

8: Adding Links (4 pages in this guide)

INTRO

Almost every website you visit is going to have links to other websites...Adding a hyperlink to your page is not hard, you just need to make sure you take your time and look at all the little things you have to do...

LINK TAGS

Hyperlink tags = `<a href="website address">` WHAT THEY CLICK ON `</a>`

INTRO TO ATTRIBUTES

ATTRIBUTES are used to provide additional information for a particular set of tags...

- ☐ think of attributes as *options* or *settings* for your HTML elements...

ANCHOR TAG ATTRIBUTES

When adding a website to your HTML document, you need to add two things:

- ☐ the actual link you want to add
- ☐ the text you want the user to click on to *access* your link

Here is how you would add a link on your website to <https://high.socialcircleschools.com/>

```
<a href="https://high.socialcircleschools.com/"> Social Circle High School </a>
```

example on next page..

OPENING TAG	ATTRIBUTE	TEXT TO SHOW ON WEBSITE	CLOSING TAG
<a *you start the tag with “a” for <i>anchor</i> *notice you don’t close the tag yet	href=” https://high.socialcircleschools.com ”> *every attribute you add in HTML is put <i>inside</i> the opening tag (because browsers read HTML from left to right..you want to make sure the browser knows what to do BEFORE it processes your tag) *href = h yperlink r epference *has to have “=” *has to have link in “ “ *you end the opening tag after the link	Social Circle High School *this is what the user will click on to access the link	 *just the closing tag

You add links and images to your website in almost the same way

they both use attributes (settings or options) because with both, you are basically creating a “link” telling the browser what to do...

for links: telling the browser what website you want the link to take the user to...

for images: telling the browser what image you want it to retrieve and show on the screen

LINKS

uses the <a> tag

TAG STRUCTURE

make sure to follow this structure...

the HREF attribute is always in the opening tag...

make sure to have a space between the ‘a’ and the href

make sure to have the =

make sure to have the “ “

make sure to end the “”

make sure to end the tag>

the ONLY space you will have in the opening tag is between the **a** and **href**

```
<a href="http://www.google.com">
```

LINK OPEN IN SAME TAB

if you want the link to open in the same browser tab, you don't have to do anything extra...

just make sure **the opening tag** is formatted correctly, make sure you add the **link text between the tags**, you **close the tag**, and you are good to go!

```
<a href="http://www.google.com"> GOOGLE </a>
```

LINK OPEN IN NEW TAB

if you want to have the link open in a new tab, you need to add one more thing to the opening tag...

add the target="_blank" attribute after the link...

make sure you leave a space between the href attribute and the target attribute...

```
<a href="http://www.google.com" target="_blank"> GOOGLE </a>
```