

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following content:

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- Section Header:** Example
- Description:** A telephone input field with a placeholder text:
- Code Snippet:**

```
<form action="/action_page.php">
  <label for="phone">Enter a phone number:<br><br>
```

```
<input type="tel" id="phone" name="phone" placeholder="123-45-678"
pattern="[0-9]{3}-[0-9]{2}-[0-9]{3}"><br><br>
<small>Format: 123-45-678</small><br><br>
<input type="submit">
</form>
```

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Definition and Usage

The **placeholder** attribute specifies a short hint that describes the expected value of an input field (e.g. a sample value or a short description of the expected format).

The short hint is displayed in the input field before the user enters a value.

Note: The **placeholder** attribute works with the following input types: text, search, url, tel, email, and password.

Browser Support

The numbers in the table specify the first browser version that fully supports the attribute.

Browser	Support
Chrome	1
Firefox	1
Internet Explorer	10
Opera	10.5
Safari	1

Attribute					
placeholder	10.0	10.0	4.0	5.0	11.0

Syntax

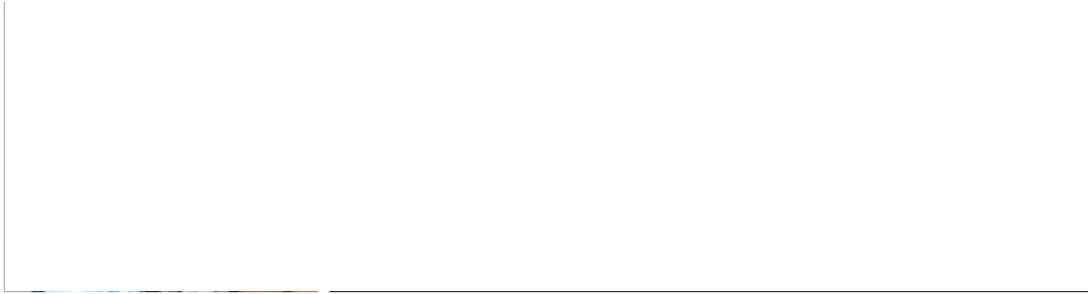
```
<input placeholder="text">
```

Attribute Values

Value	Description
text	Specifies a short hint that describes the expected value of the input field

```
< HTML <input> tag
```

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