

# CSS

# !important

# In Detail



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# CSS The !important Rule

The !important rule in CSS is used to add more importance to a **property/value** than normal.

if you use the **!important rule**, it will **override** ALL previous styling rules for that specific property on that element!

Example

```
#myid {  
  background-color: blue;  
}  
  
.myclass {  
  background-color: gray;  
}  
  
p {  
  background-color: orange !important;  
}
```

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# Importnt About !important

The only way to **override an !important rule** is to include another !important rule on a declaration with the same (or higher) specificity in the source code.

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And here the problem starts! This makes the CSS code **confusing** and the debugging will be hard, especially if you have a large style sheet!

```
#myid {  
  background-color: blue !important;  
}  
  
.myclass {  
  background-color: gray !important;  
}  
  
p {  
  background-color: red !important;  
}
```

Example

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# Fair Uses of !important

Use of !important is considered an anti-pattern and **bad practice**. !important overrides all other declarations and makes the CSS code more **difficult** to maintain and debug. The only thing that can override an !important is another !important, and once you go down that road, it never stops.

🔥 **instead of using !important do this**

- ✅ Use more specific selectors: add the element tag before the class/id name, or a new class name...
- ✅ Take advantage of the CSS cascade: if needed, restructure the CSS and move the CSS rules, as if two rules have the same specificity, the one that appears later "wins."

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