

ToolTips

The **tooltip** is a common [graphical user interface](#) element. It is used in conjunction with a [cursor](#), usually a mouse pointer. The user hovers the cursor over an item, without clicking it, and a small box appears with a name or description of the item being hovered over. A common variant, especially in older software, is displaying a description of the tool in a [status bar](#), but such descriptions are not usually called tooltips.

A good example of tooltips are the widely used tooltips on web pages. Many graphical [web browsers](#) display the attribute "title" of an [HTML](#) element when it is hovered.

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