

The ul and ol List Tags

There are three types of lists. The first two are bulleted and numbered lists. On HTML language they are called "Unordered" and "Ordered".

UL – Unordered lists:

Example:

- Apples
- Oranges
- Bananas

UL Code:

```
<ul>  
<li>List item 1</li>  
<li>List item 2</li>  
</ul>
```

OL – Ordered Lists:

Example:

1. Breakfast
2. Lunch
3. Dinner

OL Code:

```
<ol>  
<li>List item 1</li>  
<li>List item 2</li>  
</ol>
```

Lists can be "nested" or put inside one another.

- Fruit
 - Oranges
 - Bananas
- Vegetables:
 1. Peas
 2. Corn

Be careful to close tags in the reverse order they were opened, and with lists it can get confusing. The trick is to indent your code.

```
<ul>
```

```
  <li>Fruit <!-- Notice that this <li> tag is opened here and -->
```

```
    <ul>
```

```
      <li>Oranges</li>
```

```
      <li>Bananas</li>
```

```
    </ul>
```

```
  </li> <!-- closes here. They are both indented the same. -->
```

```
  <li>Vegetables:
```

```
    <ol>
```

```
      <li>Peas</li>
```

```
      <li>Corn</li>
```

```
    </ol>
```

```
  </li>
```

```
</ul>
```

The DL list tag

DL – Definition List:

Example:

Wheeples

To whistle feebly

Tyrotosis

To be poisoned by cheese

DL Code:

`<dl>`

`<dt>Term 1</dt>`

`<dd>Definition of term 1</dd>`

`<dt>Term 2</dt>`

`<dd>Definition of term 2</dd>`

`</dl>`

The definition list is a bit more complicated than the ul or ol tags. Rather than having bullets or numbers it indents like this:

DT

The term being "defined"

DD

The "definition" of the term

It's called a "definition list", but it's rather handy for any number of things.

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It's a good to organize FAQ pages.

Question?

Answer

Remember, visitors tend to first scan pages and then, if interested, go on to read them. Lists are one way to quickly tell your audience whether your content is relevant to what they want.