

Demystifying Basic HTML

Formatting Block Quotes and Coloring Text

You can format text as a block quote to set off the text from the surrounding body text. Generally, browsers interpret the `<blockquote></blockquote>` tag set by indenting the enclosed text's left and right margins. If you really want to indent your paragraph, you can nest block quote commands inside one another, as here:

```
<blockquote><blockquote></blockquote></blockquote>.
```

In this section, you'll create block quotes with maroon text:

1. Open `index.html` in a text editor if necessary, click after `best:</p>` in the second cell of the table's second row, press Enter twice, and press Tab.
2. Type `<blockquote><blockquote>` to create a block quote nested within a block quote.
3. Press Enter, press Tab, and type the following:

```
<span style="color: maroon;"><p><em>Chris is by far the best  
music teacher I've ever had! She taught me more than I could  
have learned in a lifetime from Viktor McTonedeaf, the Royal  
Music Instructor!</em></p>
```

Notice that the `color` attribute in the `font` tag is used to modify the color of the paragraph text.

4. Press Enter twice, press Tab, and type the following:

```
<p align="right"><em>- Moe Zart</em></p>
```

This inserts a right-aligned, italicized name, which is associated with the block quote entered in step 3.

5. Press Enter twice, press Tab, and type the following:

```
<p><em>Chris Soll is the best teacher I had before "the incident" that ended my professional music career--she's a true master!</em></p>
```

6. Press Enter twice, press Tab, and type:

```
<p align="right"><em>- Vincent Vanngo</em></p>
```

7. Press Enter, press tab, and type `` to end the maroon font color formatting.
8. Press Enter twice, press Tab, and type `</blockquote></blockquote>` to end the block quote formatting setting.
9. Save index.html.

Your block quote text should display in your HTML document as shown in the following figure.

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index.html - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
| <a href="mailto:mm@creationguide.com"></a>
</td>
<td valign="top">
<span style="font-family: verdana, arial, sans-serif;">
<br />
<h3>welcome to Chris soll's online Resource for Music Instruction and Performance
Information!</h3>
<a href="background.html"></a>
<p>Meet Chris!</p>
<p>She's an internationally certified senior music instructor who teaches piano and
flute to budding musicians, hobbyists, and professionals.</p>
<p>Chris complements her highly regarded instructional program by regularly performing
throughout the world as well as orchestrating annual student recitals and competitions.</p>
<p>Student testimonials sum up Chris's teaching success best:</p>
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<span style="color: maroon;"><p><em>Chris is by far the best music teacher I've ever
had! She taught me more than I could have learned in a lifetime from Viktor Mctonedeaf, the
Royal Music Instructor!</em></p>
<p align="right"><em>- Moe Zart</em></p>
<p><em>Chris soll is the best teacher I had before "the incident" that ended my
professional music career--she's a true master!</em></p>
<p align="right"><em>- Vincent vanngo</em></p>
</span>
</blockquote></blockquote>
</tr>
<tr>
<td valign="top">
</td>
<td valign="top">
<p align="center"><img src="images/footer.gif" alt="Chris soll's Music Instruction"

```

Adding block quotes to offset text

The next figure shows the block quote text when it's viewed in a browser.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with the following content:

- Browser Title Bar:** Chris Soll's Music Instruction - Microsoft Internet Explorer
- Address Bar:** C:\music\index.html
- Navigation Bar:** Back, Forward, Stop, Home, Search, Favorites, Media, Print, Mail, People, Go.
- Website Header:**
 - Logo: 
 - Text:  Chris's Music Instruction
- Left Navigation Menu:**
 - Home
 - Lessons
 - Recitals
 - Competitions
 - Performances
 - Background
 - Contact
- Main Content Area:**
 - Section Header:** Welcome to Chris Soll's Online Resource for Music Instruction and Performance Information!
 - Text:** Meet Chris!
 - Text:** She's an internationally certified senior music instructor who teaches piano and flute to budding musicians, hobbyists, and professionals.
 - Text:** Chris complements her highly regarded instructional program by regularly performing throughout the world as well as orchestrating annual student recitals and competitions.
 - Text:** Student testimonials sum up Chris's teaching success best:
 - Testimonial 1:**

Chris is by far the best music teacher I've ever had! She taught me more than I could have learned in a lifetime from Viktor McTone deaf, the Royal Music Instructor!

- Moe Zart
 - Testimonial 2:**

Chris Soll is the best teacher I had before "the incident" that ended my professional music career--she's a true master!

- Vincent Vanngo
- Footer:**
 - Address: 1234 Songbird Alley, Mesa, AZ 85201
555 555-5555
 - Navigation: [Home Page](#) | [Lessons](#) | [Recitals](#) | [Competitions](#) | [Performances](#) | [Background](#) | [Contact Information](#) | [E-mail Chris](#)
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Viewing blockquotes in Internet Explorer