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#### HTTP Acronym Definition

##### What does HTTP stand for?

The acronym **HTTP** stands for **Hypertext Transfer Protocol** anywhere that links here.

To find other possibilities for the [meaning of HTTP](#) , look up the [HTTP acronym](#) in the [list of acronyms starting with "H"](#).

If you use this [HTML code for acronyms](#) the intended meaning of the acronym will displayed by a pop-up tool-tip whenever anyone positions their mouse over the acronym. It also indicates to text-to-speech (auditory) browsers how to correctly pronounce the acronym.

For verbal rendering, the [pronunciation](#) of the HTTP acronym should be:

**h t t p**

This information can be provided to auditory browsers using either an [extended link](#) or [embedded RDF metadata](#).

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## Hypertext Transfer Protocol Usage

#### HTML for HTTP Acronym

##### when HTTP means Hypertext Transfer Protocol

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The easiest way to create HTML code indicating that the acronym **HTTP** stands for **Hypertext Transfer Protocol** is to simply include the acronym in an HTML `<a>` tag and an abbreviation tag (not an [acronym tag](#)):

```
<a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/" title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"
onclick="if (confirm('HTTP stands for Hypertext Transfer Protocol')) return false;"
>
<abbr>HTTP</abbr>
</a>
```

This is the recommended code for both HTML 4 browsers and HTML 5 browsers. Some browsers, most notably IE, do not activate help when the title attribute is coded on the `<abbr>` tag, but they do work as expected for titles on the `<a>` tag. The `<abbr>` tag inherits its title attribute from the parent `<a>` tag.

If you are creating HTML code for the definition of **Hypertext Transfer Protocol**, the meaning of the acronym HTTP, then include a [<dfn> definition tag](#) around the [<abbr> abbreviation tag](#) and follow the entire HTML code for the hypertext link with the definition of the term:

```
<p>A <a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/" title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"
onclick="if (confirm('HTTP stands for Hypertext Transfer Protocol')) return false;"
>
<dfn><abbr title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol">HTTP</abbr>
</a> is ...(definition of Hypertext Transfer Protocol)....</p>
```

The `<dfn>` tag gets the term being defined from the title attribute of the `<abbr>` tag. The result should look like this (hovering your mouse over the HTTP acronym shows the expanded meaning of the acronym):

A [HTTP](#) is ...(definition of "Hypertext Transfer Protocol")....

If you are creating HTML code that simply expands the acronym then indicate that it is the HTTP acronym which is being defined using an HTML `<dfn>` tag with a title attribute around the `<abbr>` tag and follow the HTML for the hypertext link with the acronym definition:

```
<p>When we use the acronym <a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/"
title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"
onclick="if (confirm('HTTP stands for Hypertext Transfer Protocol')) return false;"
>
<dfn title="HTTP"><abbr title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol">HTTP</abbr></dfn>
</a> it is the abbreviation for Hypertext Transfer Protocol.</p>
```

The result should look like this (hovering your mouse over the HTTP acronym shows the definition):

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When we use the acronym [HTTP](#) it is the abbreviation for Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

## Acronym Vocabulary URI Declaration

For the remaining examples, the Acronym Vocabulary namespace URI needs to be declared for use with element tag names and attribute values. For an HTML web page, the beginning of the file should look like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE html [
<!ENTITY at "http://Acronyms.net/terms/">
<!ENTITY av "http://Acronyms.net/vocabulary/">
]>
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xmlns:av="&av;">
<head>
<style type="text/css">
.hide { display: none }
</style>
```

...

This only needs to be done once per document file.

## XLink simple link

First, [declare the vocabulary](#) as shown above. Then, add acronyms as follows:

```
<a href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/" title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"
xlink:type="simple"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/"
xlink:arcrole="&av;definedAt"
xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"
xlink:show="new"
xlink:actuate="onRequest"
>
<abbr
xlink:type="simple"
xlink:href="&at;Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol"
xlink:arcrole="&av;standsFor"
xlink:role="&av;term"
xlink:title="HTTP - Hypertext Transfer Protocol"
xlink:show="new"
xlink:actuate="onRequest"
>HTTP</abbr></dfn>
</a>
```

## XLink extended link

First, [declare the vocabulary](#) as shown above. Then, add acronyms as follows:

```
<a xlink:type="extended" href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/" title="Hypertext
Transfer Protocol">
<abbr xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="acronym">HTTP</abbr>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="verbal" xlink:title="pronunciation">h t t p</span>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="resource" xlink:label="expand" xlink:title="expansion">Hypertext Transfer
Protocol</span>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="term" xlink:role="&av;term"
xlink:href="&at;Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol" xlink:title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="definition" xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/" xlink:title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="finder" xlink:role="&av;reference"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/reference/h/HTTP#Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol" xlink:title="HTTP - Hypertext
Transfer Protocol"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;pronounceAs" xlink:to="verbal"
xlink:actuate="onLoad"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;expandsTo" xlink:to="expand"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;standsFor" xlink:to="term"/>
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## embedded RDF metadata

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## URI Reference for Hypertext Transfer Protocol

### URI Reference for Advanced Webmasters

This page is intended for advanced users, such as developers who are creating XML documents or building Semantic Web sites, who want to code their own simple or extended links, or RDF metadata. For all other purposes, the [HTML hypertext links](#), which show the proper usage of URI References, should be used instead.

In RDF or XML documents, refer to the abstract concept of **Hypertext Transfer Protocol** using this URI reference:

**<http://Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol>**

or, declare the `&at;` entity as shown below and use:

**`&at;HypertextTransferProtocol`**

Note that a URI Reference is case-sensitive, and that `www.` is omitted since it is not intended to be a web-accessible resource.

Use the following URL to refer to the web page that defines this term:

**<http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol>**

### Examples

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Protocol</span>
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xlink:href="&at;Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol" xlink:title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="definition" xlink:role="&av;definition"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol/" xlink:title="Hypertext Transfer Protocol"/>
<span class="hide" xlink:type="locator" xlink:label="finder" xlink:role="&av;reference"
xlink:href="http://www.Acronyms.net/reference/h/HTTP#Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol" xlink:title="HTTP - Hypertext
Transfer Protocol"/>
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<span class="hide" xlink:type="arc" xlink:from="acronym" xlink:arcrole="&av;foundAt" xlink:to="finder"
xlink:show="new" xlink:actuate="onRequest"/>
</link>
```

RDF metadata

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="...">
<av:standsFor rdf:resource="&at;HypertextTransferProtocol"/>
</rdf:Description>
<rdf:Description rdf:about="...">
<av:standsFor>
<rdf:Description rdf:about="&at;HypertextTransferProtocol">
<av:definedBy rdf:resource="http://www.Acronyms.net/terms/h/Hypertext-Transfer-Protocol"/>
</rdf:Description>
</av:standsFor>
</rdf:Description>
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