What is the real difference between the "head" and "header" tag? [duplicate]

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The Question



I've been coding for a while and realized that the head and header look exactly the same. Are they the same, and what is the difference between them? Does it make a difference?



After researching a bit I couldn't find much info on this, I may not have been digging deep enough. The info I found was that the <head> tag came out since HTML 1 as the <header> tag came out in HTML5. Is one more stable from the other?

Summary

I would like to understand the difference between the two tags. I would like a creditable/ or official source. If you can please post the link of where you got the information. A example of the code would be helpful too! The main question I am asking is whether there is a difference and if so what difference is there. Is there a benefit from one of them? Thank you for taking the time to read this.

html header head

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asked Nov 25, 2015 at 14:58



makertech81

Duplicate sorry, didn't research enough. I honestly ment to answer my own question, but I also did not see that there already was posts. Sorry. - makertech81 Nov 25, 2015 at 15:05 🖍

Also for future reference, just clearly state what you are asking for, no need to explain how it should be answered. Experienced users on this site already know how to post a quality answer :D – pseudocoder Nov 25, 2015 at 15:12

I'll take note. Every time I ask a question here it always goes downhill. Yet when I answer questions it goes uphill. :D - makertech81 Nov 25, 2015 at 15:13

1 Asking a good question is certainly harder than composing a good answer. Here are some tips that might help you with your next question: stackoverflow.com/help/how-to-ask - pseudocoder Nov 25, 2015 at 15:21

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- A quick Google search reveals the following:
- 27 Head tag:

The HTML <head> element provides general information (metadata) about the document, including its title and links to/definitions of scripts and style sheets. (HTML MDN)



1 The HTML < header > element represents a group of introductory or navigational aids. It may contain some heading elements but also other elements like a logo, wrapped section's header, a search form, and so on. (HTML MDN)

In other words; the head tag is used for document title, styling, scripts, etc. Whereas the header tag is used for headers as seen in articles.

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Newspaper 'header'

EDIT: Updated reference, as *psuedocoder* mentioned, W3Schools is not always fully reliable. ShareFollow

edited Nov 30, 2015 at 9:31

answered Nov 25, 2015 at 15:03



Mr Lister

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From W3C:

https://www.w3.org/wiki/HTML/Elements/head

"The <head> element represents a collection of metadata for the Document."

https://www.w3.org/wiki/HTML/Elements/header

"The <header> element represents a group of introductory or navigational aids."

The main difference is that the <head> element is for META data and the <header> element is for actual content. ShareFollow

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answered Nov 25, 2015 at 15:03



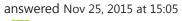
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The HTML <head> tag is a container for metadata and links to scripts and stylesheets.

<u>The <header>tag</u> is a semantic container used to designate contents that is introductory or navigational in nature. ShareFollow





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