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# **html5lib Documentation**

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html5lib is a pure-python library for parsing HTML. It is designed to conform to the WHATWG HTML specification, as is implemented by all major web browsers.



# CHAPTER 1

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## Usage

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Simple usage follows this pattern:

```
import html5lib
with open("mydocument.html", "rb") as f:
    document = html5lib.parse(f)
```

or:

```
import html5lib
document = html5lib.parse("<p>Hello World!")
```

By default, the document will be an `xml.etree` element instance. Whenever possible, `html5lib` chooses the accelerated `ElementTree` implementation (i.e. `xml.etree.cElementTree` on Python 2.x).

Two other tree types are supported: `xml.dom.minidom` and `lxml.etree`. To use an alternative format, specify the name of a treebuilder:

```
import html5lib
with open("mydocument.html", "rb") as f:
    lxml_etree_document = html5lib.parse(f, treebuilder="lxml")
```

When using with `urllib2` (Python 2), the charset from HTTP should be pass into `html5lib` as follows:

```
from contextlib import closing
from urllib2 import urlopen
import html5lib

with closing(urlopen("http://example.com/")) as f:
    document = html5lib.parse(f, transport_encoding=f.info().getparam("charset"))
```

When using with `urllib.request` (Python 3), the charset from HTTP should be pass into `html5lib` as follows:

```
from urllib.request import urlopen
import html5lib
```

```
with urlopen("http://example.com/") as f:
    document = html5lib.parse(f, transport_encoding=f.info().get_content_charset())
```

To have more control over the parser, create a parser object explicitly. For instance, to make the parser raise exceptions on parse errors, use:

```
import html5lib
with open("mydocument.html", "rb") as f:
    parser = html5lib.HTMLParser(strict=True)
    document = parser.parse(f)
```

When you're instantiating parser objects explicitly, pass a treebuilder class as the `tree` keyword argument to use an alternative document format:

```
import html5lib
parser = html5lib.HTMLParser(tree=html5lib.getTreeBuilder("dom"))
minidom_document = parser.parse("<p>Hello World!")
```

More documentation is available at <https://html5lib.readthedocs.io/>.

## CHAPTER 2

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### Installation

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html5lib works on CPython 2.7+, CPython 3.3+ and PyPy. To install it, use:

```
$ pip install html5lib
```



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### Optional Dependencies

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The following third-party libraries may be used for additional functionality:

- `datrie` can be used under CPython to improve parsing performance (though in almost all cases the improvement is marginal);
- `lxml` is supported as a tree format (for both building and walking) under CPython (but *not* PyPy where it is known to cause segfaults);
- `genshi` has a treewalker (but not builder); and
- `chardet` can be used as a fallback when character encoding cannot be determined.



## CHAPTER 4

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### Bugs

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Please report any bugs on the [issue tracker](#).



Unit tests require the `pytest` and `mock` libraries and can be run using the `py.test` command in the root directory. Test data are contained in a separate [html5lib-tests](#) repository and included as a submodule, thus for git checkouts they must be initialized:

```
$ git submodule init
$ git submodule update
```

If you have all compatible Python implementations available on your system, you can run tests on all of them using the `tox` utility, which can be found on PyPI.



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There's a mailing list available for support on Google Groups, [html5lib-discuss](#), though you may get a quicker response asking on IRC in [#whatwg](#) on [irc.freenode.net](#).

## 6.1 The moving parts

html5lib consists of a number of components, which are responsible for handling its features.

Parsing uses a *tree builder* to generate a *tree*, the in-memory representation of the document. Several tree representations are supported, as are translations to other formats via *tree adapters*. The tree may be translated to a token stream with a *tree walker*, from which `HTMLSerializer` produces a stream of bytes. The token stream may also be transformed by use of *filters* to accomplish tasks like sanitization.

### 6.1.1 Tree builders

The parser reads HTML by tokenizing the content and building a tree that the user can later access. html5lib can build three types of trees:

- `etree` - this is the default; builds a tree based on `xml.etree`, which can be found in the standard library. Whenever possible, the accelerated `ElementTree` implementation (i.e. `xml.etree.cElementTree` on Python 2.x) is used.
- `dom` - builds a tree based on `xml.dom.minidom`.
- `lxml` - uses the `lxml.etree` implementation of the `ElementTree` API. The performance gains are relatively small compared to using the accelerated `ElementTree` module.

You can specify the builder by name when using the shorthand API:

```
import html5lib
with open("mydocument.html", "rb") as f:
    lxml_etree_document = html5lib.parse(f, treebuilder="lxml")
```

To get a builder class by name, use the `getTreeBuilder()` function.

When instantiating a `HTMLParser` object, you must pass a tree builder class via the `tree` keyword attribute:

```
import html5lib
TreeBuilder = html5lib.getTreeBuilder("dom")
parser = html5lib.HTMLParser(tree=TreeBuilder)
minidom_document = parser.parse("<p>Hello World!")
```

The implementation of builders can be found in [html5lib/treebuilders/](#).

### 6.1.2 Tree walkers

In addition to manipulating a tree directly, you can use a tree walker to generate a streaming view of it. `html5lib` provides walkers for `etree`, `dom`, and `lxml` trees, as well as `genshi` [markup streams](#).

The implementation of walkers can be found in [html5lib/treewalkers/](#).

`html5lib` provides `HTMLSerializer` for generating a stream of bytes from a token stream, and several filters which manipulate the stream.

#### HTMLSerializer

The serializer lets you write HTML back as a stream of bytes.

```
>>> import html5lib
>>> element = html5lib.parse('<p xml:lang="pl">Witam wszystkim')
>>> walker = html5lib.getTreeWalker("etree")
>>> stream = walker(element)
>>> s = html5lib.serializer.HTMLSerializer()
>>> output = s.serialize(stream)
>>> for item in output:
...     print("%r" % item)
'<p'
' '
'xml:lang'
'='
'pl'
'>'
'Witam wszystkim'
```

You can customize the serializer behaviour in a variety of ways. Consult the `HTMLSerializer` documentation.

#### Filters

`html5lib` provides several filters:

- `alphabeticalattributes.Filter` sorts attributes on tags to be in alphabetical order
- `inject_meta_charset.Filter` sets a user-specified encoding in the correct `<meta>` tag in the `<head>` section of the document
- `lint.Filter` raises `AssertionError` exceptions on invalid tag and attribute names, invalid PCDATA, etc.
- `optionaltags.Filter` removes tags from the token stream which are not necessary to produce valid HTML

- `sanitizer.Filter` removes unsafe markup and CSS. Elements that are known to be safe are passed through and the rest is converted to visible text. The default configuration of the sanitizer follows the [WHATWG Sanitization Rules](#).
- `whitespace.Filter` collapses all whitespace characters to single spaces unless they're in `<pre/>` or `<textarea/>` tags.

To use a filter, simply wrap it around a token stream:

```
>>> import html5lib
>>> from html5lib.filters import sanitizer
>>> dom = html5lib.parse("<p><script>alert('Boo!')", treebuilder="dom")
>>> walker = html5lib.getTreeWalker("dom")
>>> stream = walker(dom)
>>> clean_stream = sanitizer.Filter(stream)
```

### 6.1.3 Tree adapters

Tree adapters can be used to translate between tree formats. Two adapters are provided by html5lib:

- `html5lib.treeadapters.genshi.to_genshi()` generates a Genshi markup stream.
- `html5lib.treeadapters.sax.to_sax()` calls a SAX handler based on the tree.

### 6.1.4 Encoding discovery

Parsed trees are always Unicode. However a large variety of input encodings are supported. The encoding of the document is determined in the following way:

- The encoding may be explicitly specified by passing the name of the encoding as the encoding parameter to the `parse()` method on `HTMLParser` objects.
- If no encoding is specified, the parser will attempt to detect the encoding from a `<meta>` element in the first 512 bytes of the document (this is only a partial implementation of the current HTML specification).
- If no encoding can be found and the `chardet` library is available, an attempt will be made to sniff the encoding from the byte pattern.
- If all else fails, the default encoding will be used. This is usually [Windows-1252](#), which is a common fallback used by Web browsers.

## 6.2 html5lib

### 6.2.1 html5lib Package

HTML parsing library based on the [WHATWG HTML specification](#). The parser is designed to be compatible with existing HTML found in the wild and implements well-defined error recovery that is largely compatible with modern desktop web browsers.

Example usage:

```
import html5lib
with open("my_document.html", "rb") as f:
    tree = html5lib.parse(f)
```

For convenience, this module re-exports the following names:

- `parse()`
- `parseFragment()`
- `HTMLParser`
- `getTreeBuilder()`
- `getTreeWalker()`
- `serialize()`

### constants Module

**exception** `html5lib.constants.DataLossWarning`

Bases: `UserWarning`

Raised when the current tree is unable to represent the input data

### html5parser Module

**class** `html5lib.html5parser.HTMLParser` (*tree=None, strict=False, namespaceHTMLElements=True, debug=False*)

Bases: `object`

HTML parser

Generates a tree structure from a stream of (possibly malformed) HTML.

`__init__` (*tree=None, strict=False, namespaceHTMLElements=True, debug=False*)

#### Parameters

- **tree** – a treebuilder class controlling the type of tree that will be returned. Built in treebuilders can be accessed through `html5lib.treebuilders.getTreeBuilder(treeType)`
- **strict** – raise an exception when a parse error is encountered
- **namespaceHTMLElements** – whether or not to namespace HTML elements
- **debug** – whether or not to enable debug mode which logs things

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.html5parser import HTMLParser
>>> parser = HTMLParser() # generates parser with etree_
↳builder
>>> parser = HTMLParser('lxml', strict=True) # generates parser with lxml_
↳builder which is strict
```

### documentEncoding

Name of the character encoding that was used to decode the input stream, or `None` if that is not determined yet

**parse** (*stream, \*args, \*\*kwargs*)

Parse a HTML document into a well-formed tree

#### Parameters

- **stream** – a file-like object or string containing the HTML to be parsed

The optional encoding parameter must be a string that indicates the encoding. If specified, that encoding will be used, regardless of any BOM or later declaration (such as in a meta element).

- **scripting** – treat noscript elements as if JavaScript was turned on

**Returns** parsed tree

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.html5parser import HTMLParser
>>> parser = HTMLParser()
>>> parser.parse('<html><body><p>This is a doc</p></body></html>')
<Element u'{http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml}html' at 0x7feac4909db0>
```

**parseFragment** (*stream*, \*args, \*\*kwargs)

Parse a HTML fragment into a well-formed tree fragment

**Parameters**

- **container** – name of the element we're setting the innerHTML property if set to None, default to 'div'
  - **stream** – a file-like object or string containing the HTML to be parsed
- The optional encoding parameter must be a string that indicates the encoding. If specified, that encoding will be used, regardless of any BOM or later declaration (such as in a meta element)
- **scripting** – treat noscript elements as if JavaScript was turned on

**Returns** parsed tree

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.html5libparser import HTMLParser
>>> parser = HTMLParser()
>>> parser.parseFragment('<b>this is a fragment</b>')
<Element u'DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT' at 0x7feac484b090>
```

**exception** html5lib.html5parser.ParseError

Bases: Exception

Error in parsed document

html5lib.html5parser.**parse** (*doc*, *treebuilder='etree'*, *namespaceHTMLElements=True*, \*\*kwargs)

Parse an HTML document as a string or file-like object into a tree

**Parameters**

- **doc** – the document to parse as a string or file-like object
- **treebuilder** – the treebuilder to use when parsing
- **namespaceHTMLElements** – whether or not to namespace HTML elements

**Returns** parsed tree

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.html5parser import parse
>>> parse('<html><body><p>This is a doc</p></body></html>')
<Element u'{http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml}html' at 0x7feac4909db0>
```

`html5lib.html5parser.parseFragment` (*doc*, *container='div'*, *treebuilder='etree'*, *namespace-HTMLElements=True*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Parse an HTML fragment as a string or file-like object into a tree

#### Parameters

- **doc** – the fragment to parse as a string or file-like object
- **container** – the container context to parse the fragment in
- **treebuilder** – the treebuilder to use when parsing
- **namespaceHTMLElements** – whether or not to namespace HTML elements

**Returns** parsed tree

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.html5parser import parseFragment
>>> parseFragment('<b>this is a fragment</b>')
<Element u'DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT' at 0x7feac484b090>
```

## serializer Module

**exception** `html5lib.serializer.SerializeError`

Bases: Exception

Error in serialized tree

`html5lib.serializer.serialize` (*input*, *tree='etree'*, *encoding=None*, *\*\*serializer\_opts*)

Serializes the input token stream using the specified treewalker

#### Parameters

- **input** – the token stream to serialize
- **tree** – the treewalker to use
- **encoding** – the encoding to use
- **serializer\_opts** – any options to pass to the `html5lib.serializer.HTMLSerializer` that gets created

**Returns** the tree serialized as a string

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.html5parser import parse
>>> from html5lib.serializer import serialize
>>> token_stream = parse('<html><body><p>Hi!</p></body></html>')
>>> serialize(token_stream, omit_optional_tags=False)
'<html><head></head><body><p>Hi!</p></body></html>'
```

`html5lib.serializer.xmlcharrefreplace_errors` ()

Implements the 'xmlcharrefreplace' error handling, which replaces an unencodable character with the appropriate XML character reference.

## Subpackages

### filters Package

#### base Module

#### alphabeticalattributes Module

**class** `html5lib.filters.alphabeticalattributes.Filter`(*source*)  
Bases: `html5lib.filters.base.Filter`  
Alphabetizes attributes for elements

#### inject\_meta\_charset Module

**class** `html5lib.filters.inject_meta_charset.Filter`(*source*, *encoding*)  
Bases: `html5lib.filters.base.Filter`  
Injects `<meta charset=ENCODING>` tag into head of document

**\_\_init\_\_**(*source*, *encoding*)  
Creates a Filter

##### Parameters

- **source** – the source token stream
- **encoding** – the encoding to set

#### lint Module

**class** `html5lib.filters.lint.Filter`(*source*, *require\_matching\_tags=True*)  
Bases: `html5lib.filters.base.Filter`  
Lints the token stream for errors

If it finds any errors, it'll raise an `AssertionError`.

**\_\_init\_\_**(*source*, *require\_matching\_tags=True*)  
Creates a Filter

##### Parameters

- **source** – the source token stream
- **require\_matching\_tags** – whether or not to require matching tags

#### optionaltags Module

**class** `html5lib.filters.optionaltags.Filter`(*source*)  
Bases: `html5lib.filters.base.Filter`  
Removes optional tags from the token stream



## sanitizer Module

```

class html5lib.filters.sanitizer.Filter (source, allowed_elements=frozenset({'http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'h5'}, ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'meta-
data'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'msub'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'acronym'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'mtr'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'output'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'kbd'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'hr'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'font-
face-src'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'tt'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'sub'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'dialog'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
'polyline'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
'path'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'time'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'tr'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'circle'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'span'),
('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'mstyle'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'big'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'animate-
Color'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'missing-
glyph'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
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'keygen'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'datalist'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'spacer'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'dir'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'sup'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'img'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'text'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'center'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'block-
quote'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'li'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'code'),
('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'animate'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'audio'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'var'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'com-
mand'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
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('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'merror'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
'marker'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'q'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'mo'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'strong'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'tbody'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'pre'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'set'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'sound'),
('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'ellipse'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'h1'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'section'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'address'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'figure'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'th'),
('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',

```

Sanitizes token stream of XHTML+MathML+SVG and of inline style attributes

```

__init__ (source,
         allowed_elements=frozenset({'http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'h5'},
         ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'metadata'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
         'msub'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'acronym'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
         'mtr'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'output'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'kbd'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'hr'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'font-
         face-src'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'it'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'sub'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'dialog'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
         'polyline'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'path'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
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         ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'span'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
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         'animateColor'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'missing-glyph'),
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         'div'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'ins'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'option'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'merror'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'marker'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'q'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mo'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'strong'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'tbody'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'pre'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'set'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'sound'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'ellipse'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'h1'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'section'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'ad-
         dress'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'figure'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'th'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'maction'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'footer'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'map'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mtable'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
         'hkern'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mover'),
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         'progress'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'svg'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'a'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'munder'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'form'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'datagrid'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'samp'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'source'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'textarea'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'event-source'),
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         ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mspace'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         'i'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'font-face'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
         's'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'ol'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'switch'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'a'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mpadded'),
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         'msqrt'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'meter'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'line'),
         ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mtd'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'but-
         ton'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'desc'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'glyph'),
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         'mprescripts'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'dfn'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
         'g'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'nav'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'de-
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         'optgroup'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'animateTrans-
         form'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'munderover'),

```

Creates a Filter

#### Parameters

- **allowed\_elements** – set of elements to allow—everything else will be escaped
- **allowed\_attributes** – set of attributes to allow in elements—everything else will be stripped
- **allowed\_css\_properties** – set of CSS properties to allow—everything else will be stripped
- **allowed\_css\_keywords** – set of CSS keywords to allow—everything else will be stripped
- **allowed\_svg\_properties** – set of SVG properties to allow—everything else will be removed
- **allowed\_protocols** – set of allowed protocols for URIs
- **allowed\_content\_types** – set of allowed content types for data URIs.
- **attr\_val\_is\_uri** – set of attributes that have URI values—values that have a scheme not listed in `allowed_protocols` are removed
- **svg\_attr\_val\_allows\_ref** – set of SVG attributes that can have references
- **svg\_allow\_local\_href** – set of SVG elements that can have local hrefs—these are removed

### whitespace Module

**class** `html5lib.filters.whitespace.Filter` (*source*)

Bases: `html5lib.filters.base.Filter`

Collapses whitespace except in `pre`, `textarea`, and `script` elements

### treebuilders Package

#### treebuilders Package

A collection of modules for building different kinds of trees from HTML documents.

To create a treebuilder for a new type of tree, you need to do implement several things:

1. A set of classes for various types of elements: `Document`, `Doctype`, `Comment`, `Element`. These must implement the interface of `base.treebuilders.Node` (although comment nodes have a different signature for their constructor, see `treebuilders.etree.Comment`) Textual content may also be implemented as another node type, or not, as your tree implementation requires.
2. A treebuilder object (called `TreeBuilder` by convention) that inherits from `treebuilders.base.TreeBuilder`. This has 4 required attributes:
  - `documentClass` - the class to use for the bottommost node of a document
  - `elementClass` - the class to use for HTML Elements
  - `commentClass` - the class to use for comments
  - `doctypeClass` - the class to use for doctypes

It also has one required method:

- `getDocument` - Returns the root node of the complete document tree
3. If you wish to run the unit tests, you must also create a `testSerializer` method on your treebuilder which accepts a node and returns a string containing Node and its children serialized according to the format used in the unittests

`html5lib.treebuilders.getTreeBuilder` (*treeType*, *implementation=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get a TreeBuilder class for various types of trees with built-in support

#### Parameters

- **treeType** – the name of the tree type required (case-insensitive). Supported values are:
  - “dom” - A generic builder for DOM implementations, defaulting to a `xml.dom.minidom` based implementation.
  - “etree” - A generic builder for tree implementations exposing an `ElementTree`-like interface, defaulting to `xml.etree.cElementTree` if available and `xml.etree.ElementTree` if not.
  - “lxml” - A `etree`-based builder for `lxml.etree`, handling limitations of `lxml`’s implementation.
- **implementation** – (Currently applies to the “etree” and “dom” tree types). A module implementing the tree type e.g. `xml.etree.ElementTree` or `xml.etree.cElementTree`.
- **kwargs** – Any additional options to pass to the TreeBuilder when creating it.

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib.treebuilders import getTreeBuilder
>>> builder = getTreeBuilder('etree')
```

## base Module

**class** `html5lib.treebuilders.base.Node` (*name*)

Bases: `object`

Represents an item in the tree

**\_\_init\_\_** (*name*)

Creates a Node

**Parameters** **name** – The tag name associated with the node

**appendChild** (*node*)

Insert node as a child of the current node

**Parameters** **node** – the node to insert

**cloneNode** ()

Return a shallow copy of the current node i.e. a node with the same name and attributes but with no parent or child nodes

**hasContent** ()

Return true if the node has children or text, false otherwise

**insertBefore** (*node*, *refNode*)

Insert node as a child of the current node, before `refNode` in the list of child nodes. Raises `ValueError` if `refNode` is not a child of the current node

**Parameters**

- **node** – the node to insert
- **refNode** – the child node to insert the node before

**insertText** (*data*, *insertBefore=None*)

Insert data as text in the current node, positioned before the start of node *insertBefore* or to the end of the node's text.

**Parameters**

- **data** – the data to insert
- **insertBefore** – True if you want to insert the text before the node and False if you want to insert it after the node

**removeChild** (*node*)

Remove node from the children of the current node

**Parameters** **node** – the child node to remove

**reparentChildren** (*newParent*)

Move all the children of the current node to *newParent*. This is needed so that trees that don't store text as nodes move the text in the correct way

**Parameters** **newParent** – the node to move all this node's children to

**class** `html5lib.treebuilders.base.TreeBuilder` (*namespaceHTMLElements*)

Bases: `object`

Base treebuilder implementation

- **documentClass** - the class to use for the bottommost node of a document
- **elementClass** - the class to use for HTML Elements
- **commentClass** - the class to use for comments
- **doctypeClass** - the class to use for doctypes

**\_\_init\_\_** (*namespaceHTMLElements*)

Create a TreeBuilder

**Parameters** **namespaceHTMLElements** – whether or not to namespace HTML elements

**createElement** (*token*)

Create an element but don't insert it anywhere

**elementInActiveFormattingElements** (*name*)

Check if an element exists between the end of the active formatting elements and the last marker. If it does, return it, else return false

**getDocument** ()

Return the final tree

**getFragment** ()

Return the final fragment

**getTableMisnestedNodePosition** ()

Get the foster parent element, and sibling to insert before (or None) when inserting a misnested table node

**insertElementTable** (*token*)

Create an element and insert it into the tree

**insertText** (*data*, *parent=None*)

Insert text data.

**testSerializer** (*node*)

Serialize the subtree of node in the format required by unit tests

**Parameters** **node** – the node from which to start serializing

## dom Module

## etree Module

## etree\_lxml Module

Module for supporting the lxml.etree library. The idea here is to use as much of the native library as possible, without using fragile hacks like custom element names that break between releases. The downside of this is that we cannot represent all possible trees; specifically the following are known to cause problems:

Text or comments as siblings of the root element Docypes with no name

When any of these things occur, we emit a DataLossWarning

`html5lib.treebuilders.etree_lxml.tostring` (*element*)

Serialize an element and its child nodes to a string

## treewalkers Package

### treewalkers Package

A collection of modules for iterating through different kinds of tree, generating tokens identical to those produced by the tokenizer module.

To create a tree walker for a new type of tree, you need to implement a tree walker object (called `TreeWalker` by convention) that implements a ‘serialize’ method which takes a tree as sole argument and returns an iterator which generates tokens.

`html5lib.treewalkers.getTreeWalker` (*treeType*, *implementation=None*, *\*\*kwargs*)

Get a `TreeWalker` class for various types of tree with built-in support

#### Parameters

- **treeType** (*str*) – the name of the tree type required (case-insensitive). Supported values are:
  - “dom”: The `xml.dom.minidom` DOM implementation
  - “etree”: A generic walker for tree implementations exposing an `elementtree`-like interface (known to work with `ElementTree`, `cElementTree` and `lxml.etree`).
  - “lxml”: Optimized walker for `lxml.etree`
  - “genshi”: a Genshi stream
- **implementation** – A module implementing the tree type e.g. `xml.etree.ElementTree` or `cElementTree` (Currently applies to the “etree” tree type only).
- **kwargs** – keyword arguments passed to the etree walker—for other walkers, this has no effect

**Returns** a `TreeWalker` class

`html5lib.treewalkers.pprint` (*walker*)

Pretty printer for tree walkers

Takes a TreeWalker instance and pretty prints the output of walking the tree.

**Parameters** *walker* – a TreeWalker instance

## base Module

**class** `html5lib.treewalkers.base.TreeWalker` (*tree*)

Bases: object

Walks a tree yielding tokens

Tokens are dicts that all have a `type` field specifying the type of the token.

**\_\_init\_\_** (*tree*)

Creates a TreeWalker

**Parameters** *tree* – the tree to walk

**comment** (*data*)

Generates a Comment token

**Parameters** *data* – the comment

**Returns** Comment token

**doctype** (*name, publicId=None, systemId=None*)

Generates a Doctype token

**Parameters**

- **name** –
- **publicId** –
- **systemId** –

**Returns** the Doctype token

**emptyTag** (*namespace, name, attrs, hasChildren=False*)

Generates an EmptyTag token

**Parameters**

- **namespace** – the namespace of the token—can be None
- **name** – the name of the element
- **attrs** – the attributes of the element as a dict
- **hasChildren** – whether or not to yield a `SerializationError` because this tag shouldn't have children

**Returns** EmptyTag token

**endTag** (*namespace, name*)

Generates an EndTag token

**Parameters**

- **namespace** – the namespace of the token—can be None
- **name** – the name of the element

**Returns** EndTag token

**entity** (*name*)

Generates an Entity token

**Parameters** **name** – the entity name

**Returns** an Entity token

**error** (*msg*)

Generates an error token with the given message

**Parameters** **msg** – the error message

**Returns** SerializeError token

**startTag** (*namespace, name, attrs*)

Generates a StartTag token

**Parameters**

- **namespace** – the namespace of the token—can be None
- **name** – the name of the element
- **attrs** – the attributes of the element as a dict

**Returns** StartTag token

**text** (*data*)

Generates SpaceCharacters and Characters tokens

Depending on what's in the data, this generates one or more SpaceCharacters and Characters tokens.

For example:

```
>>> from html5lib.treewalkers.base import TreeWalker
>>> # Give it an empty tree just so it instantiates
>>> walker = TreeWalker([])
>>> list(walker.text(''))
[]
>>> list(walker.text(' '))
[{'data': ' ', 'type': 'SpaceCharacters'}]
>>> list(walker.text(' abc '))
[{'data': ' ', 'type': 'SpaceCharacters'},
 {'data': 'abc', 'type': 'Characters'},
 {'data': ' ', 'type': 'SpaceCharacters'}]
```

**Parameters** **data** – the text data

**Returns** one or more SpaceCharacters and Characters tokens

**unknown** (*nodeType*)

Handles unknown node types

**dom Module**

**etree Module**

**etree\_xml Module**

**genshi Module**

**treeadapters Package**

**treeadapters Package**

Tree adapters let you convert from one tree structure to another

Example:

```
import html5lib
from html5lib.treeadapters import genshi

doc = '<html><body>Hi!</body></html>'
treebuilder = html5lib.getTreeBuilder('etree')
parser = html5lib.HTMLParser(tree=treebuilder)
tree = parser.parse(doc)
TreeWalker = html5lib.getTreeWalker('etree')

genshi_tree = genshi.to_genshi(TreeWalker(tree))
```

`html5lib.treeadapters.genshi.to_genshi(walker)`

Convert a tree to a genshi tree

**Parameters** `walker` – the treewalker to use to walk the tree to convert it

**Returns** generator of genshi nodes

`html5lib.treeadapters.sax.to_sax(walker, handler)`

Call SAX-like content handler based on treewalker walker

**Parameters**

- **walker** – the treewalker to use to walk the tree to convert it
- **handler** – SAX handler to use

## 6.3 Change Log

### 6.3.1 1.0.1

Released on December 7, 2017

Breaking changes:

- Drop support for Python 2.6. (#330) (Thank you, Hugo, Will Kahn-Greene!)
- Remove `utils/spider.py` (#353) (Thank you, Jon Dufresne!)

Features:

- Improve documentation. (#300, #307) (Thank you, Jon Dufresne, Tom Most, Will Kahn-Greene!)
- Add iframe seamless boolean attribute. (Thank you, Ritwik Gupta!)
- Add itemscope as a boolean attribute. (#194) (Thank you, Jonathan Vanasco!)
- Support Python 3.6. (#333) (Thank you, Jon Dufresne!)
- Add CI support for Windows using AppVeyor. (Thank you, John Vandenberg!)
- Improve testing and CI and add code coverage (#323, #334), (Thank you, Jon Dufresne, John Vandenberg, Geoffrey Sneddon, Will Kahn-Greene!)
- Semver-compliant version number.

Bug fixes:

- Add support for setuptools < 18.5 to support environment markers. (Thank you, John Vandenberg!)
- Add explicit dependency for six >= 1.9. (Thank you, Eric Amorde!)
- Fix regexes to work with Python 3.7 regex adjustments. (#318, #379) (Thank you, Benedikt Morbach, Ville Skyttä, Mark Vasilkov!)
- Fix alphabeticalattributes filter namespace bug. (#324) (Thank you, Will Kahn-Greene!)
- Include license file in generated wheel package. (#350) (Thank you, Jon Dufresne!)
- Fix annotation-xml typo. (#339) (Thank you, Will Kahn-Greene!)
- Allow uppercase hex characters in CSS colour check. (#377) (Thank you, Komal Dembla, Hugo!)

### 6.3.2 1.0

Released and unreleased on December 7, 2017. Badly packaged release.

### 6.3.3 0.999999999/1.0b10

Released on July 15, 2016

- Fix attribute order going to the tree builder to be document order instead of reverse document order(!).

### 6.3.4 0.999999999/1.0b9

Released on July 14, 2016

- **Added ordereddict as a mandatory dependency on Python 2.6.**
- Added lxml, genshi, datrie, charade, and all extras that will do the right thing based on the specific interpreter implementation.
- Now requires the mock package for the testsuite.
- Cease supporting DATrie under PyPy.
- **Remove PullDOM support, as this hasn't ever been properly tested, doesn't entirely work, and as far as I can tell is completely unused by anyone.**
- Move testsuite to py.test.
- **Fix #124: move to webencodings for decoding the input byte stream; this makes html5lib compliant with the Encoding Standard, and introduces a required dependency on webencodings.**

- Cease supporting Python 3.2 (in both CPython and PyPy forms).
- Fix comments containing double-dash with lxml 3.5 and above.
- Use scripting disabled by default (as we don't implement scripting).
- Fix #11, avoiding the XSS bug potentially caused by serializer allowing attribute values to be escaped out of in old browser versions, changing the `quote_attr_values` option on serializer to take one of three values, "always" (the old True value), "legacy" (the new option, and the new default), and "spec" (the old False value, and the old default).
- Fix #72 by rewriting the sanitizer to apply only to treewalkers (instead of the tokenizer); as such, this will require amending all callers of it to use it via the treewalker API.
- Drop support of charade, now that chardet is supported once more.
- Replace the `charset` keyword argument on `parse` and related methods with a set of keyword arguments: `override_encoding`, `transport_encoding`, `same_origin_parent_encoding`, `likely_encoding`, and `default_encoding`.
- Move `filters._base`, `treebuilder._base`, and `treewalkers._base` to `.base` to clarify their status as public.
- Get rid of the sanitizer package. Merge `sanitizer.sanitize` into the `sanitizer.htmlsanitizer` module and move that to `sanitizer`. This means anyone who used `sanitizer.sanitize` or `sanitizer.HTMLSanitizer` needs no code changes.
- Rename `treewalkers.lxmletree` to `.etree_lxml` and `treewalkers.genshistream` to `.genshi` to have a consistent API.
- Move a whole load of stuff (`inputstream`, `ihatexml`, `trie`, `tokenizer`, `utils`) to be underscore prefixed to clarify their status as private.

### 6.3.5 0.9999999/1.0b8

Released on September 10, 2015

- Fix #195: fix the sanitizer to drop broken URLs (it threw an exception between 0.9999 and 0.999999).

### 6.3.6 0.9999999/1.0b7

Released on July 7, 2015

- Fix #189: fix the sanitizer to allow relative URLs again (as it did prior to 0.9999/1.0b5).

### 6.3.7 0.9999999/1.0b6

Released on April 30, 2015

- Fix #188: fix the sanitizer to not throw an exception when sanitizing bogus data URLs.

### 6.3.8 0.9999999/1.0b5

Released on April 29, 2015

- Fix #153: Sanitizer fails to treat some attributes as URLs. Despite how this sounds, this has no known security implications. No known version of IE (5.5 to current), Firefox (3 to current), Safari (6 to current), Chrome (1 to current), or Opera (12 to current) will run any script provided in these attributes.

- Pass error message to the `ParseError` exception in strict parsing mode.
- Allow data URIs in the sanitizer, with a whitelist of content-types.
- Add support for Python implementations that don't support lone surrogates (read: Jython). Fixes #2.
- Remove localization of error messages. This functionality was totally unused (and untested that everything was localizable), so we may as well follow numerous browsers in not supporting translating technical strings.
- Expose `treewalkers.pprint` as a public API.
- Add a `documentEncoding` property to `HTML5Parser`, fix #121.

### 6.3.9 0.999

Released on December 23, 2013

- Fix #127: add work-around for CPython issue #20007: `.read(0)` on `http.client.HTTPResponse` drops the rest of the content.
- Fix #115: `lxml` treewalker can now deal with fragments containing, at their root level, text nodes with non-ASCII characters on Python 2.

### 6.3.10 0.99

Released on September 10, 2013

- No library changes from 1.0b3; released as 0.99 as pip has changed behaviour from 1.4 to avoid installing pre-release versions per PEP 440.

### 6.3.11 1.0b3

Released on July 24, 2013

- Removed `RecursiveTreeWalker` from `treewalkers._base`. Any implementation using it should be moved to `NonRecursiveTreeWalker`, as everything bundled with `html5lib` has for years.
- Fix #67 so that `BufferedStream` to correctly returns a bytes object, thereby fixing any case where `html5lib` is passed a non-seekable `RawIOBase`-like object.

### 6.3.12 1.0b2

Released on June 27, 2013

- Removed reordering of attributes within the serializer. There is now an `alphabetical_attributes` option which preserves the previous behaviour through a new filter. This allows attribute order to be preserved through `html5lib` if the tree builder preserves order.
- Removed `dom2sax` from DOM treebuilders. It has been replaced by `treeadapters.sax.to_sax` which is generic and supports any treewalker; it also resolves all known bugs with `dom2sax`.
- Fix treewalker assertions on hitting bytes strings on Python 2. Previous to 1.0b1, treewalkers coped with mixed bytes/unicode data on Python 2; this reintroduces this prior behaviour on Python 2. Behaviour is unchanged on Python 3.

### 6.3.13 1.0b1

Released on May 17, 2013

- Implementation updated to implement the [HTML specification](#) as of 5th May 2013 (SVN revision r7867).
- Python 3.2+ supported in a single codebase using the `six` library.
- Removed support for Python 2.5 and older.
- Removed the deprecated Beautiful Soup 3 treebuilder. `beautifulsoup4` can use `html5lib` as a parser instead. Note that since it doesn't support namespaces, foreign content like SVG and MathML is parsed incorrectly.
- Removed `simpletree` from the package. The default tree builder is now `etree` (using the `xml.etree.cElementTree` implementation if available, and `xml.etree.ElementTree` otherwise).
- Removed the `XHTMLSerializer` as it never actually guaranteed its output was well-formed XML, and hence provided little of use.
- Removed default DOM treebuilder, so `html5lib.treebuilders.dom` is no longer supported. `html5lib.treebuilders.getTreeBuilder("dom")` will return the default DOM treebuilder, which uses `xml.dom.minidom`.
- Optional heuristic character encoding detection now based on `charade` for Python 2.6 - 3.3 compatibility.
- Optional Genshi treewalker support fixed.
- Many bugfixes, including:
  - #33: null in attribute value breaks XML AttValue;
  - #4: nested, indirect descendant, `<button>` causes infinite loop;
  - [Google Code 215](#): Properly detect seekable streams;
  - [Google Code 206](#): add support for `<video preload=...>`, `<audio preload=...>`;
  - [Google Code 205](#): add support for `<video poster=...>`;
  - [Google Code 202](#): Unicode file breaks `InputStream`.
- Source code is now mostly PEP 8 compliant.
- Test harness has been improved and now depends on `nose`.
- Documentation updated and moved to <https://html5lib.readthedocs.io/>.

### 6.3.14 0.95

Released on February 11, 2012

### 6.3.15 0.90

Released on January 17, 2010

### 6.3.16 0.11.1

Released on June 12, 2008

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Released on June 10, 2008

### **6.3.18 0.10**

Released on October 7, 2007

### **6.3.19 0.9**

Released on March 11, 2007

### **6.3.20 0.2**

Released on January 8, 2007

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