Subject: Re: Documentation - assorted html errors - table errors - www.tonymarston.net
Posted by jjtoranzo2004 on Tue, 26 Feb 2013 23:16:08 GMT
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Tony,

The old validator is DTD based, and the new validator is not. In fact, the new validator is designed to find errors that the old one misses.

On the limits of DTD based validation see the HTML 4.01 specs:
http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/sgml/intro.html#h-19.1

That being said, there might be bugs in the new validator (as in any piece of complex software).

I am not a nu validation fan (for example in its treatment of XHTMl served as html), I am only using it as a tool to detect some errors, mainly table errors raised by an inconsistency between the column count established by col and colgroup elements and the contents of some rows. In my experience it works well detecting that errors.

On that specific matter see the HTML 4.01 specs:

Reference
The COLGROUP element
http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/struct/tables.html#h-11.2.4.1

The COL element
http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/struct/tables.html#h-11.2.4.2

Calculating the number of columns in a table
http://www.w3.org/TR/html401/struct/tables.html#h-11.2.4.3

Thanks again.

PS.
Sorry for grouping to many errors in the same post, but don't take that as an indication that they should be corrected immediatly.