
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

Usage

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!</p>")
```

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
```

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```
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!</p>")
```

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

CHAPTER 2

Installation

html5lib works on CPython 2.7+, CPython 3.5+ and PyPy. To install:

```
$ pip install html5lib
```

The goal is to support a (non-strict) superset of the versions that `pip` supports.

CHAPTER 3

Optional Dependencies

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

- `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

Bugs

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

CHAPTER 5

Tests

Unit tests require the `pytest` and `mock` libraries and can be run using the `pytest` 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.

CHAPTER 6

Questions?

Check out [the docs](#). Still need help? Go to our GitHub Discussions.

You can also browse the archives of the [html5lib-discuss](#) mailing list.

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.ElementTree`, 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!</p>")
```

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 wszystkich')
>>> 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 wszystkich'
```

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!')</script></p>", 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()`

```
html5lib.__version__ = '1.2-dev'
```

Distribution version number.

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', namespaceHTMLElements=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.

```
class html5lib.serializer.HTMLSerializer(**kwargs)
```

Bases: `object`

```
__init__(**kwargs)
```

Initialize HTMLSerializer

Parameters

- **inject_meta_charset** – Whether or not to inject the meta charset.
Defaults to True.
- **quote_attr_values** – Whether to quote attribute values that don't require quoting per legacy browser behavior ("legacy"), when required by the standard ("spec"), or always ("always").
Defaults to "legacy".
- **quote_char** – Use given quote character for attribute quoting.
Defaults to " " which will use double quotes unless attribute value contains a double quote, in which case single quotes are used.
- **escape_lt_in_attrs** – Whether or not to escape < in attribute values.
Defaults to False.
- **escape_rcdata** – Whether to escape characters that need to be escaped within normal elements within rcdata elements such as style.
Defaults to False.
- **resolve_entities** – Whether to resolve named character entities that appear in the source tree. The XML predefined entities < > & " ' are unaffected by this setting.
Defaults to True.
- **strip_whitespace** – Whether to remove semantically meaningless whitespace. (This compresses all whitespace to a single space except within pre.)
Defaults to False.
- **minimize_boolean_attributes** – Shortens boolean attributes to give just the attribute value, for example:

```
<input disabled="disabled">
```

becomes:

```
<input disabled>
```

Defaults to True.

- **use_trailing_solidus** – Includes a close-tag slash at the end of the start tag of void elements (empty elements whose end tag is forbidden). E.g. <hr />.

Defaults to False.

- **space_before_trailing_solidus** – Places a space immediately before the closing slash in a tag using a trailing solidus. E.g. <hr />. Requires use_trailing_solidus=True.

Defaults to True.

- **sanitize** – Strip all unsafe or unknown constructs from output. See [html5lib.filters.sanitizer.Filter](#).

Defaults to False.

- **omit_optional_tags** – Omit start/end tags that are optional.
Defaults to True.
- **alphabetical_attributes** – Reorder attributes to be in alphabetical order.
Defaults to False.

render (*treewalker*, *encoding*=*None*)

Serializes the stream from the treewalker into a string

Parameters

- **treewalker** – the treewalker to serialize
- **encoding** – the string encoding to use

Returns the serialized tree

Example:

```
>>> from html5lib import parse, getTreeWalker
>>> from html5lib.serializer import HTMLSerializer
>>> token_stream = parse('<html><body>Hi!</body></html>')
>>> walker = getTreeWalker('etree')
>>> serializer = HTMLSerializer(omit_optional_tags=False)
>>> serializer.render(walker(token_stream))
'<html><head></head><body>Hi!</body></html>'
```

Subpackages

filters Package

base Module

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

Bases: `object`

__init__(*source*)

Initialize self. See help(type(self)) for accurate signature.

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

Deprecated from html5lib 1.1.

See [here](#) for information about its deprecation; `Bleach` is recommended as a replacement. Please let us know in the aforementioned issue if Bleach is unsuitable for your needs.

```
class html5lib.filters.sanitizer.Filter(source, allowed_elements=frozenset({('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
    'h6'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'sup'),
    ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'metadata'),
    ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'msqrt'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'colgroup'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'q'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mspace'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'article'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mo'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'aside'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mtr'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'time'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'footer'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'meter'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'animate'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'font-face-name'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'address'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'caption'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'datalist'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'msub'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'g'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'tbody'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mprescripts'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'summary'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mfrac'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'area'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'missing-glyph'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'textarea'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'select'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'linearGradient'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'maction'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'b'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'tr'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'h3'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'br'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'col'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'font-face-src'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'marker'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'var'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'small'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'h1'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'text'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'wbr'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
     'circle'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'strike'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'span'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'option'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'button'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'map'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'progress'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'video'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'sound'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'keygen'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'dd'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mover'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'acronym'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'math'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mmultiscripts'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
     'mrow'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
     'math'))
```

Bases: `html5lib.filters.base.Filter`

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

```
__init__(source, allowed_elements=frozenset({('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'h6'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'sup'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
'metadata'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'msqrt'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'colgroup'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'q'),
('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mspace'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'article'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mo'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'aside'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'mtr'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'time'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'footer'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'meter'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg',
'animate'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'font-face-name'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'address'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'caption'),
('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'datalist'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML',
'msub'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'g'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
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'mover'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'acronym'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'a'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mmultiscripts'),
('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mrow'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml',
'dt'), ('http://www.w3.org/2000/svg', 'stop'), ('http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml', 'dfn'),
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'nav'), ('http://www.w3.org/1998/Math/MathML', 'mphantom'))
```

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

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.ActiveFormattingElements
```

Bases: `list`

```
append(node)
```

Append node to the end of the list.

```
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

```
class html5lib.treebuilders.etree_lxml.TreeBuilder(namespaceHTMLElements, full-
Tree=False)
Bases: html5lib.treebuilders.base.TreeBuilder

__init__ (namespaceHTMLElements, fullTree=False)
    Create a TreeBuilder

Parameters namespaceHTMLElements – whether or not to namespace HTML elements

getDocument ()
    Return the final tree

getFragment ()
    Return the final fragment

testSerializer (element)
    Serialize the subtree of node in the format required by unit tests

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

```
html5lib.treebuilders.etree_lxml.tostring (element)
    Serialize an element and its child nodes to a string
```

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`, `cElementTree` and `lxml.etree`. 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'}]
```

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```
>>> list(walker.text(' abc ')) # doctest: +NORMALIZE_WHITESPACE
[{'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

class `html5lib.treewalkers.base.NonRecursiveTreeWalker` (*tree*)Bases: `html5lib.treewalkers.base.TreeWalker`**dom Module****class** `html5lib.treewalkers.dom.TreeWalker` (*tree*)Bases: `html5lib.treewalkers.base.NonRecursiveTreeWalker`**etree Module****etree_lxml Module****class** `html5lib.treewalkers.etree_lxml.TreeWalker` (*tree*)Bases: `html5lib.treewalkers.base.NonRecursiveTreeWalker`**__init__** (*tree*)

Creates a TreeWalker

Parameters `tree` – the tree to walk**genshi Module****class** `html5lib.treewalkers.genshi.TreeWalker` (*tree*)Bases: `html5lib.treewalkers.base.TreeWalker`**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')
```

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```
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 1.2

Unreleased yet

Features:

- Add support for the `<wbr>` element in the sanitizer, which indicates a line break opportunity. This element is allowed by default. (#395) (Thank you, Tom Most!)
- Add support for serializing the `<ol reversed>` boolean attribute. (Thank you, Tom Most!) (#396)
- The `<ol reversed>` and `<ol start>` attributes are now permitted by the sanitizer. (#321) (Thank you, Tom Most!)

Bug fixes:

- The sanitizer now permits `<summary>` tags. It used to allow `<details>` already. (#423)

6.3.2 1.1

Released on June 23, 2020

Breaking changes:

- Drop support for Python 3.3. (#358)
- Drop support for Python 3.4. (#421)

Deprecations:

- Deprecate the `html5lib` sanitizer (`html5lib.serialize(sanitize=True)` and `html5lib.filters.sanitizer`). We recommend users migrate to *Bleach* [`<https://github.com/mozilla/bleach>`](https://github.com/mozilla/bleach). Please let us know if Bleach doesn't suffice for your use. (#443)

Other changes:

- Try to import from `collections.abc` to remove `DeprecationWarning` and ensure `html5lib` keeps working in future Python versions. (#403)

- Drop optional `datrie` dependency. (#442)

6.3.3 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, Sam 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 chararcters in CSS colour check. (#377) (Thank you, Komal Dembla, Hugo!)

6.3.4 1.0

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

6.3.5 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(!).

6.3.6 0.99999999/1.0b9

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 pytest.
- **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.

6.3.7 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).

6.3.8 0.999999/1.0b7

Released on July 7, 2015

- Fix #189: fix the sanitizer to allow relative URLs again (as it did prior to 0.999999/1.0b5).

6.3.9 0.999999/1.0b6

Released on April 30, 2015

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

6.3.10 0.9999/1.0b5

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.

6.3.11 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.

6.3.12 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.

6.3.13 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` correctly returns a bytes object, thereby fixing any case where html5lib is passed a non-seekable RawIOBase-like object.

6.3.14 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.

6.3.15 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 AttrValue;
 - #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/>.

6.3.16 0.95

Released on February 11, 2012

6.3.17 0.90

Released on January 17, 2010

6.3.18 0.11.1

Released on June 12, 2008

6.3.19 0.11

Released on June 10, 2008

6.3.20 0.10

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6.3.21 0.9

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Released on January 8, 2007

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