# HTML Troubleshooting Tips

## part I

### General

1. Check the `<tag>` name
   - is the tag name spelled correctly?
     - how you will know this is the problem:
       1) tag contents will show up as text
       2) the text or section of the document will not be affected the way you intended by the tag.

2. Check that tag has ending bracket `>`
   - how you will know this is the problem: the tag name will show up as text with a `<` in front of it.

3. Make sure the start tag has a closing tag
   Ex: `<tag>word</tag>`
   - how you will know this is the problem:
     1) text - text from the start tag on will have that formatting.
     2) lists - any new lists indent after the initial one.
     3) tables - new table will be nested within the first one.

   >> Remember that `</closing tags>` NEVER contain attributes and/or values.

4. Check the `<tag attribute="value">`
   - check the spelling of the tag name, attributes, and values
   - make sure the attribute value has an ending quotation mark “ “
   - make sure that you have used the correct tag name and a correct attribute for that tag
   - how you will know this is the problem:
     1) contents of the tag will not show up at all
     2) contents of the tag won't have any of the formatting
     3) contents of the tag will have some of the formatting, but not others

5. Check that you have placed the attribute you want in the proper tag
   - Specific tags have specific attributes and values, it is not at random.
   - how you will know this is the problem:
     1) contents of the tag won't have any of the formatting you wanted
     2) contents of the tag will have some of the formatting, but not others

6. Check the order of nested `<tags>`
   - Make sure that tags are nested properly, like parentheses: ( [ { word } ] )
   Ex. `<a href=http://www.something.com><b>this is a link</b></a>`
   - how you will know this is the problem:
     1) this may not show up as a problem - the browser may render it anyway
     2) or, the text may not show up

7. Check that you have placed the `<tags>` in the proper place
   - how you will know this is the problem:
     1) content will be affected in a different area than you intended.

### Specific Problems

## Whole Page

1. "My file won't show up at all!"
   - Check to see that your `<title>` and/or `<head>` tags are closed.