I've been doing HTML/CSS for more than 20 years.

I don't memorize them. But when I build a pattern, I think about what it is.

Someting inline, like text? Lookup MDN, inline things: span, **a**, **em**, **i**, **b**, **del**, **sup**

Something like a box?: **div**, **section**, **main**, **nav**

Something for listing?

* Is it ordered: **ol** (ordered list)
* Is it unordered: **ul**
* is it with a label and some value related to it? **dl** (definition list), with a **dt** (definition title) and 0 or many **dd** (definition data)

Is it in a form, use a form. What fields in that form, make **input** inside that **form**, don't go funky! That's when crappy HTML happens! Want to tell what that **input[id=fname]** is for, add a **label[for=fname]**. Want to submit the form, use a **button**, or **input[type=submit]**.

Want to not change how the form behaves. Like not changing page. Don't use **form[method=get]**, unless you want URL with **?fname=bob**. Use instead method post. But then addEventListener on form, then use e.preventDefault().

Then CSS can help rearrange things. Maybe you want the **a** to be a "box" (or flex, now). That's when you add CSS.

Before all the rest you'll see in tutorials. Start by basics!

A Staff FrontEnd developer with hours and hours of re-explaining those basics.

In job interviews where I interviewed hundreds of front-end candidates, I would often include the question: "How many HTML tags are there?"

There isn't a right or wrong answer. It's just to gauge their understanding of HTML and to see whether they have some kind of grasp of HTML.

There were a few groups:

* "There is only one HTML tag, namely <html>." Technically correct.
* People who would guess anywhere from 20 to 40. That is very wrong, but you wouldn't use more than this in normal day-to-day work.
* People who would guess anywhere from 40 to 100. Getting closer. It's fine. I understand.
* 100 And up: great, they looked it up or actually knew it already. These people were rare.
* "Unlimited." Technically also correct if you take into account web components.

Newbie here - Do you remember all the html tags or how do you find the tag that you ne