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Headers & Footers

The <header> element specifies a header for a document or section.

The <header> element should be used as a container for introductory content. You can have several <header> elements in one document.

The <footer> element specifies a footer for a document or section.

A <footer> element should contain information about its containing element. A footer typically contains the author of the document, copyright information, links to terms of use, contact information, etc. You may have several <footer> elements in one document.

Sections or Articles

One of the main questions I have seen popping up all over the place in relation to HTML5, in forums, [StackOverflow](#), and Twitter, is “which do I use: article or section?”

In fact quite often the answer is “neither, use a div” but these two new elements initially aren’t all that easy to get your head around and because it forces us to think about what we’re writing and the way we present it, we’re thinking in a way we haven’t had to before when laying out a HTML page. And whilst this is a good thing, it does require a bit of thought.

Article

A self-contained component of information

Section

One part of a whole component of information

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