

CSS Selectors

The Basics: Element, ID, and Class



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Element Selector

Select all instances of a given element

```
<div>
  <p>You say yes</p>
  <p>I say no</p>
</div>

<div>
  <p>You say goodbye</p>
  <p>I say hello </p>
</div>
```

```
div{
  background: purple;
}

p {
  color: yellow;
}
```

You say yes

I say no

You say goodbye

I say hello

ID Selector

Selects an element with a given ID. Only one per page!

```
<div>
  <p>You say yes</p>
  <p>I say no</p>
</div>

<div>
  <p>You say goodbye</p>
  <p id="special">I say hello </p>
</div>
```

```
div{
  background: purple;
}

#special {
  color: yellow;
}
```

You say yes

I say no

You say goodbye

I say hello

Class Selector

Selects all elements with a given class

```
<div>
  <p class="highlight">You say yes</p>
  <p>I say no</p>
</div>

<div>
  <p class="highlight">You say goodbye</p>
  <p>I say hello </p>
</div>
```

```
div{
  background: purple;
}

.highlight {
  background: yellow;
}
```

You say yes

I say no

You say goodbye

I say hello