

What are some HTML features that people can and should be using right now?

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In the 2019 HTTP Archive report of all things going on on the web, they identified five tags that everybody is using on their websites, like div and span and paragraph and list item, script tag. So, there are not a lot of HTML tags that are being used.

And the 80/20 rule applies to HTML, just like anything else. Eighty percent of the tags, you're probably only going to use 20% of the time. Twenty percent of the tags, you're going to use 80% of the time. It's likely that in your courses, you're concentrating on that 20% of tags you're going to use all the time.

Just be aware that if you wind up coding a webpage and you think you're putting in a div or a span somewhere, there may be a better tag that you should use. And that's a great moment to go hop over to the Mozilla Developer Network, MDN, for example, and just take a quick peek and see if there's a better tag that's a match for what you're doing.

Just an example of this: the definition list, or description list as it's sometimes also called, is a great way of--a type of list that allows for two pieces of data, like a term and a definition. And you can make a whole list of these terms and definitions one after another. It's a great way of putting together frequently asked questions. There's a lot of really great uses for the definition list. But unfortunately, a lot of people aren't aware of it, and so they never actually use it.

There's a lot of interesting tags out there. Try to learn one a week, and you'll get familiar with all of them pretty quickly.