

Special Characters in HTML

Special characters are symbols that can be displayed on the webpage, but which you can't type with your English language keyboard in Notepad or Notepad++.

All special characters start with an ampersand (&) and end with a semi-colon (;).

Special characters can be used with a name or a number. It is easier to read the code if the name is used. Here is a list of the most commonly used special characters:

Description	Special Character Name	Special Character Number	Special Character Hex
Ampersand	&	&	&
Angle Bracket – left	<	<	<
Angle Bracket – right	>	>	>
Card Deck – Club	♣	♣	♣
Card Deck – Diamond	♦	♦	♦
Card Deck - Heart	♥	♥	♥
Card Deck - Spade	♠	♠	♠
Cent	¢	¢	¢
Copyright	©	©	©
Degree	°	°	°
Euro	€	€	€
Non-breaking space	 	 	
Paragraph symbol	¶	¶	¶
Plus-or-minus	±	±	±
Registered trademark	®	®	®
Trademark	™	™	™

Other very cool special characters can be found on the WC3 website, which has standards for all things related to the web. Try these links:

Miscellaneous symbols: https://www.w3schools.com/charsets/ref_utf_symbols.asp

Dingbats: https://www.w3schools.com/charsets/ref_utf_dingbats.asp

Emojis: https://www.w3schools.com/charsets/ref_emoji.asp

Emoji Smileys: https://www.w3schools.com/charsets/ref_emoji_smileys.asp

Emoji Skin Tones: https://www.w3schools.com/charsets/ref_emoji_skin_tones.asp

There are also special characters to help you write correct Spanish:

Description	Special Character Name	Special Character Number
Accent on lowercase a	á	á
Accent on lowercase e	é	é
Accent on lowercase i	í	í
Accent on lowercase o	ó	ó
Accent on lowercase u	ú	ú
Accent on uppercase A	Á	Á
Accent on uppercase E	É	É
Accent on uppercase I	Í	Í
Accent on uppercase O	Ó	Ó
Accent on uppercase U	Ú	Ú
Inverted exclamation mark	¡	¡
Inverted question mark	¿	¿
Tilde on lowercase n	ñ	ñ
Tilde on uppercase N	Ñ	Ñ