

### 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<returns>	Describe the return value	
<remarks>	Full description of the member of the type	
<permission>	???	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<exception>	Describe an exception that can be thrown from the member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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	<input type="checkbox"/>
<include>	Import documentation from an external file	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<overloads>	Generic description for member overloads	
<preliminary>	Shot the documentation as preliminary	
<seealso>	Link to other content from the "See Also" section	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<threadsafety>	???	
<toexclude>	Exclude the member from the table of contents	
<typeparam>	Describe a type parameter of a generic type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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



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### 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 <b>name</b> .
<pre>	
<see>	In-line reference to an internal ( <b>cref</b> ), an external ( <b>href</b> ), or a language specific content ( <b>langword</b> ). Target of reference set by attribute. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<typeparamref>	Reference a type parameter of the method. Method name set by attribute <b>name</b> .

### 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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