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What I found most intriguing was that the author stated that everything we have done, every technological advancement, has been a buildup. As in, the foundations for it came from before the technology was actually needed or before the state we see the technology in now. Like, for example, CSS is based on HTML. Rather, much of what CSS now accomplishes was done in HTML before CSS was conceived and used wide-spread. Because of this, the designers of CSS—who came from the same place HTML was created—used tags that were already present in HTML so you can change what was inside those tags without having to re-write your page. The beautiful thing about both is that they are so free—they’re not strict like Java or Python, both of which need specific syntax to even compile let alone run. With HTML, I can make up a tag and use it all over the place. Then, with CSS, I can define what that tag is actually supposed to do. This is why there is such a huge built-in vocabulary list for both HTML and CSS now. In even 2 or 3 years that list will probably grow to be even larger.