

In this lecture, we will discuss...

# Conflict Resolution



# Some Concepts

**origin**

**merge**

**inheritance**

**specificity**

# Origin Precedence (when in conflict)

simple rule

## Last Declaration Wins

- ✧ Remember, HTML is processed sequentially, top to bottom.
- ✧ For precedence, think of external CSS as declared at the spot where it's linked to.



Origin Precedence (when no conflict)

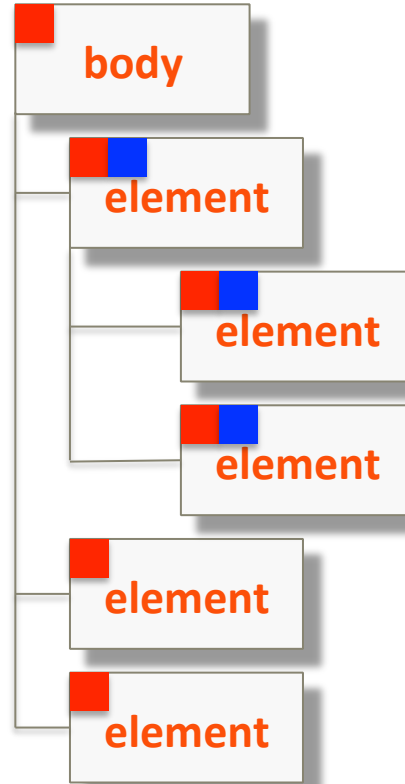
even simpler rule

**Declarations Merge**



# Inheritance

DOM  
Tree



# Specificity

simple rule

**Most Specific  
Selector Combination Wins**



# Specificity (score)

style="..."	ID	Class, pseudo-class, attribute	# of Elements
1	0	0	0

```
<h2 style="color: green;">
```

# Specificity (score)

style="..."	ID	Class, pseudo-class, attribute	# of Elements
0	0	0	2

```
div p { color: green; }
```



# Specificity (score)

```
div #myParag {  
  color: blue;  
}
```

0 1 0 X

0



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```
div.big p {  
  color: green;  
}
```

0 0 1 2



# Summary

- ✧ Cascade: origin, merge; Inheritance, & Specificity
- ✧ Provide precise control over targeting content while allowing maximum re-use of styles across your website

**NEXT:**  
**Styling Text**

