

Introduction

This cheat sheet has two main parts. The first part gives a brief overview of the possible elements and where they are supported by Sandcastle Help File Builder in XML doc comments in the source code. After this each element is detailed a bit more.

Used Icons

☑ Syntax is verified by the compiler.

☒ Not supported by SHFB

These icons are used on the sections that describe the elements to indicate some additional information.

root elements

<summary>	Describe the member or type in one or two lines	
<param>	Describe a parameter	☑
<returns>	Describe the return value	
<remarks>	Full description of the member or the type	
<permission>	???	☑
<exception>	Describe an exception that can be thrown from the member	☑
<inheritdoc>	Inherit documentation from an ancestor	
<example>	Provide an example	
<exclude>	Exclude the member from the documentation	
<filterpriority>	Used by the VB editor to filter elements out of the pop-up	☒
<include>	Import documentation from an external file	☑
<overloads>	Generic description for member overloads	
<preliminary>	Shot the documentation as preliminary	
<seealso>	Link to other content from the "See Also" section	☑
<threadafety>	???	
<tocexclude>	Exclude the member from the table of contents	
<typeparam>	Describe a type parameter of a generic type	☑
<value>	Describe the value of a property	

block elements

<code>	Format a block as code. Syntax highlighting is possible.
<inheritdoc>	Inherit common documentation from an ancestor
<list>	Create a list or a table
<para>	Create as a paragraph



inline elements

<c>	Format short text as code.	
<note>	Format the content of the block as a note. Use attributes to set the note type.	
<paramref>	Reference a parameter of the method. Method name set by attribute name .	
<pre>		
<see>	In-line reference to an internal (cref), an external (href), or a language specific content (langword). Target of reference set by attribute.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<typeparamref>	Reference a type parameter of the method. Method name set by attribute name .	

Externals Links

[SHFB Site](#)

[XML Documentation comments on MSDN](#)

<summary>

Type	Root
Content	mixed

The summary provides a short description of the type or the member. This summary is used in intellisense and in various places in the generated documentation.



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