

CSS - Specificity

Objectives

- Explain the Specificity rules
- Determine which selectors will win
- Explain the difference between the 4 CSS positions

Specificity

In order of importance from least to most













- element (div)
- class (.title)
- inline (style="color: red;")
- id (#title)
- !important



The Dark Side

Let's look at the three most popular selectors

- element (div) ----> Storm Trooper
- class (.title) ---> Darth Vader
- id (#title) ---> The Emperor

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Specificity Calculator

CSS Positions

Static

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position: static;
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Relative

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position: relative;
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left: 20px;



Still takes up space!

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Absolute

```
position: absolute;
```



Element with position relative



Element with position absolute

Fixed

```
position: fixed;
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top: 0;
left: 0



Element with position relative



Element with position fixed