

Table Tags Cheatsheet

"A quick reference for Table tags you'll actually use"

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Table, Table Caption, Column Group, Column, Table Body, Table Row, Table Header Cell, Table Data Cell, Table Footer

Table

```
<table>
  <caption>Monthly Expenses</caption>
  <thead>
    <tr>
      <th>Item</th>
      <th>Price</th>
    </tr>
  </thead>
  <tbody>
    <tr>
      <td>Internet</td>
      <td>$30</td>
    </tr>
  </tbody>
</table>
```



Table Caption

```
<table>
  <caption>Student Exam Results 2026</caption>
  <tr>
    <th>Name</th>
    <th>Grade</th>
  </tr>
</table>
```



Column Group



```
<table>
  <colgroup>
    <col span="2" class="highlight-group" />
  </colgroup>
  <tr>
    <td>ID</td>
    <td>User</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

Column



```
<table>
  <colgroup>
    <col class="hero-column" />
    <col class="data-column" />
  </colgroup>
  <tr>
    <td>Product</td>
    <td>Active</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

Table Body



```
<table>
  <tbody>
    <tr>
      <td>John Doe</td>
      <td>Developer</td>
    </tr>
  </tbody>
</table>
```

Table Row



```
<table>
  <tr>
    <td>Row Data 1</td>
    <td>Row Data 2</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

```
</tr>
</table>
```

Table Header Cell

```
<tr>
  <th>Heading 1</th>
  <th>Heading 2</th>
</tr>
```



Table Data Cell

```
<tr>
  <td>Data Value 1</td>
  <td>Data Value 2</td>
</tr>
```



Table Footer

```
<table>
  <tfoot>
    <tr>
      <td>Total</td>
      <td>$150</td>
    </tr>
  </tfoot>
</table>
```



HTML Table Complete Core Snippet

```
<table>
  <caption>Enterprise Financial Metrics</caption>

  <colgroup>
    <col class="col-id" />
    <col span="2" class="col-metrics" />
  </colgroup>

  <thead>
    <tr>
      <th scope="col">ID</th>
```



```

        <th scope="col">Quarter</th>
        <th scope="col">Revenue</th>
    </tr>
</thead>

<tbody>
    <tr>
        <td>#01</td>
        <td>Q1 2026</td>
        <td>$45,000</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
        <td>#02</td>
        <td>Q2 2026</td>
        <td>$52,000</td>
    </tr>
</tbody>

<>
    <tr>
        <td colspan="2">Gross Total</td>
        <td>$97,000</td>
    </tr>
</tfoot>
</table>

```

Beginner Tips

1. Always use the `scope="col"` or `scope="row"` attribute on headers so screen readers can interpret layouts.
2. Utilize `colgroup` to write CSS targeting entire data columns globally instead of styling individual column cells.
3. Apply a structural `tfoot` component to handle summaries cleanly so multi-page prints repeat totals gracefully.
4. Inject `data-*` attributes into cell markups to make modern responsive layouts stack effortlessly via pure CSS.
5. Ensure your `caption` tags directly follow parent wrappers to instantly bridge accessibility gaps.
6. Combine horizontal cell distributions safely using standard structural parameters like `colspan` for complex rows.