Tips for working with HTML:

Working with html files requires reading carefully and paying close attention to detail. You will do your work in Notepad and review the document in the browser. It's important to follow the steps closely! If what you've done doesn't appear correctly in the browser, go back to Notepad and proofread your work--the tiniest error in code will change the results.

Having said that, I hope your will enjoy the XHTML project! It is quite exciting to see what you can create with just a little bit of coding knowledge.

Here are some tips that will be important to you as you work:

- In my notes and videos, I use html and xhtml interchangeably to refer to the same thing.

- When a reference refers to a text editor, it means **Notepad**. Notepad is a Windows accessory and is found under **Programs, Accessories**.

- When working on your document, keep both the text editor (Notepad) and browser (Internet Explorer) open--then you move easily from one to the other using the buttons on the Task Bar.

- You have only one web page file, with the extension .htm. You *view* it in 2 different ways – in Notepad (where you create and code the contents) and in the browser (where you see it as it would appear on the Internet)

- You must save your file in Notepad with the **.htm** extension.

- To open your file in the browser:
  Open the browser; go to **File. . .Open; click the **Browse** button; locate your file wherever you saved it.
  **OR--you can open the browser and drag your .htm file to it.

- Be sure to **Save** changes you make in Notepad; then **Refresh** in the browser to see the changes.

- <mark>VIDEO CLARIFICATION</mark>: In my second video, where I show you how to add a background image to your web page, I mention that you can go to **View. . .Source** in the browser and make edits there. That is no longer true. To work on your web page code, open **Notepad**, then go to **File. . .Open** and open your .htm file.

- <mark>VERY IMPORTANT:</mark>
  If you close your Notepad file and then want to re-open it, open Notepad, go to File. . .Open, then be sure to choose **All Files** from the drop down list--you won't see your html file if type of files displays **Text Documents (*txt)**.

- Type carefully! Always read you code carefully to be sure you have beginning and ending brackets and that everything is spelled correctly. Here are two common typing errors: **img scr** instead of **img src**; **backround** instead of **background.**

- One of the videos on YouTube demonstrates a more feature-rich Notepad software (Notepad++) which is a free download. Regular Notepad works fine, but if you're interested in Notepad++, visit this web site for information and download: http://www.download.com/Notepad-/3000-2352_4-10327521.html