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The **!important** annotation is used to artificially increase the specificity of a given property value in a rule. This is usually an indication that the specificity of the entire CSS has gotten a bit out of control and needs to be refactored. The more frequently **!important** is found in CSS, the more likely it is that developers are having trouble styling parts of a page effectively.

## Rule Details

Rule ID: **important**

This rule is aimed at keeping your specificity levels in check. As such, it warns whenever **!important** is used.

The following patterns are considered warnings:

```
.mybox {  
  color: red !important;  
}
```

## Further Reading

- [Don't use !important](#)
- [!important CSS Declarations: How and When to Use Them](#)
- [When using !important is the right choice](#)