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Using HTML

You can use most HTML tags in topics without a problem. This is useful where you want to add some content that is formatted in a way that is not supported using shorthand, for example, you can write `<strike>deleted text</strike>` to get ~~deleted text~~.

There are a few usability and technical considerations to keep in mind:

- On collaboration pages, it's better **not** to use HTML, but to use shorthand instead - this keeps the text uncluttered and easy to edit using the plaintext editor.
- If you *must* use HTML, use XHTML 1.0 Transitional syntax.
- Use `<literal>..</literal>` tags around blocks of HTML to avoid accidental interpretation of shorthand within the HTML.
- Script tags may be filtered out, at the discretion of your Wiki administrator.

Recommendations when pasting HTML from other sources (using the plain-text editor):

- Copy only text between `<body>` and `</body>` tags.
- Remove all empty lines. Foswiki inserts `<p />` paragraph tags on empty lines, which causes problems if done between HTML tags that do not allow paragraph tags, like for example between table tags.
- Remove leading spaces. Foswiki might interpret some text as lists.
- Do not span a tag over more than one line. Foswiki requires that the opening and closing angle brackets - `< . . . >` - of a HTML tag are on the same line, or the tag will be broken.
- In your HTML editing program, save without hard line breaks on text wrap.

When using a WYSIWYG editor, you can just copy-paste directly into the editor, and the content will be converted to shorthand automatically when you save.

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