



## CSS Specificity Exercise

Let's do a quick exercise. We're going to be focusing on the h2 element (with a class of news and an ID of intro) and write a series of rules to see which one will win in setting a color for this element.

The first style to add is

```
h2 { color: green; }
```

That should set green text color for all the h2 elements on the page.

Now focus on the specific h2 element:

```
.news { color: blue; }
```

The second heading now has blue color. Why did that happen?

Lets look at our first selector. It has no inline styles, no IDs, no classes and one type selector - therefore it has a specificity of 0,0,0,1. However, news has a class in its selector. No inline stars, no IDs, one class, no type selectors - therefore it has a much higher specificity of 0,0,1,0.

Our next selector is h2.news that is looking for any h2 element that has a class of news:

```
h2.news { color: orange; }
```

The h2 is now orange and that's because this selector has a higher specificity. No inline styles, no IDs, but it does have a class and a type selector, so specificity is 0,0,1,1.

The next selector is #intro, which is an ID:

```
#intro { color: purple; }
```

As you'd expect, our heading has now gone purple. No inline styles, but it does have an ID, no classes and no types - therefore this style has a specificity of 0, 1, 0, 0.

Next up we're styling h2 with an ID of intro:

```
h2#intro { color: aqua; }
```

The heading has now gone aqua, and the specificity for this style is 0 inline styles, 1 ID, 0 classes, but one 1 selector - therefore it has a slightly higher specificity of 0, 1, 0, 1.

Now open up the HTML file and add the following attribute to h2:

```
style="color: red"
```

The heading will now be red. This is because it has the highest of all specificities - it has an inline style.