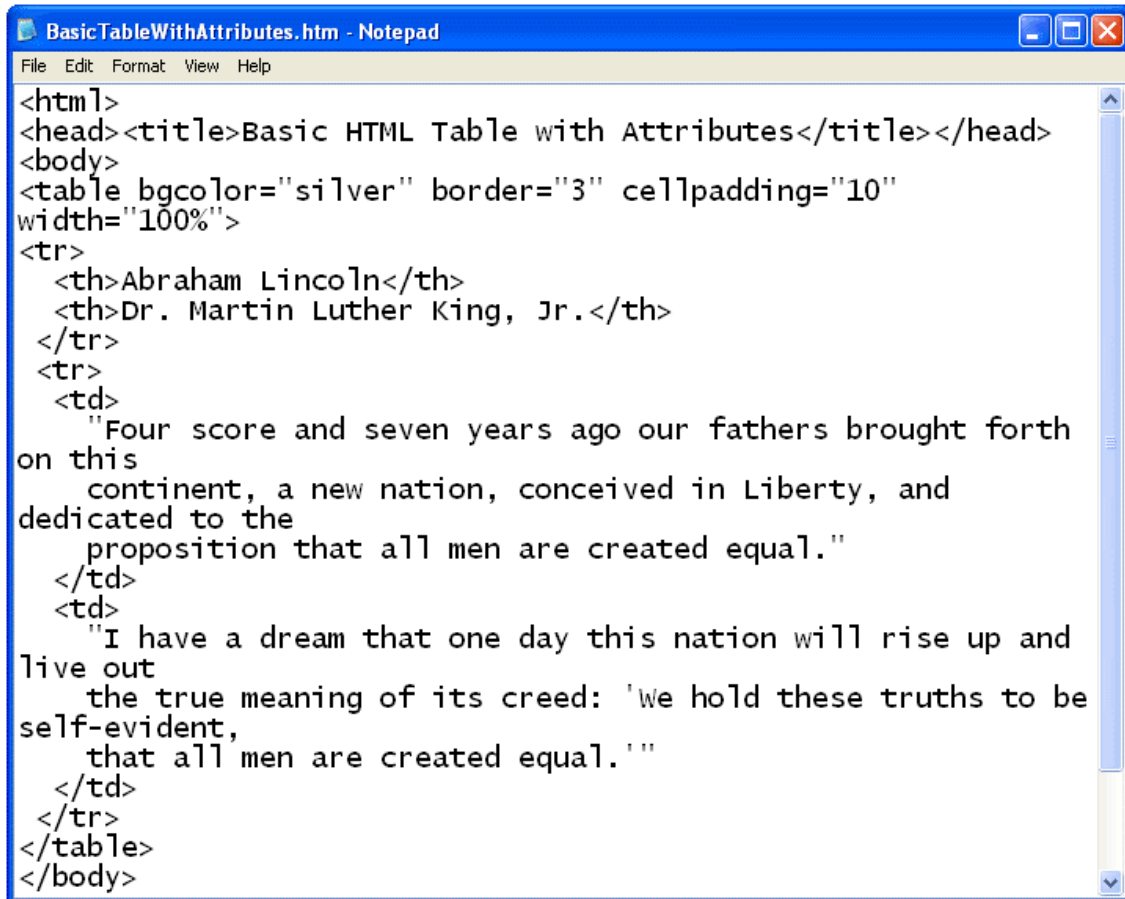## Creating and Formatting an HTML Table

You can create a basic HTML table with the table element, its associated elements, and a text editor. You simply add the table element's start < table> tag and end < /table> tag. Between the two table tags, you add a table row < tr> for each row you want to have in your table. After each table row you add a table header < th> tag or a table data < td> tag for each cell you want to have in that row. You can change the appearance of the table by setting the values of its attributes. Then, you save the plain text file with an .htm or .html extension.

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BasicTableWithAttributes.htm - Notepad
File  Edit  Format  View  Help
<html>
<head><title>Basic HTML Table with Attributes</title></head>
<body>
<table bgcolor="silver" border="3" cellpadding="10"
width="100%">
<tr>
  <th>Abraham Lincoln</th>
  <th>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</th>
 </tr>
 <tr>
  <td>
    "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth
on this
    continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and
dedicated to the
    proposition that all men are created equal."
  </td>
  <td>
    "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and
live out
    the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be
self-evident,
    that all men are created equal.'"
  </td>
 </tr>
</table>
</body>
```

When you open the file with a Web browser, the plain text file is displayed as an HTML document with a table. The table, table rows, table headers, and table data cells are all displayed with the default values for each of their attributes. The best way to learn how each table element's attributes work is to change them to various settings, save the file, and view the file in a browser. You can leave both the text editor and browser open, and simply refresh the browser after you save the file to see the effect of your changes.

Basic HTML Table with Attributes - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File   Edit   View   Favorites   Tools   Help

Abraham Lincoln	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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