Browser Engines Don't Present HTML or XML Markup

They Present a DOM (via CSS)

HTML, SVG, MathML and ARIA Are DOM Languages

text/html & XML: Ways to Initialize the DOM

text/html By Far More Common

Today, the Common Way Excludes SVG & MathML

XML is the Answer, Right?

Legacy Investment: text/html

On Server: print()

On Client: document.write()

XML Migration: Prohibitively Costly

Add Features while Keeping the Old HTML Working

SVG and MathML in text/html

HTML Parser, SVG & MathML DOM Nodes

Code for Rendering the DOM Exists

Keep Authoring Easy

"No" to Two Prominent XML Features

Draconian Error Handling

Namespaces in XML Syntax