

**5 CSS
MISTAKES
YOU SHOULD
AVOID**



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AVOID MAGIC NUMBERS

A magic number is a value that is used 'because it just works'.

Never use numbers just because they work. In this situation it's better to use **top: 100%;**, which basically means 'all the way from the top'.

✗ Don't do this

✓ Do this

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AVOID MIXING CONTAINER WITH CONTENT STYLES

Don't use location dependant styles on standalone components.

A component should look the same no matter where you put it. Instead use layout wrappers for specific use cases.



Don't do this



Do this

AVOID USING QUALIFIED SELECTORS

These are selectors who are needlessly prepended by an element. These are bad news because:

- They totally inhibit reusability on another element.
- They increase specificity.
- They increase browser workload (decreasing performance).

✗ Don't do this

✓ Do this

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AVOID USING ABSOLUTE VALUES FOR LINE HEIGHT

Line heights should always be set relatively in order to make them more flexible. If you ever change the font-size of a h1, you want to know that your line-height will track it.



✗ Don't do this



✓ Do this

AVOID LOOSE CLASS NAMES

Loose class names are very bad for two main reasons:

- You can't predict its purpose from the class alone.
- It's so vague that it could very easily be redefined by another dev.

✗ Don't do this

✓ Do this