

What advice do you have for someone who is just starting to learn HTML?

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If you're just starting to learn HTML, there's two things you're going to run into that are really tough, especially getting started. One is file management. Trying to remember where your files and your folders are, and what's a file and what's a folder, and keeping track of the paths to your images or paths to CSS files, paths linking together other HTML webpages is pretty tough for a beginner.

So, if you're feeling a little frustrated by file management, don't worry about it. That's perfectly normal. As I tell my students, 50% of the problem is file management. If you can get that one thing right, you're going to do great on the rest of your work.

The second thing that a lot of people have trouble with is syntax. So, it's very, very easy to leave out quotation marks. It's easy to leave out closing brackets. It's very easy to nest things where they shouldn't be nested or close a tag when you shouldn't close a tag. A lot of little glitchy things like that.

The best way to get around those problems is to use the W3C HTML Validator. When you put your code through the validator, it will point out any problems or concerns or issues. So, if you can't find the problem or if you even think you wrote it perfectly, run it through the validator really quick. You'll be surprised at all the problems that you will uncover using it.