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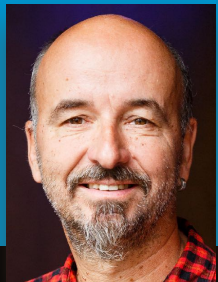
# Where to render? That is the question!

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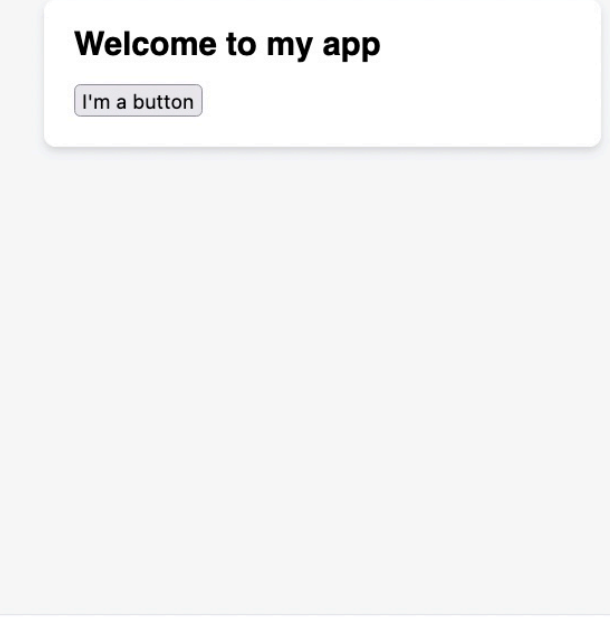
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# This is not The Web !

```
App.js
1 function MyButton() {
2   return (
3     <button>
4       I'm a button
5     </button>
6   );
7 }
8
9 export default function MyApp() {
10  return (
11    <div>
12      <h1>Welcome to my app</h1>
13      <MyButton />
14    </div>
15  );
16 }
17
```



Example from <https://react.dev/learn>  
No offense - apps are good **when you need them !**

# The Web Platform

## HTML

Living Standard — Last Updated 28 January 2023

W3C

Descriptions  
of all CSS specifications

## ECMA-262

ECMAScript® 2022 language specification

13th edition, June 2022

## Web APIs

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<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/>

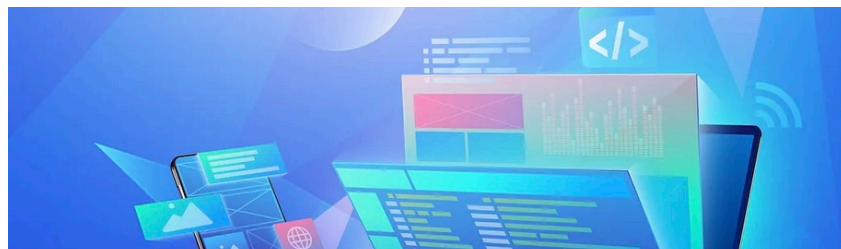
## The Web Platform Is Back

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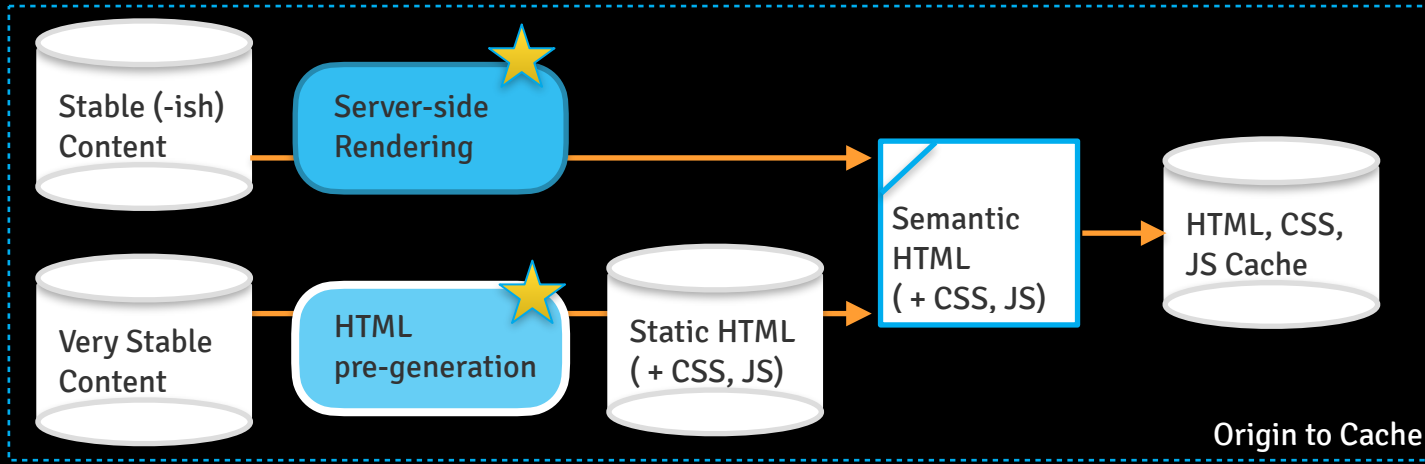
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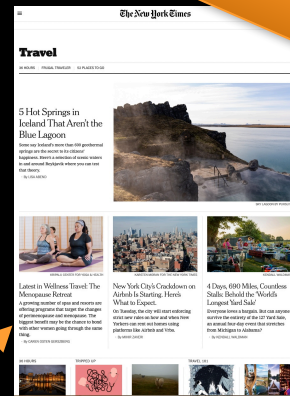
# The Rendering Pipeline

# A Typical Rendering Pipeline

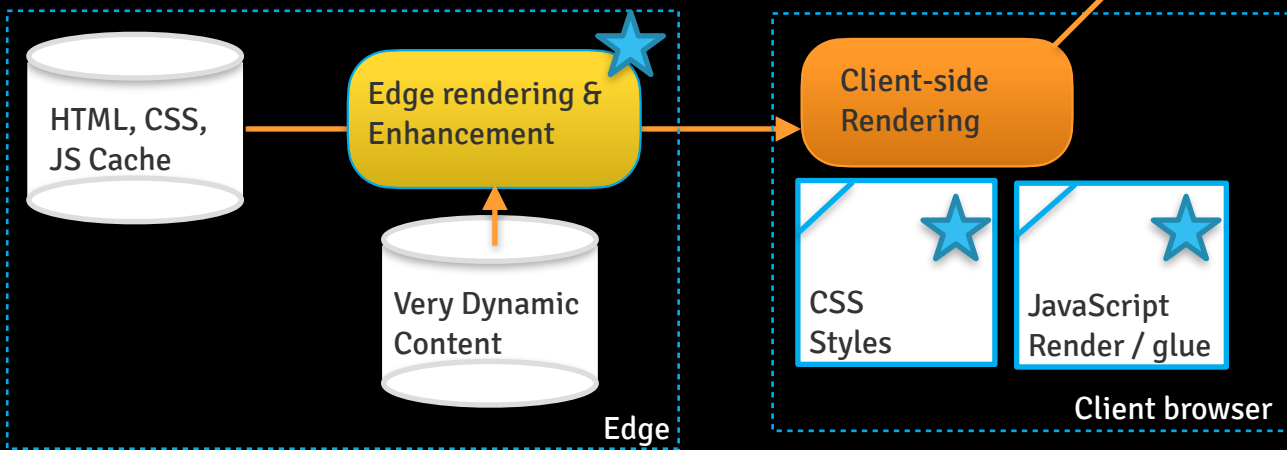
FULL OPTIONS!



Origin to Cache



Web Page



Edge

Client browser

★ Required Rendering code  
★ Optional Rendering code

# Semantic HTML?

HTML



```
<h1>This is a top level heading</h1>
```

← *Semantic*

HTML



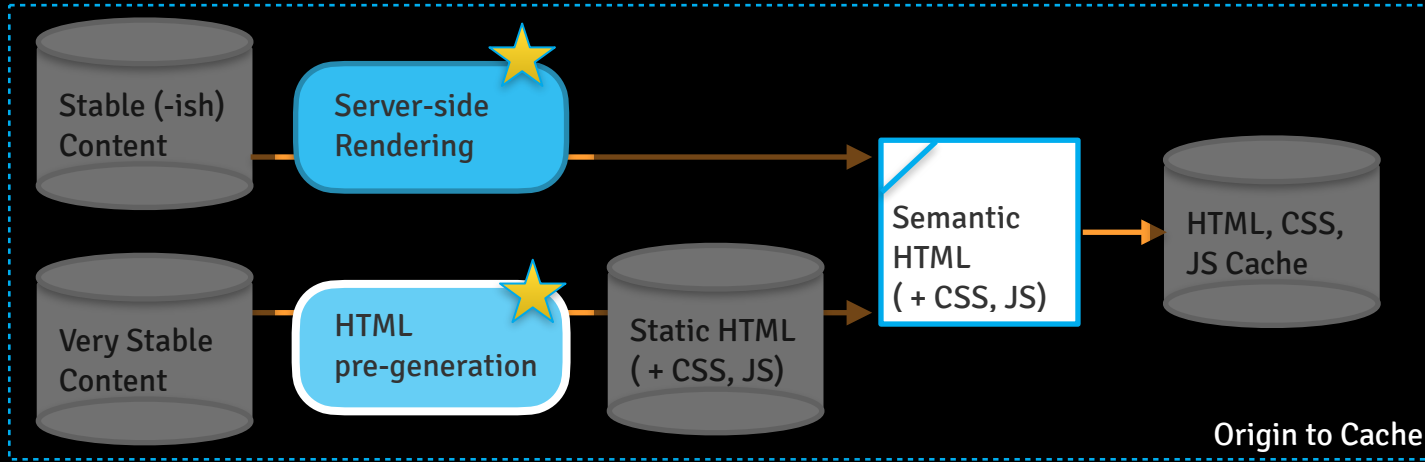
```
<span style="font-size: 32px; margin: 21px 0;">Not a top-level heading!</span>
```

← *NOT Semantic*

On the page, both look the same!

from <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/semantics>

# Origin to Cache

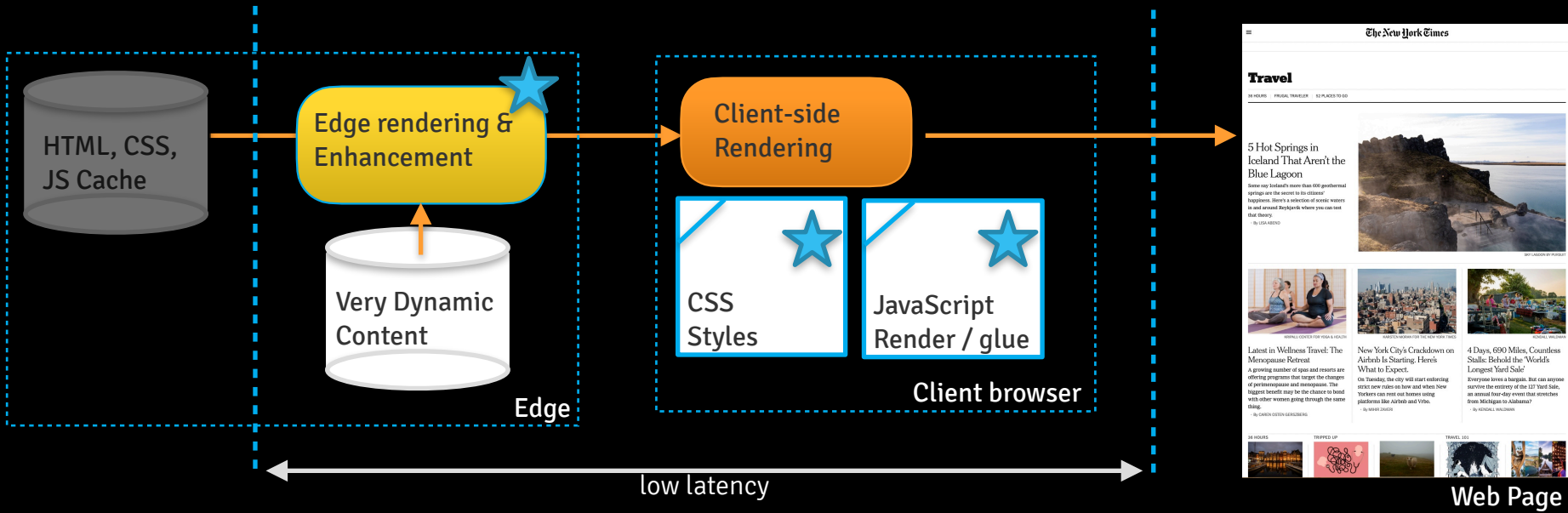


## Stable vs Very Stable ?

Depends on the characteristics of the HTML generation mechanisms.

**Semantic HTML** is key to creating indexable and omni-channel markup.

# Cache to Web Page



Edge and JavaScript rendering are optional, use sparingly !

Edge enhancement can include personalisation, dynamic data injection etc.



# It's the Web !

**Do it in HTML** if you can

Take advantage of **modern CSS**

**Think** before writing **JavaScript**

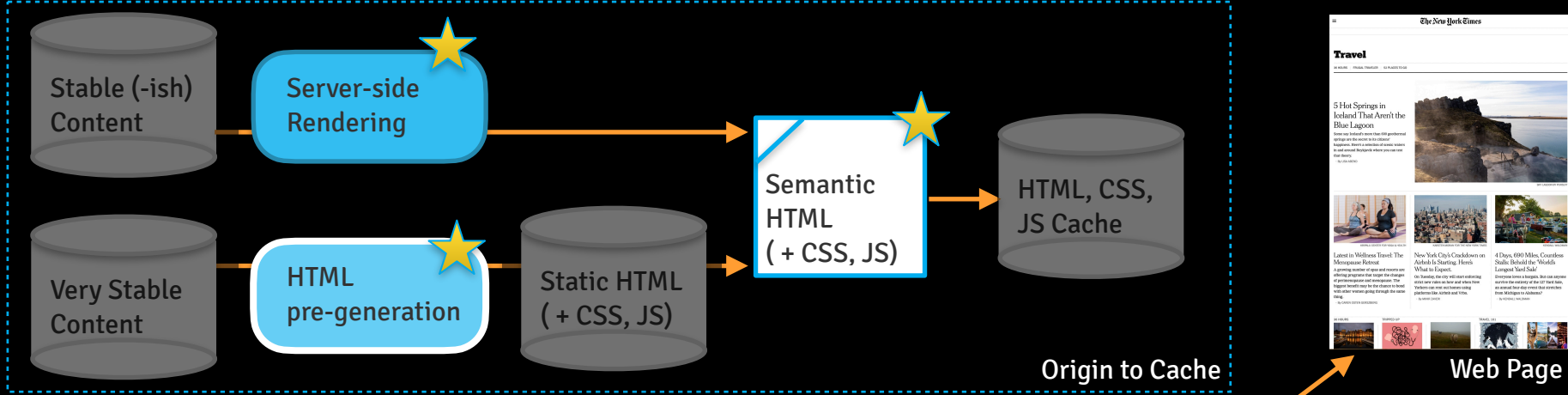
**Degrade** gracefully

Be kind to **older devices**

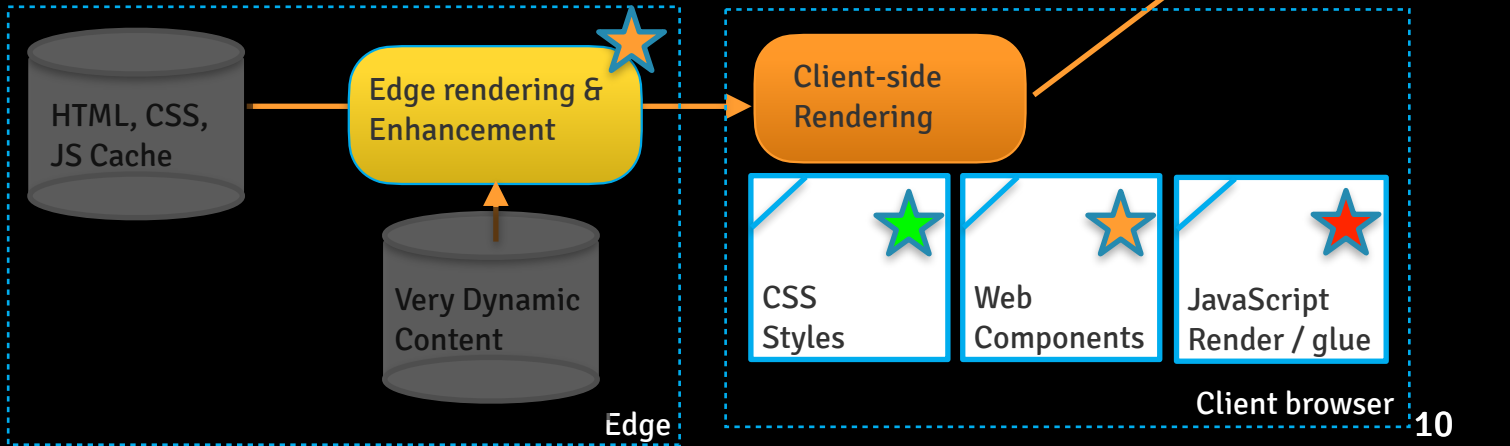
Consider **low-bandwidth** scenarios



# The right choices!



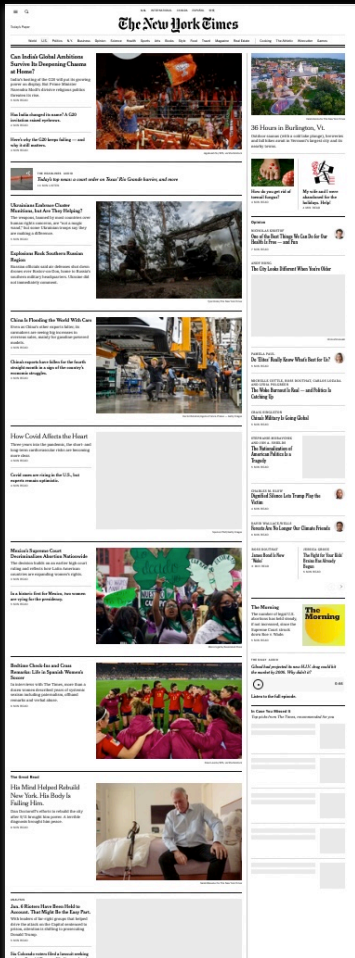
- YES
- Certainly
- For enhancements
- Be careful !



# Examples

# nytimes.com, without JavaScript

EXAMPLES



Delayed loading of images

Section links work

Menu still visible but doesn't work

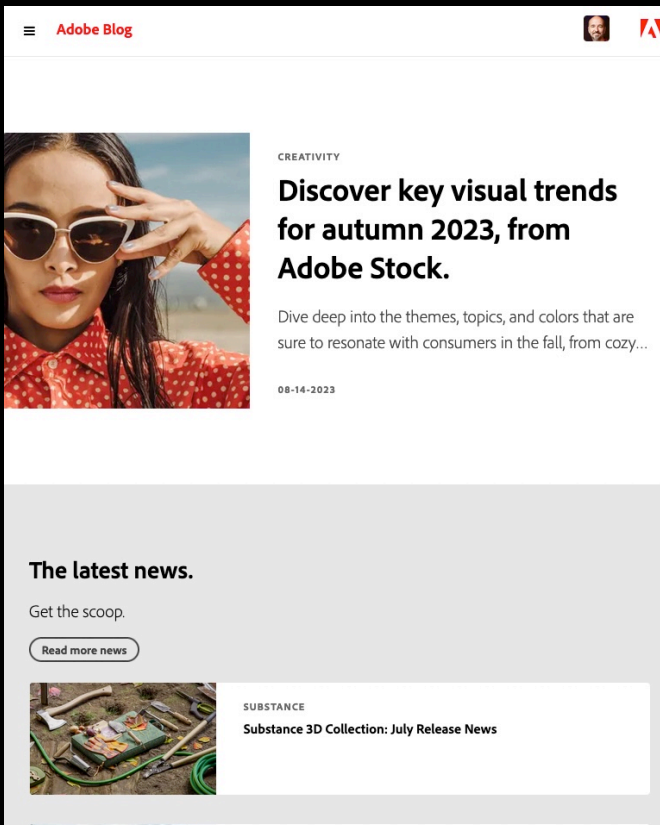
Reasonably semantic HTML

## 5 Hot Springs in Iceland That Aren't the Blue Lagoon

Some say Iceland's more than 600 geothermal springs are the secret to its citizens' happiness. Here's a selection of scenic waters in and around Reykjavik where you can test that theory.

By LISA ABEND

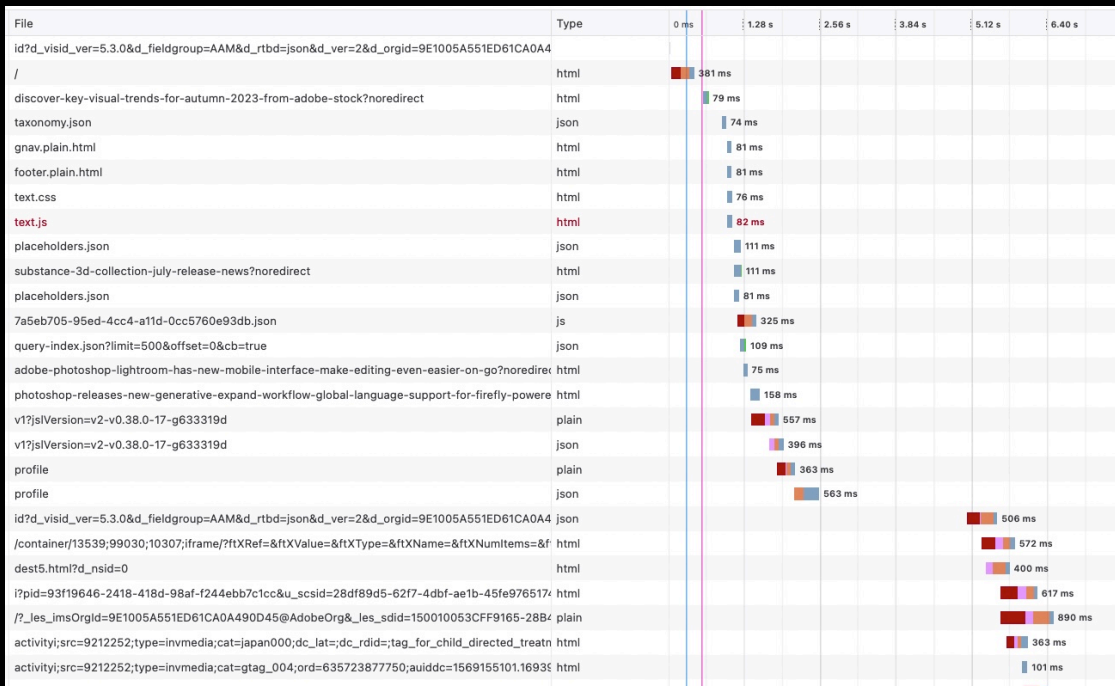
```
<li class="css-1kiut1">
  <article class="css-1q1ko0u"> flex
    <figure class="photo css-1fwjy1b e759ksq0" aria-label="med
    <div class="css-gjijuv">
      <h3 class="css-1fwzrm8 e27kk5e0">
        <a class="css-1u3p7j1" data-rref="" href="/2023/09/05/t
          5 Hot Springs in Iceland That Aren't the Blue Lagoon
          ::after
        </a>
      </h3>
      <p class="css-f9p5k6 e27kk5e1">
        Some say Iceland's more than 600 geothermal springs are
        a selection of scenic waters in and around Reykjavik wh
      </p>
      <p class="css-eyhz1u e1hr934v3"> ... </p> flex
    </div>
  ::after
</article>
</li>
```



## Fairly semantic HTML

Requires JavaScript: block-based client-side (final) rendering & aggregation, tuned for Core Web Vitals

## HTML/JSON loading timeline:



# chiptune.app

EXAMPLES

```
$ curl https://chiptune.app/
```

```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
<meta charset="utf-8">
<title>Chip Player JS</title>
<link rel="preload" href="/chip-core.wasm"/>
<link href="/static/css/main.a20fe127.css" rel="stylesheet">
</head>
<body>
<noscript>You need JavaScript!</noscript>

<div id="root"></div>
<script src="/static/js/main.8741edec.js"></script>

</body>
</html>
```

The screenshot displays the web application interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Search', 'Browse', 'Favorites', and 'Settings'. Below this is a file browser showing a directory structure: '/Contemporary/8 Bit Music Power'. A list of files is displayed, including '01 BLACK CARTRIDGE (Hally).nsf' through '15 SOUND EFFECT (Nobuyuki Shioda).nsf'. The file '04 MASS PURPLE (Keishi Yonao).nsf' is selected. To the right of the file list is a music player interface with a 'Shuffle Play' button. Below the file list is a visualization of the music, showing a colorful, abstract pattern. At the bottom, there is a playback control bar with a progress slider (0:21.3 / 2:30.0), volume control (100%), and a play/pause button. The current track is 'MASS PURPLE' by Keishi Yonao.

Clearly an interactive app,  
JavaScript all the way is fine!

# github.com: 29 Web Components on a Gist page

The screenshot shows a GitHub Gist page for the file 'list-custom-elements.js' by user 'bdelacretaz'. The page is active 8 months ago and has 1 star. The code is displayed in a light blue editor with line numbers 1 through 10. Below the code is a comment section with a 'Write' and 'Preview' area, and a 'Comment' button.

```
1 // List custom element names registered in the current browser page
2 console.log(
3   [...new Set([]).map.call(
4     document.querySelectorAll('*'),
5     el => el.nodeName.toLowerCase())
6   ],filter(
7     customElements.get.bind(customElements)
8   )
9   .sort()
10  )
```

```
<details-menu class="dropdown-menu dropdown-menu-sw" style="width: 100%; position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; z-index: 1000; background-color: #fff; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px 0; margin: 0; font-size: 0.9em; font-family: sans-serif; color: #333; text-align: left; border-radius: 4px; box-shadow: 0 6px 12px rgba(0,0,0,0.175);">
  <div class="css-truncate">
    <a
      role="menuitem"
      class="color-fg-default no-underline px-3 pt-2 pb-2"
      href="/bdelacretaz"
      data-analytics-event="{&quot;category&quot;:&quot;Signed in as <strong class="css-truncate-target">t
    </a>
  </div>
  <div role="none" class="dropdown-divider"></div>
  <a
    role="menuitem"
    class="dropdown-item"
    href="/bdelacretaz"
    data-analytics-event="{&quot;category&quot;:&quot;Header&quot;,&quot;action&quot;:&quot;View profile"
  >
    Your gists
  </a>
```

```
> console.log(
  [...new Set([]).map.call(
    document.querySelectorAll('*'),
    el => el.nodeName.toLowerCase())
  ].filter(...
)

▼ Array(29) [ "clipboard-copy", "command-palette", "command-palette-item-group", "command-palette-page", "command-palette-page-stack", "command-palette-scope", "details-dialog", "details-menu", "file-attachment", "include-fragment", ... ]
0: "clipboard-copy"
1: "command-palette"
2: "command-palette-item-group"
3: "command-palette-page"
4: "command-palette-page-stack"
5: "command-palette-scope"
6: "details-dialog"
7: "details-menu"
8: "file-attachment"
9: "include-fragment"
10: "markdown-toolbar"
11: "md-bold"
12: "md-code"
13: "md-header"
14: "md-italic"
15: "md-link"
16: "md-mention"
17: "md-ordered-list"
18: "md-quote"
19: "md-ref"
20: "md-task-list"
21: "md-unordered-list"
22: "notification-indicator"
23: "notification-shelf-watcher"
24: "relative-time"
25: "tab-container"
26: "task-lists"
27: "text-expander"
28: "tool-tip"
length: 29
```

# Coda



# Conclusions

Make **conscious decisions** on where page components are rendered

**HTML first, CSS next,** other tools as needed

One size does **not** fit all, look at **your** environment and requirements!

