

Column and Row spanning

The **<td>** element allows data to be shared across numerous columns or rows in a table

The colspan attribute

The **colspan** attribute is used with **<td>** tag to span (merge) a column across two or more cells.

Code:

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <td colspan="3"> Web browser usage (in %)</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>IE</td>
    <td>FF</td>
    <td>Chrome</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>33</td>
    <td>47</td>
    <td>14</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

Display:

Web browser usage (in %)		
IE	FF	Chrome
33	47	14

The table above shows the cell in the first row that horizontally spans three columns.

Notice: the first row has only one table cell.

The Rowspan attribute

The **rowspan** attribute is used with **<td>** tag to span (merge) a cell vertically.

Code:

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <td rowspan="2">Browsers</td>
    <td>IE</td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td>FF</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```

Display:

The table below shows a cell (i.e. column) that vertically spans two rows

Browsers	IE
	FF