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BASIC HTML

There are a lot of web resources to help you. The most authoritative is www.w3.org. Here is their page on HTML: <http://www.w3.org/standards/webdesign/htmlcss>

In the document that follows, you will make your own HTML page. The aim is to write and manipulate a script. You can practice on a live server here: <http://www.play-hookey.com/htmltest/>

STEP ONE.

a) Open a new text document. Not a word-processing document, but a “.txt” document. In Mac, that’s TextEdit; in PC, that’s WinPad. Or download a free text program, Text Wrangler, and excellent all-around editor for code:

<http://www.barebones.com/products/textwrangler/download.html>

b) Type (or copy-paste):

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<HTML>
<HEAD><TITLE>My page</TITLE></HEAD>
<BODY>
Hello, World!
</BODY>
</HTML>
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c) Save as **hello.html** (if the computer asks if you really want to get rid of the “txt” designation, say yes).

d) Open **hello.html** with any browser (Under FILE, select OPEN ...).

That’s it.

STEP TWO.

Visit [w3.org](http://www.w3.org) and check out the many tags that you can use to modify text and page layout.