Can you explain XML in less than half a page?
Where did XML get its name?
What does it do?
Sounds complicated
Can you explain the term markup language?
So XML is just another markup language?
What does XML look like?
So XML is extensible because I can use it to make up my own tags?
But why would people bother to invent their own XML-based markup language (DTD)?
Is some philosophical stuff going on here that I need to know?
Ah! So that is what they mean by structured documents!
Did someone just sit down and, you know, invent XML?
Is something wrong with SGML?
Can you draw me a picture of how all these languages are related?
Can the structure of an XML document be checked somehow?
What if I do not want my structure checked?
But how do I make XML look nice in a browser?
What about hypertext?
So XML is based on truly international standards?
Where does all this leave HTML and the concept of a browser?
Why not just let people invent proprietary languages why base them on XML?
Where does XML fit in with other information technology standards?
If XML is so clever, how come the Web was not designed that way in the first place?

Okay. Sounds good, but lets cut to the chase
Who out there is using XML and for what purposes?

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