset>

</html>
```

Frameset with noresize="noresize"

```
<html>

<frameset rows="50%,50%>

    <frame noresize="noresize" src="frame_a.htm">

    <frameset cols="25%,75%">
        <frame noresize="noresize" src="frame_b.htm">
        <frame noresize="noresize" src="frame_c.htm">
    </frameset>

</frameset>

</html>
```

Navigation frame

```
<html>

<frameset cols="120,*">

<frame src="tryhtml_contents.htm">
<frame src="frame_a.htm" name="showframe">

</frameset>

</html>
```

In “tryhtml_contents.htm”

```
<a href ="frame_a.htm" target ="showframe">Frame a</a><br>
<a href ="frame_b.htm" target ="showframe">Frame b</a><br>
<a href ="frame_c.htm" target ="showframe">Frame c</a>
```

How to use the <noframes> tag

```
<html>

<frameset cols="25%,50%,25%">
    <frame src="frame_a.htm">
    <frame src="frame_b.htm">
    <frame src="frame_c.htm">

    <noframes>
        <body>Your browser does not handle frames!</body>
    </noframes>

</frameset>

</html>
```

Jump to a specified section with frame navigation

<html>

```
<frameset cols="180,*">  
  
<frame src="content.htm">  
<frame src="link.htm" name="showframe">  
  
</frameset>  
  
</html>
```

In "content.htm"

```
<a href ="link.htm" target ="showframe">Link without Anchor</a>  
<br>  
<a href ="link.htm#C10" target ="showframe">Link with Anchor</a>.
```