## **Overlapping Elements**

When elements are positioned, they can overlap other elements.

The z-index property specifies the stack order of an element (which element should be placed in front of, or behind, the others).

An element can have a positive or negative stack order:

## This is a heading



Because the image has a z-index of -1, it will be placed behind the text.

## Example

```
img {
    position: absolute;
    left: 0px;
    top: 0px;
    z-index: -1;
}
```

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An element with greater stack order is always in front of an element with a lower stack order.

**Note:** If two positioned elements overlap without a z-index specified, the element positioned last in the HTML code will be shown on top.