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# Microformats

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# What are Microformats?

- *“Designed for humans first and machines second, microformats are a set of simple, open data formats built upon existing and widely adopted standards. Instead of throwing away what works today, microformats intend to solve simpler problems first by adapting to current behaviors and usage patterns (e.g. XHTML, blogging).”*  
– Microformats.org
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# Semantic Web vs. semantic web

	Semantic Web	semantic web
Philosophy	Build a common data format for expressing the meaning of data. Use ontologies to help machines to understand web content.	Humans first, machines second. Encode existing Web content with special tags.
Language	RDF, RDFS, OWL	Microformats
Format	Well-formed RDF documents	Valid XHTML documents
Semantic	Defined by the underlying ontology model	Loosely defined. No formal semantic model.