

HTML & CSS

Layout laid out

HTML

CSS

A Venn diagram consisting of two overlapping circles. The left circle is reddish-pink and labeled 'content'. The right circle is light blue and labeled 'style'. The overlapping area in the center is purple and labeled 'layout'.

content

layout

style

WHY IS CSS IMPORTANT?

CSS IS IMPORTANT

- **The web needs to look nice.**
- **It's the only game in town.**
- **Be a triple threat.**

WITH CSS

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- Forms
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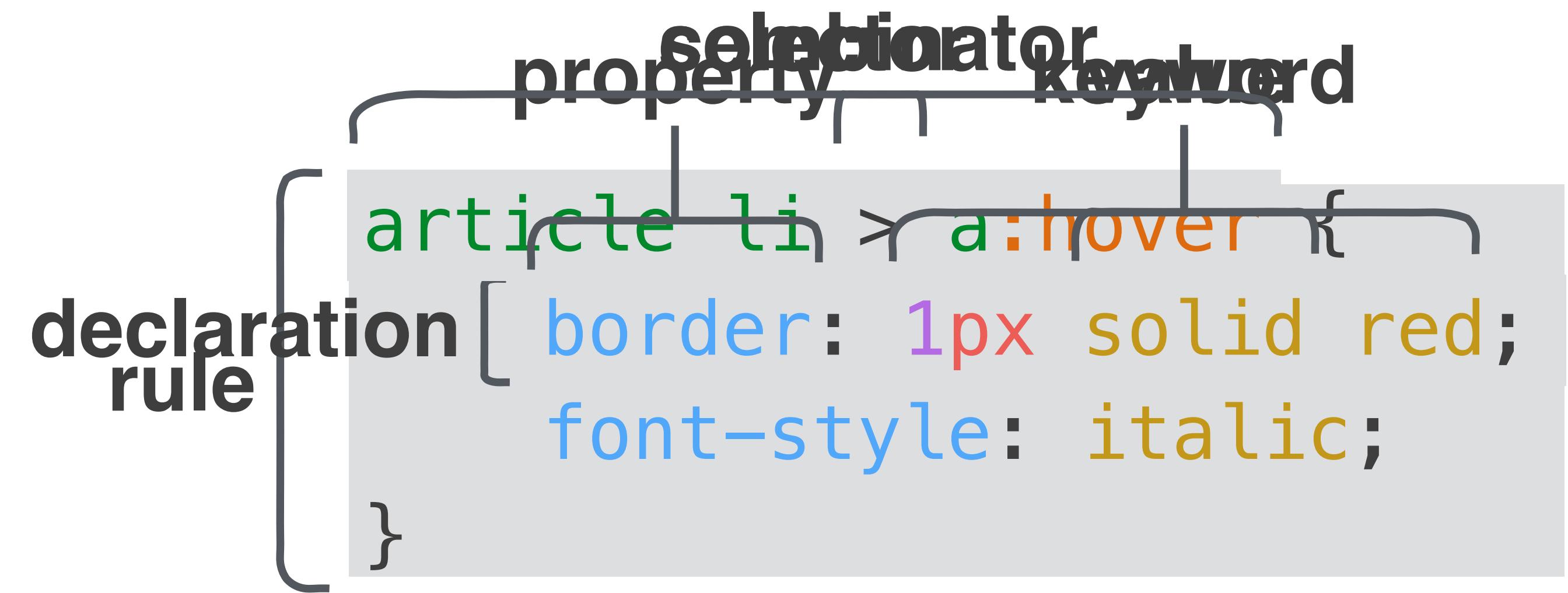
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TERMS



SELECTORS

tag	<code>input</code>
class	<code>.btn</code>
id	<code>#upload</code>
attribute	<code>[type="file"]</code>
pseudo-element	<code>::after</code>
pseudo-class	<code>:hover</code>
*	*

COMBINATORS

descendant (whitespace)

child >

next sibling +

later sibling ~

BEWARE!

`tag.class` element with BOTH `tag` AND `.class`

`tag .class` element with `.class` whose ANCESTOR matches `tag`

`tag,.class` element with EITHER `tag` OR `.class`

`tag+.class` element with `.class` whose left SIBLING matches `tag`

CASCADING STYLE SHEETS

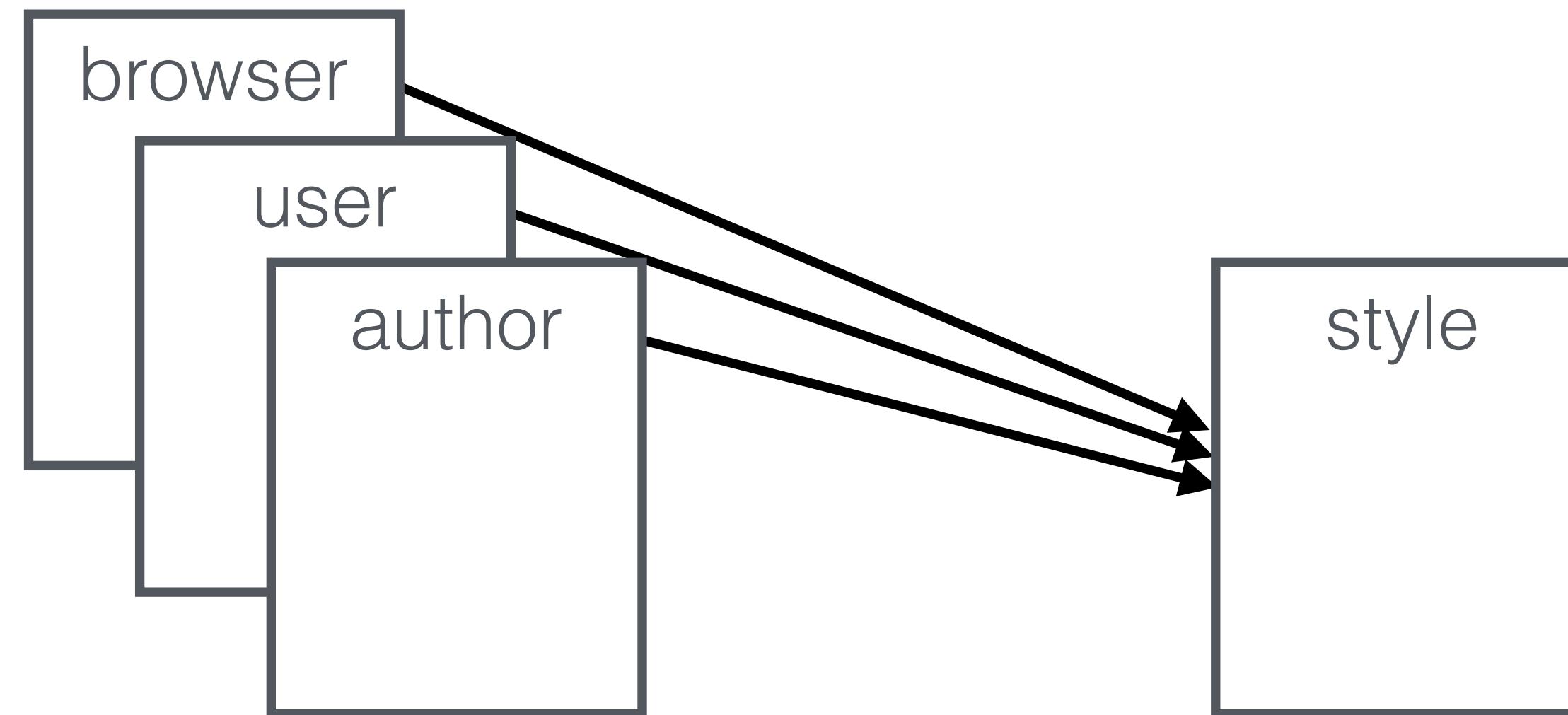
CASCADING

In ~1994... CSS had one feature that distinguished it from all the [competing style languages]: it took into account that on the Web the style of a document couldn't be designed by either the author or the reader on their own, but that their wishes had to be combined, or "cascaded," in some way.

CASCADING STYLE SHEETS, DESIGNING FOR THE WEB, BY HÅKON WIUM LIE AND BERT BOS (1999) - CHAPTER 20

CASCADING

An element's style is a merge of every rule whose selector matches



index.html

```
<head>
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles-B.css" />
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles-A.css" />
</head>
<body>
  <ul>
    <li style="background-color:blue;">A</li>
  </ul>
</body>
```

styles-A.css

```
li {
  color: red;
}
```

styles-B.css

```
li {
  font-size: 40px;
}
```

view

● A

style

```
element.style {
  background-color: blue;
}
```

```
li {
  color: red;
} styles-A.css:1
```

```
li {
  font-size: 40px;
} styles-B.css:1
```

```
li {
  display: list-item;
  text-align: -webkit-match-parent;
}
```

user agent stylesheet

What happens when declarations conflict?



```
<div id="thing"></div>
```

```
div {  
  background: red;  
}
```

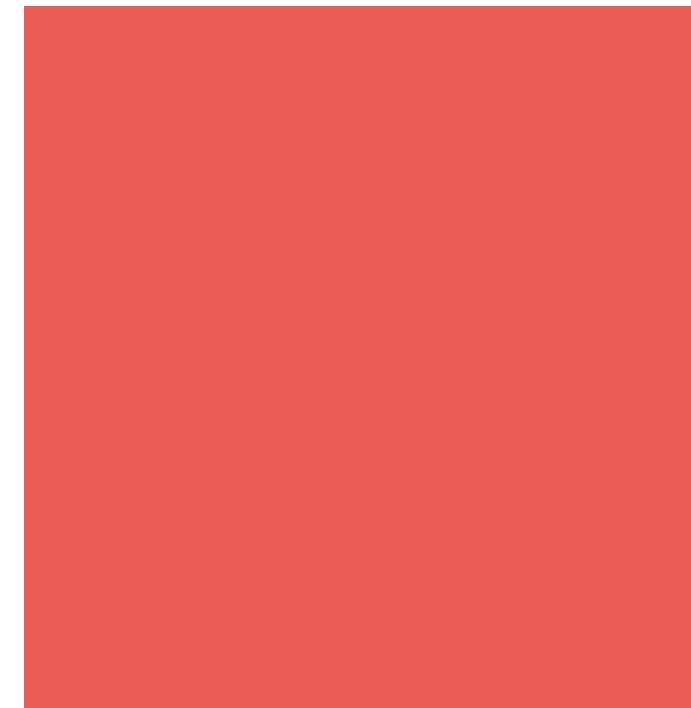


```
#thing {  
  background: blue;  
}
```



```
<div class="foo"></div>
```

```
div {  
  background: red;  
}
```

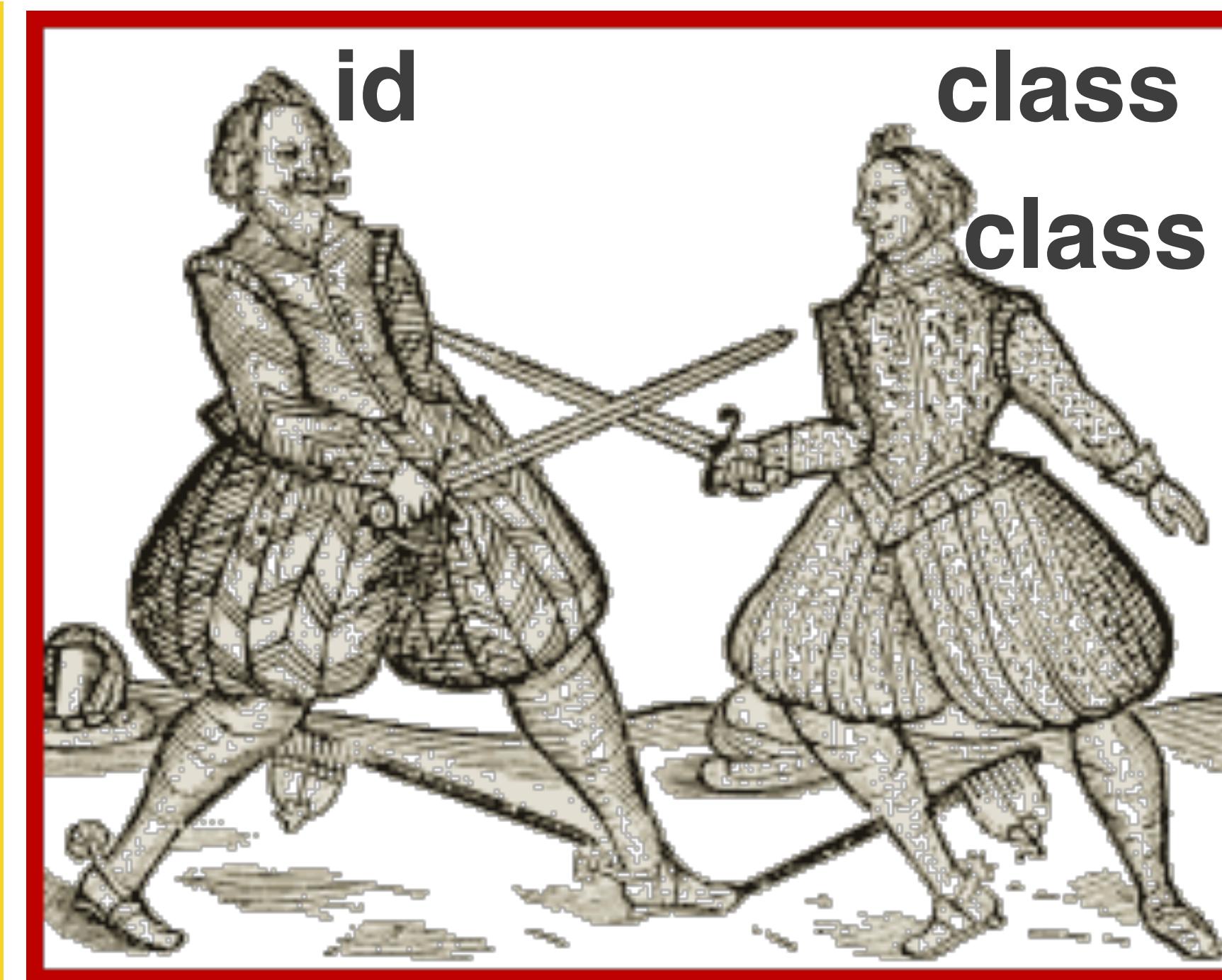
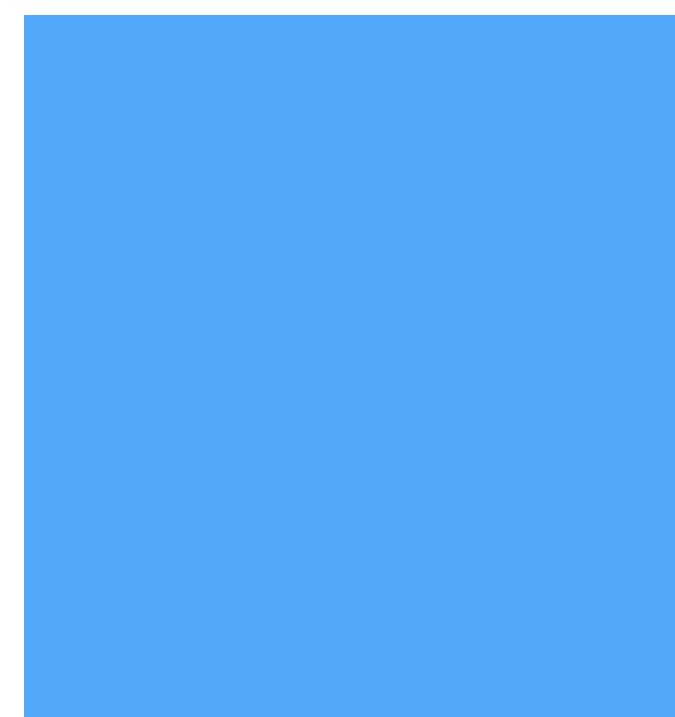


```
.foo {  
  background: green;  
}
```



```
<div id="thing" class="foo bar"></div>
```

```
#thing {  
  background: blue;  
}
```

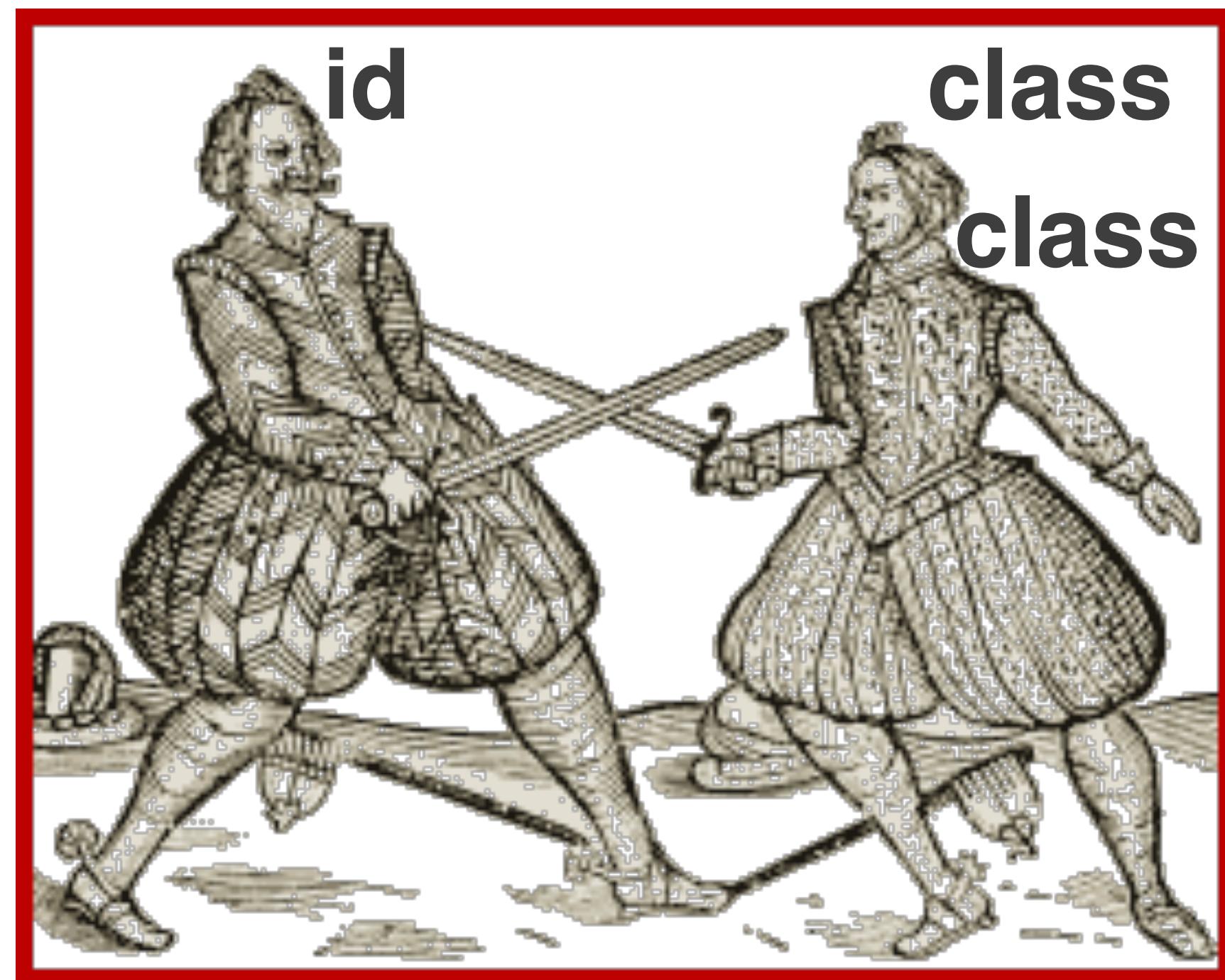
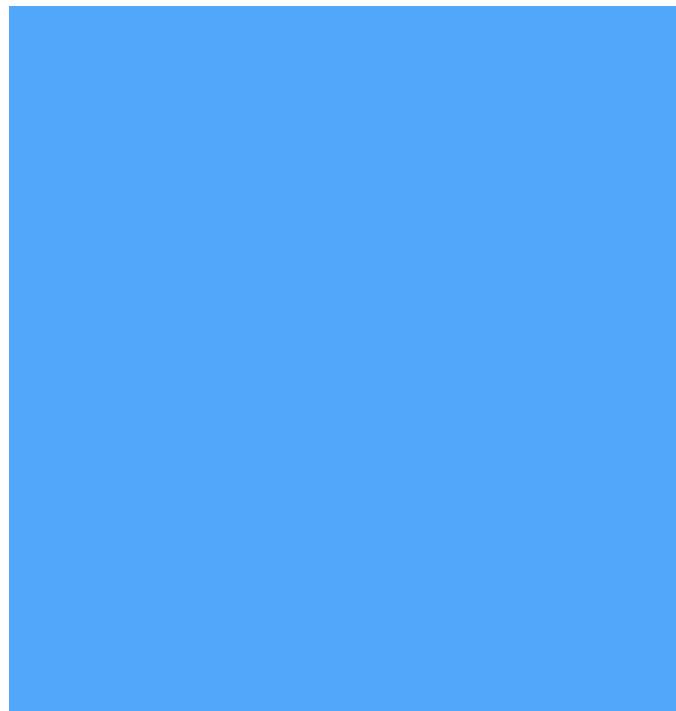


```
.foo.bar {  
  background: green;  
}
```



```
<div class="outer">  
  <div id="thing" class="foo" style="background:orange;"></div>  
</div>
```

```
#thing {  
  background: blue;  
}
```

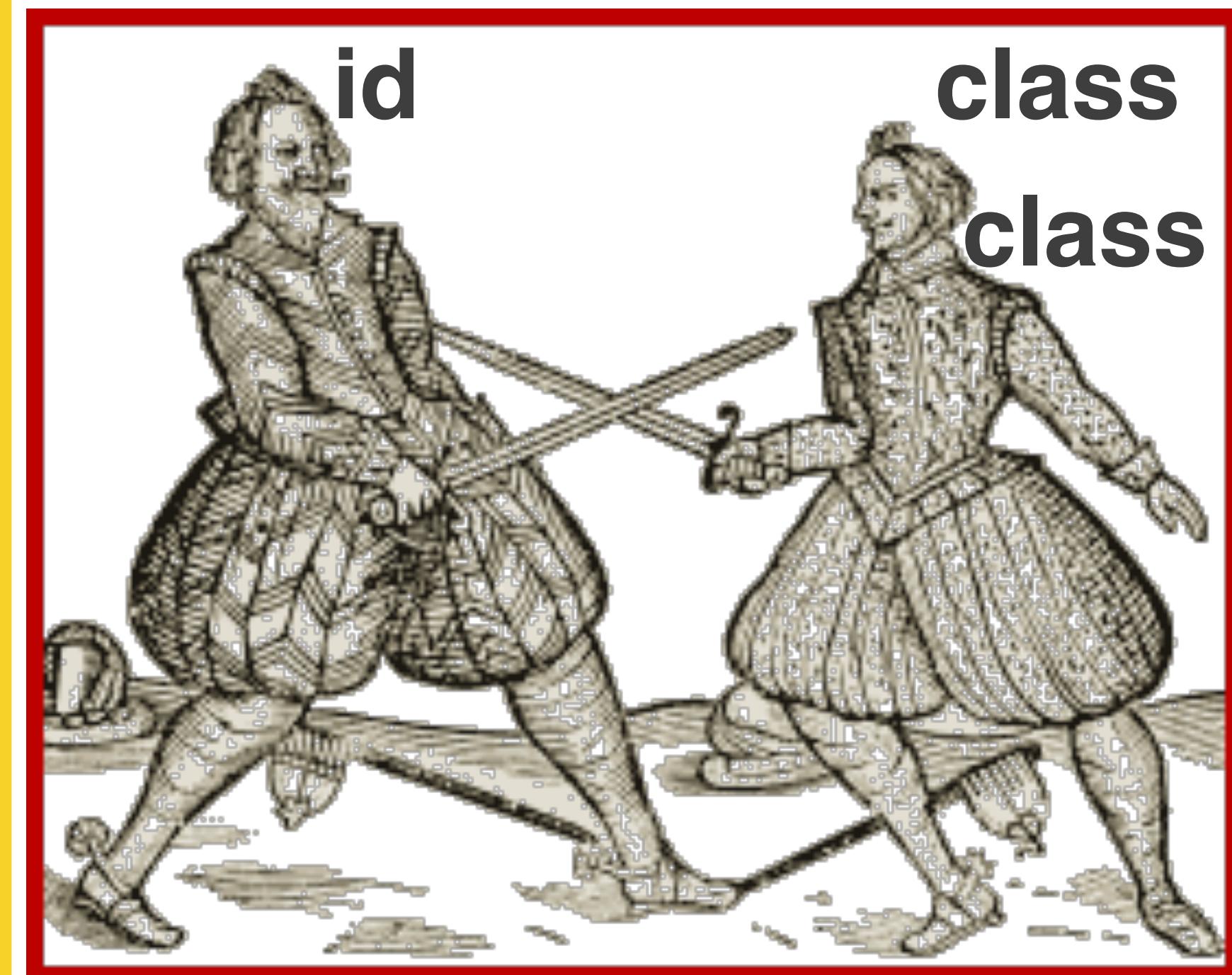


```
.outer .foo {  
  background: green;  
}
```



```
<div class="outer">  
  <div id="thing" class="foo" style="background:orange;"></div>  
</div>
```

```
div {  
  background: red !important;  
}
```



```
.outer .foo {  
  background: green;  
}
```

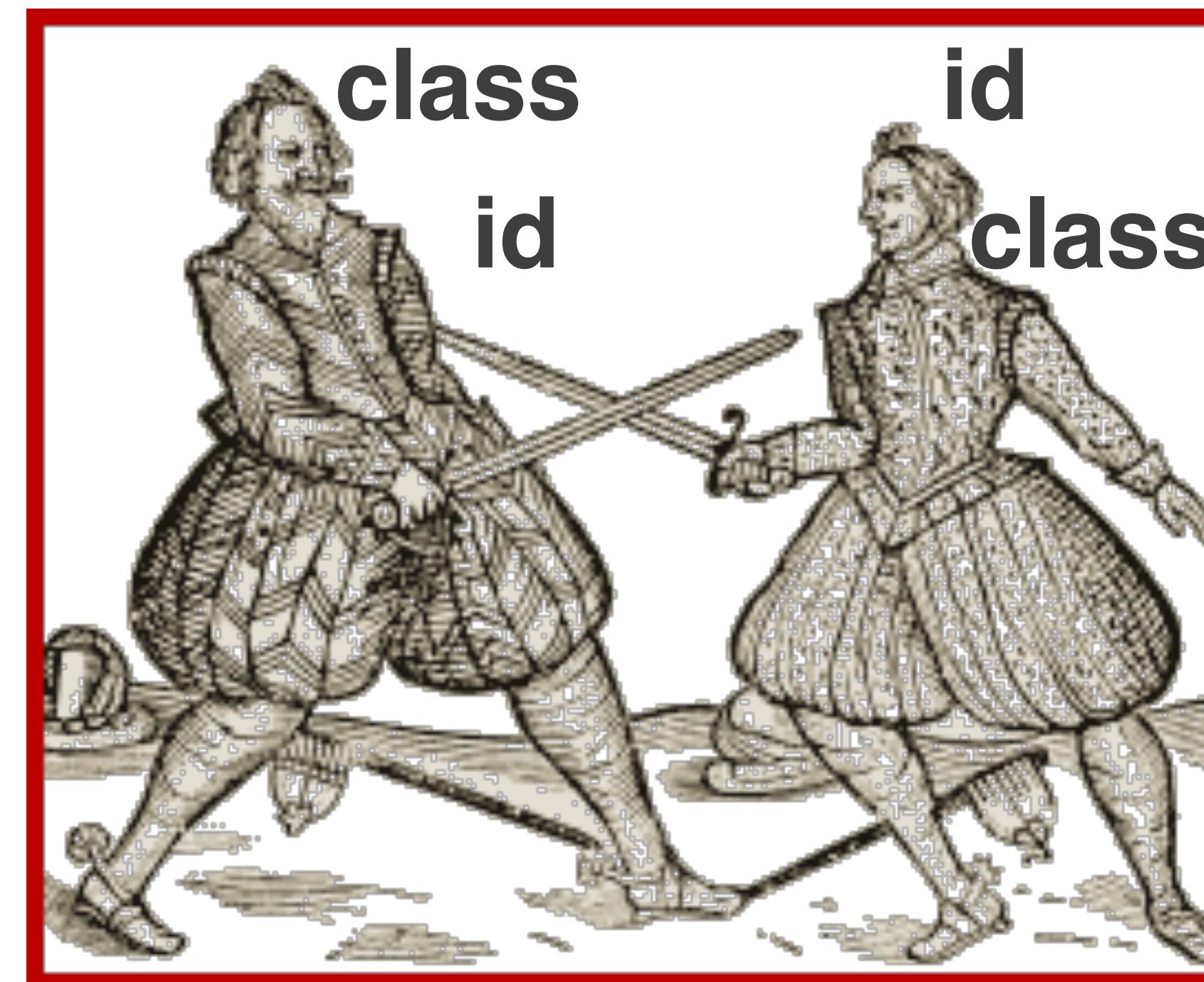


depends on which rule gets defined *last*

```
<div id="profile" class="outer">  
  <div id="thing" class="foo"></div>  
</div>
```

```
.outer #thing {  
  background: purple;  
}
```

```
#profile .foo {  
  background: brown;  
}
```

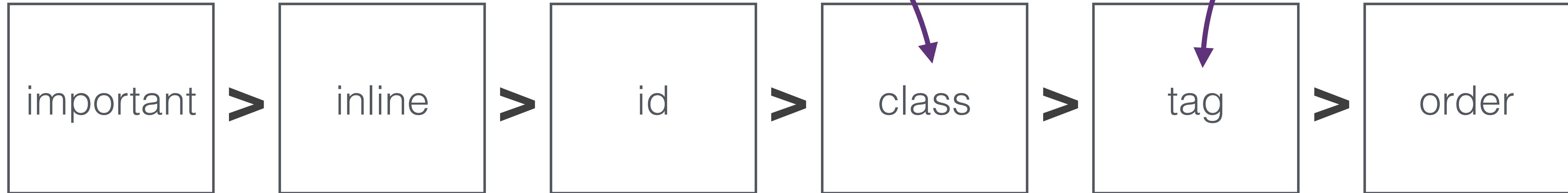


THAT WAS CSS SPECIFICITY

DECLARATION SPECIFICITY

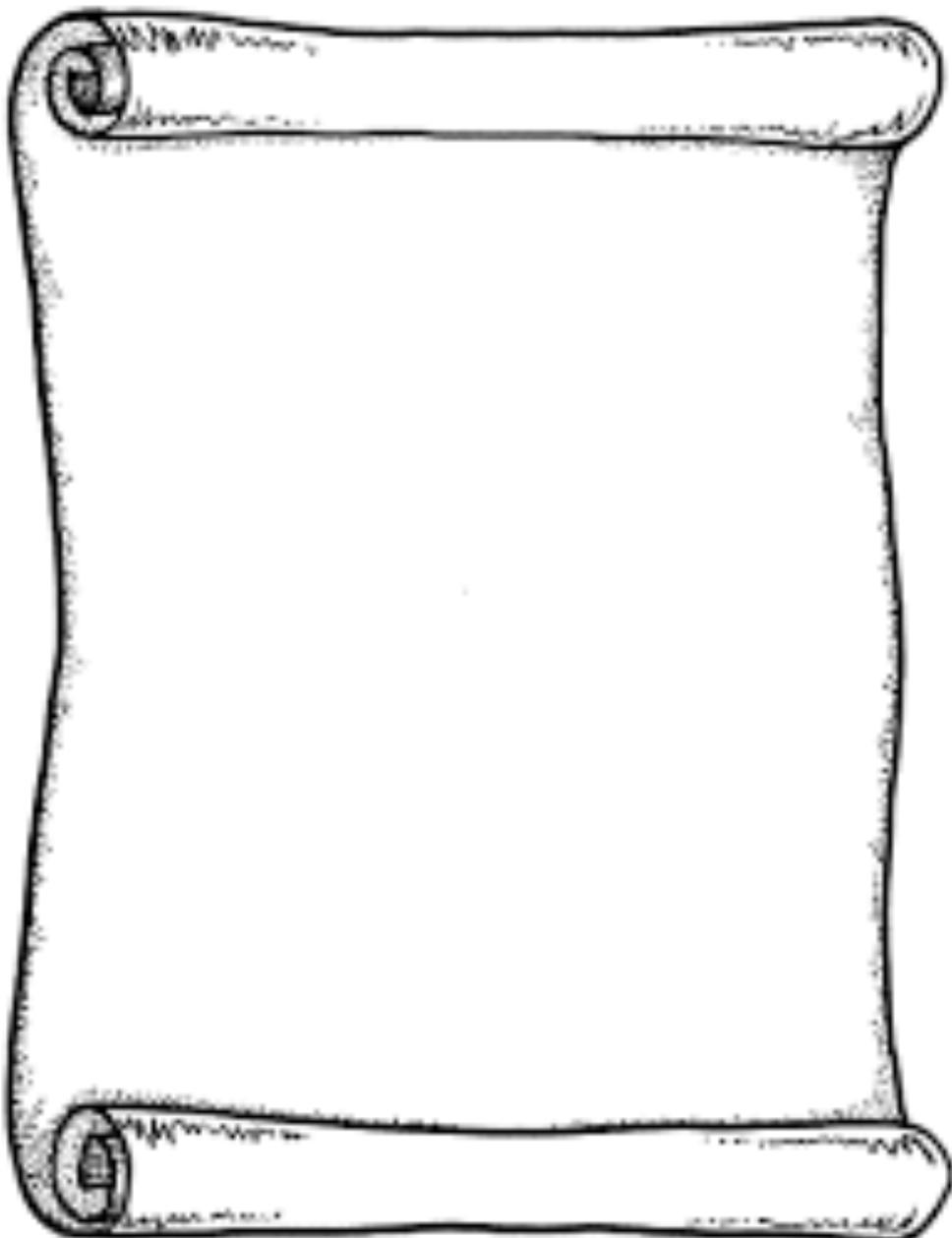
includes attribute
and pseudo-class

includes pseudo-element

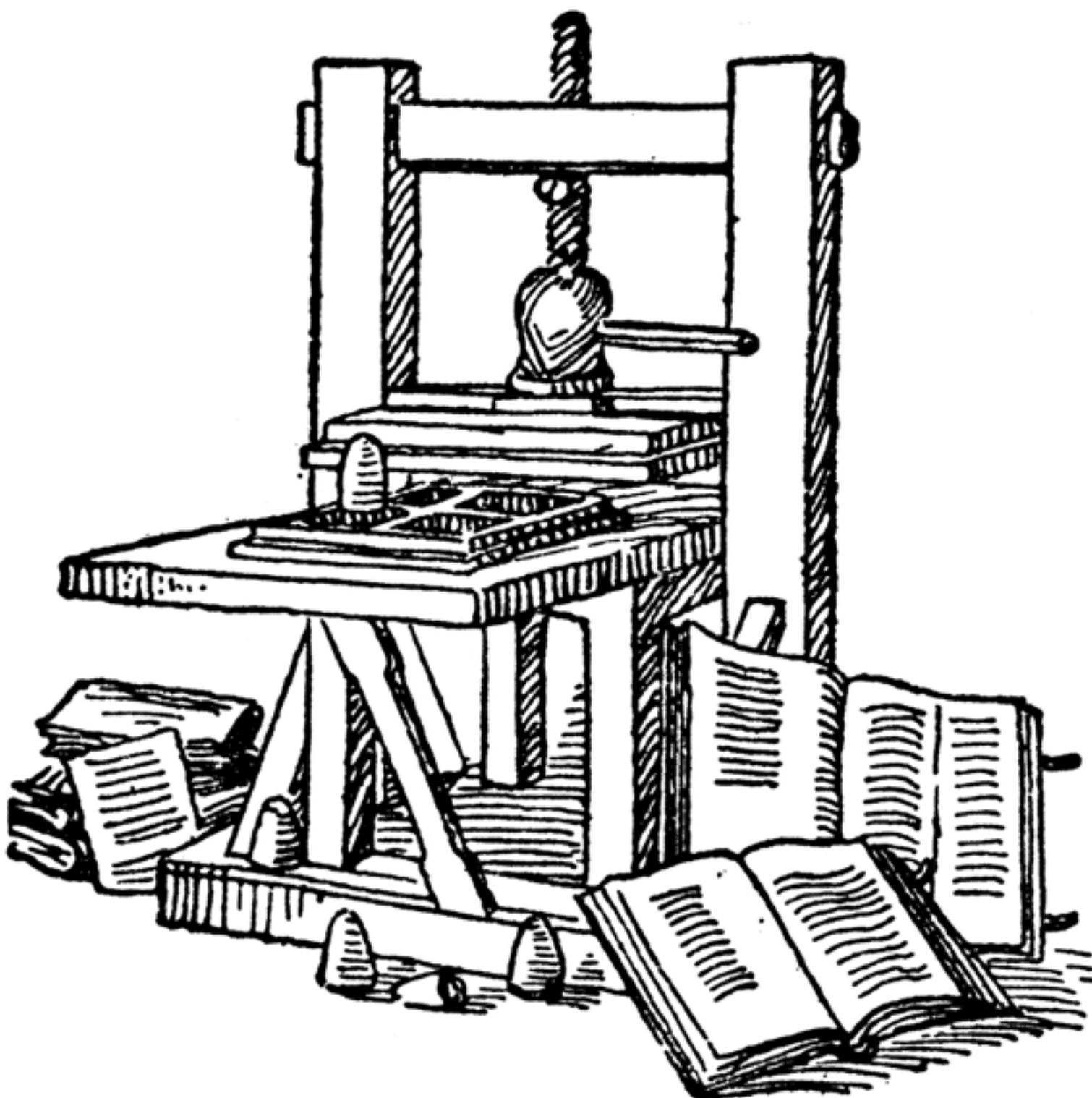


Combinators don't affect specificity!

LAYOUT



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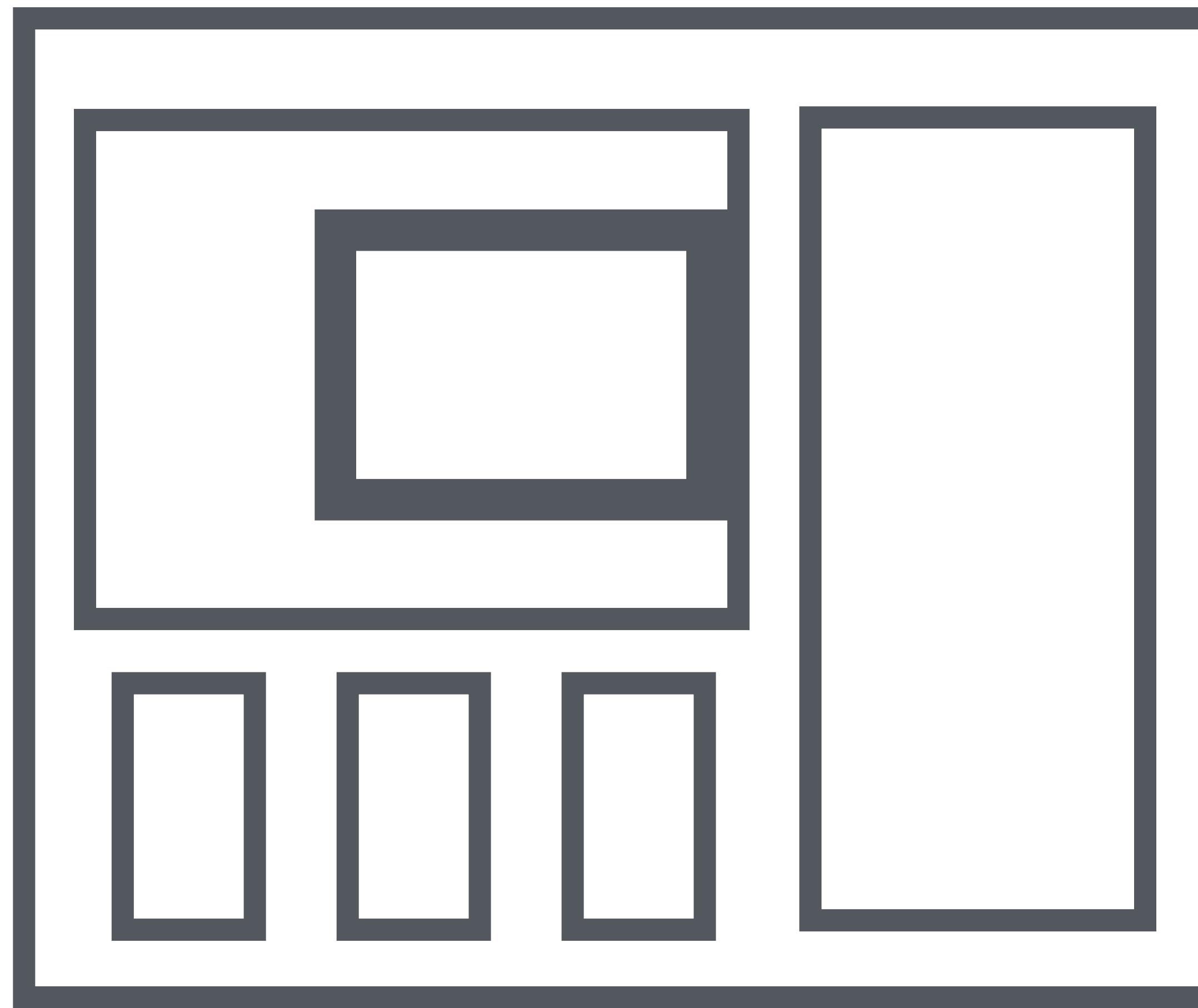
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THE BOX MODEL

“Everything on the DOM is a rectangle”

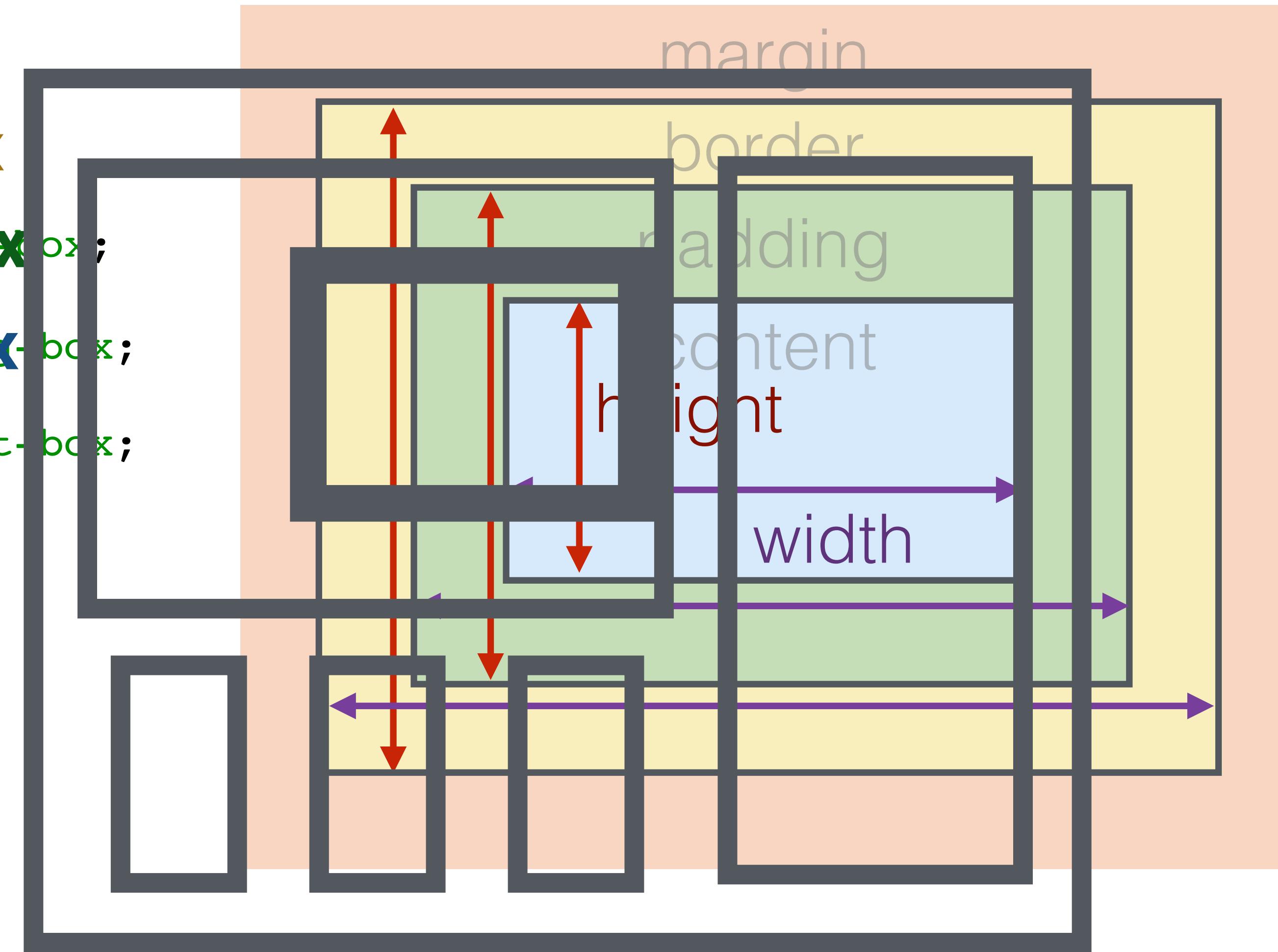
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BOX MODEL



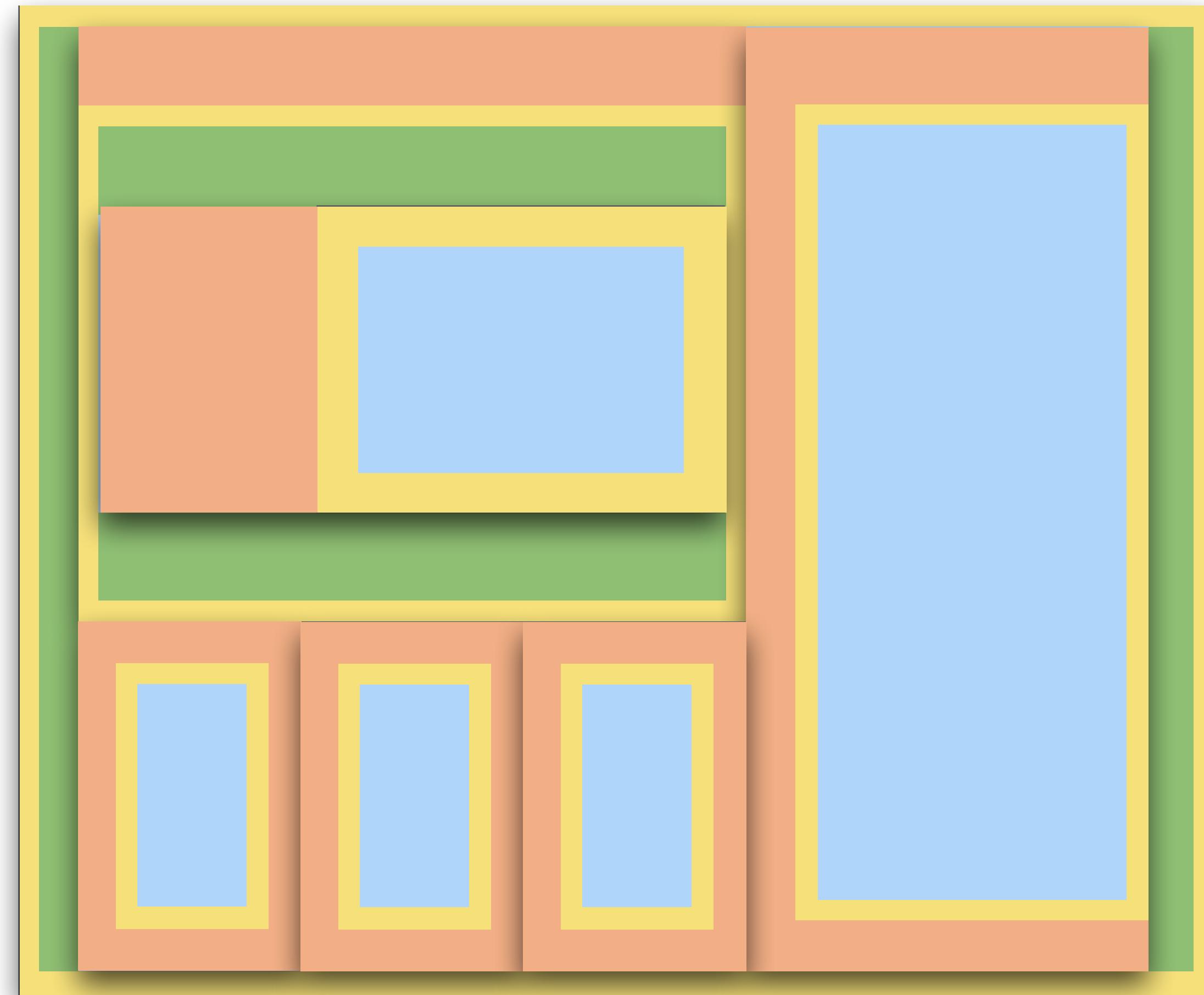
BOX MODEL

```
{  
  border-box;  
  box-sizing: border-box;  
  box-sizing: padding-box;  
  box-sizing: content-box;  
}
```



BOX MODEL

fractal!



BLOCK

vs

INLINE

vs

INLINE-BLOCK

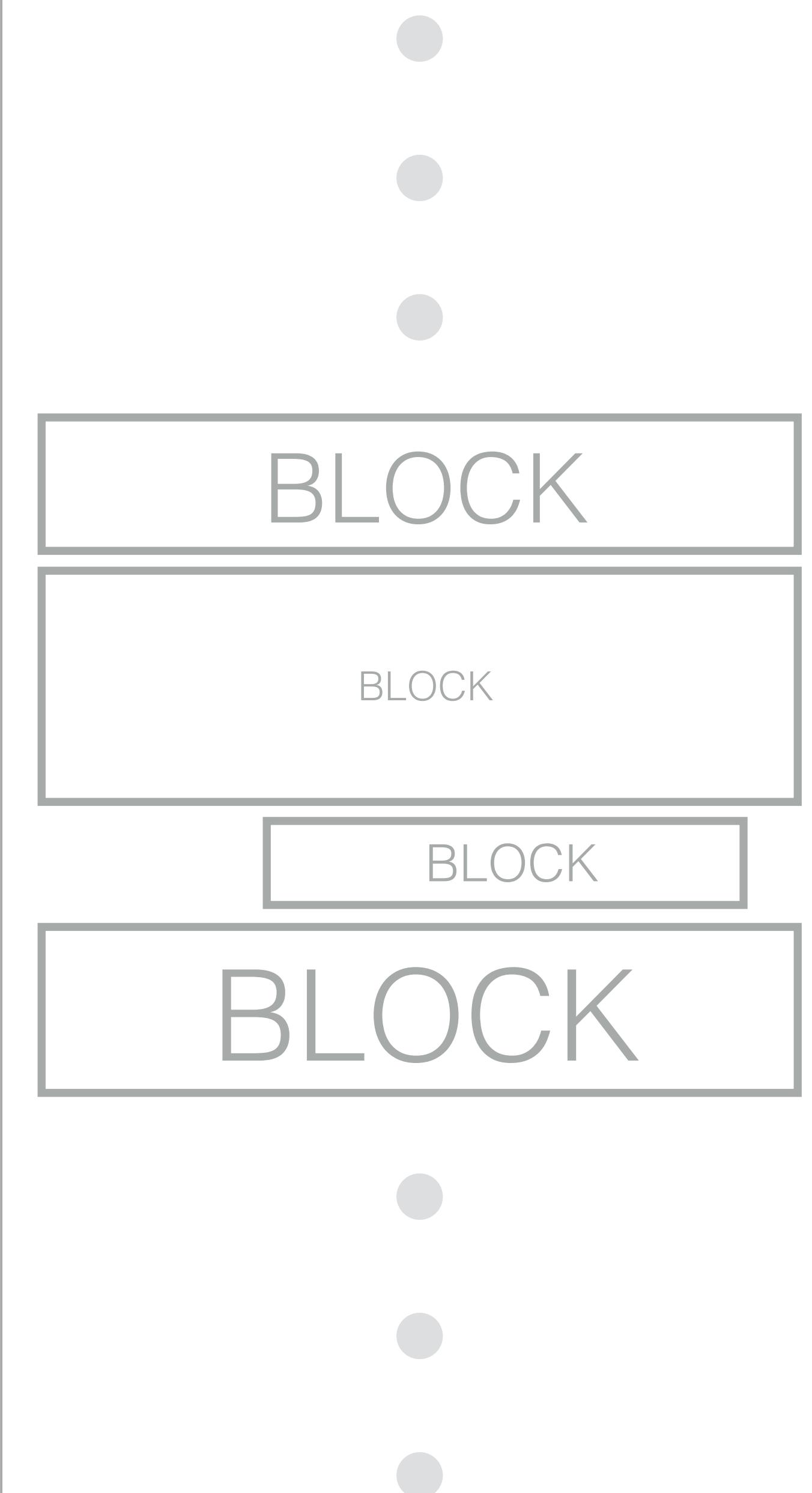
- **<div>**
- **<h1>, <h2>, etc.**
- **<p>**
- **<form>**
- **<header>, <footer>,
<main>, <section>, <nav>**

- **<a>**
- ****
- **, **

- ****
- **<input>**
- **<textarea>**

BLOCK-LEVEL

- By default will try to **clear** their own line
- Default width is 100% of parent
- Default height will expand to fit all children
- Can have margins on all sides
- Can set height and width



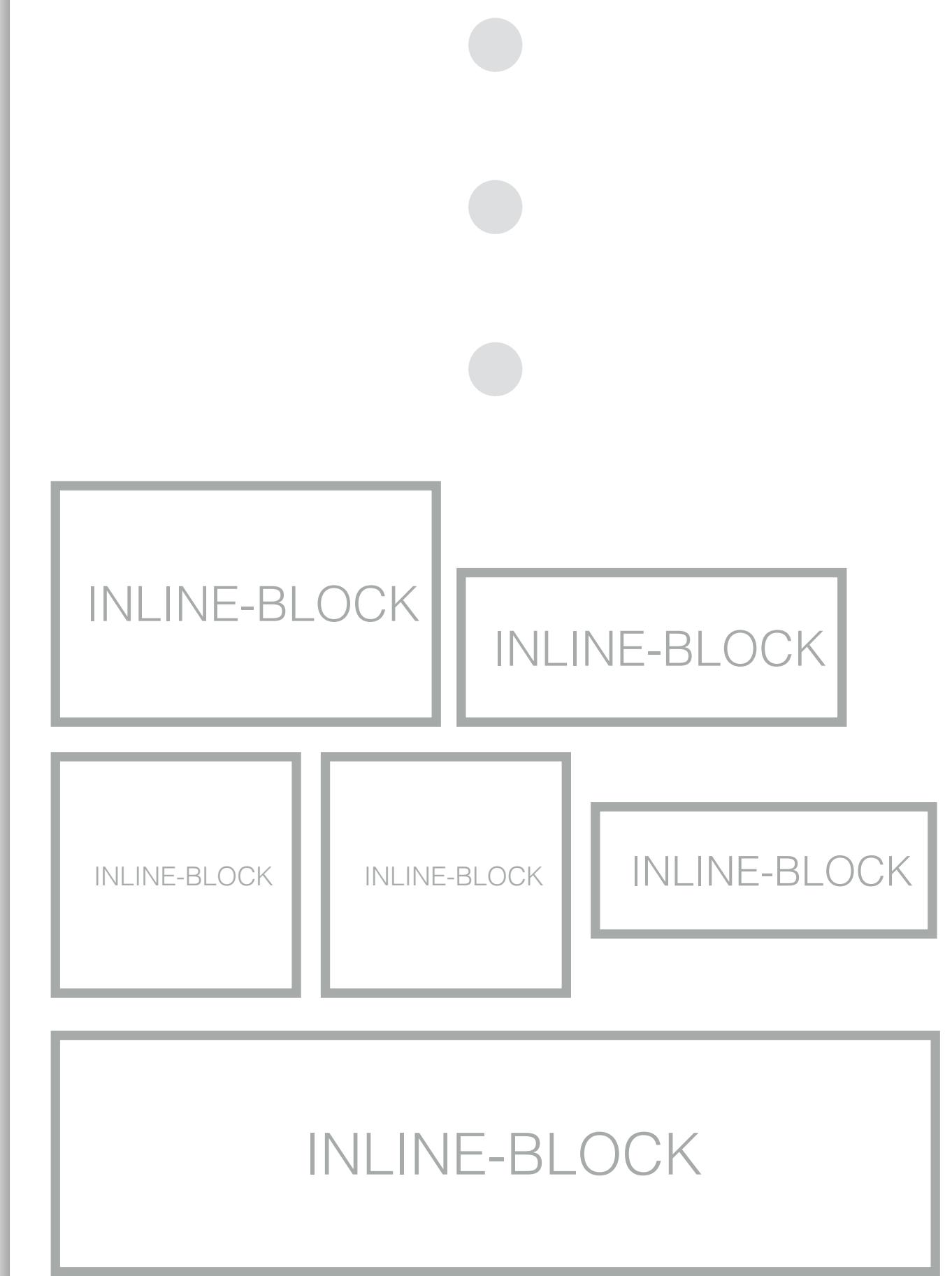
INLINE-LEVEL

- Flows with content (does **not** clear line)
- Ignores top and bottom margins
- Height and width fit content
- Cannot set height or width



INLINE-BLOCK

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- Default height will expand to fit all children
- Can have margins on all sides
- Can set height and width

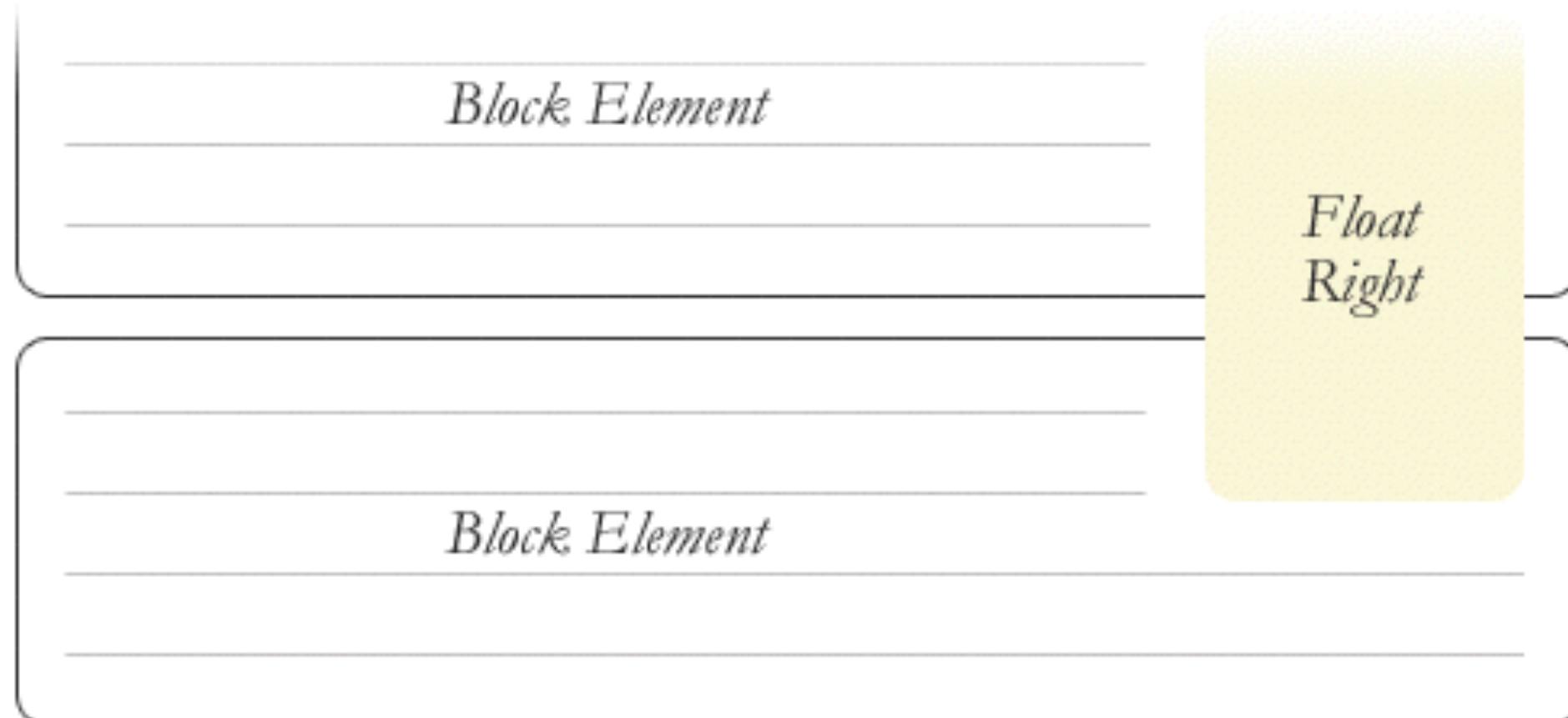


FLOAT

“I understand floats.”

-LIAR MCPANTSONFIRE

```
<body>
  <div>...</div>
  <div style="float:right;">...</div>
  <div>...</div>
</body>
```



```
<body>
  <div>...</div>
  <div style="float:right;">...</div>
  <div style="clear:right;">...</div>
</body>
```



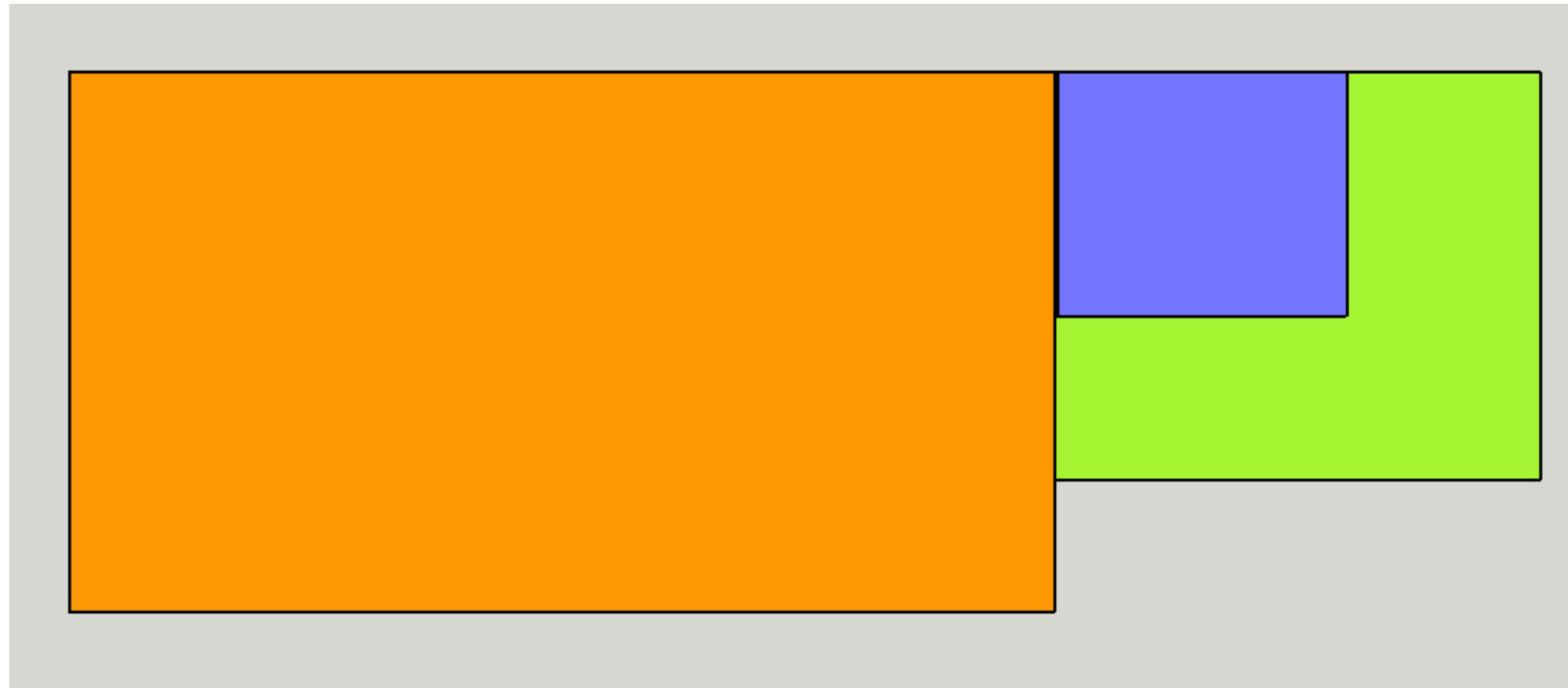
[HTTPS://CSS-TRICKS.COM/ALL-ABOUT-FLOATS/](https://css-tricks.com/all-about-floats/)

GRIDS VIA FLOAT

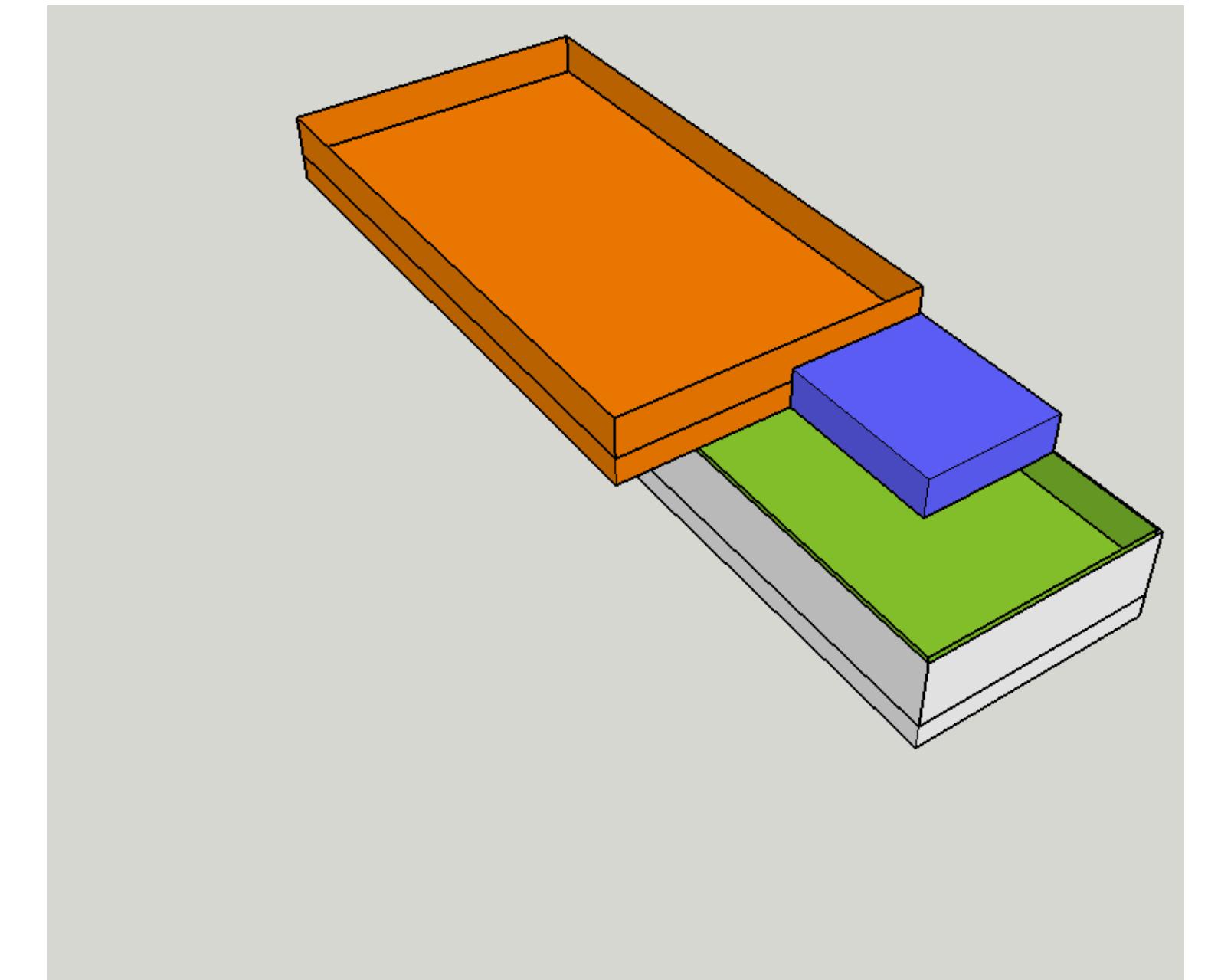
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```
<div>
  <div style="float:left; background:orange; width:70%;"></div>
  <div style="background:green;">
    <span style="background:blue;">x</span>
  </div>
</div>
```

renders as...



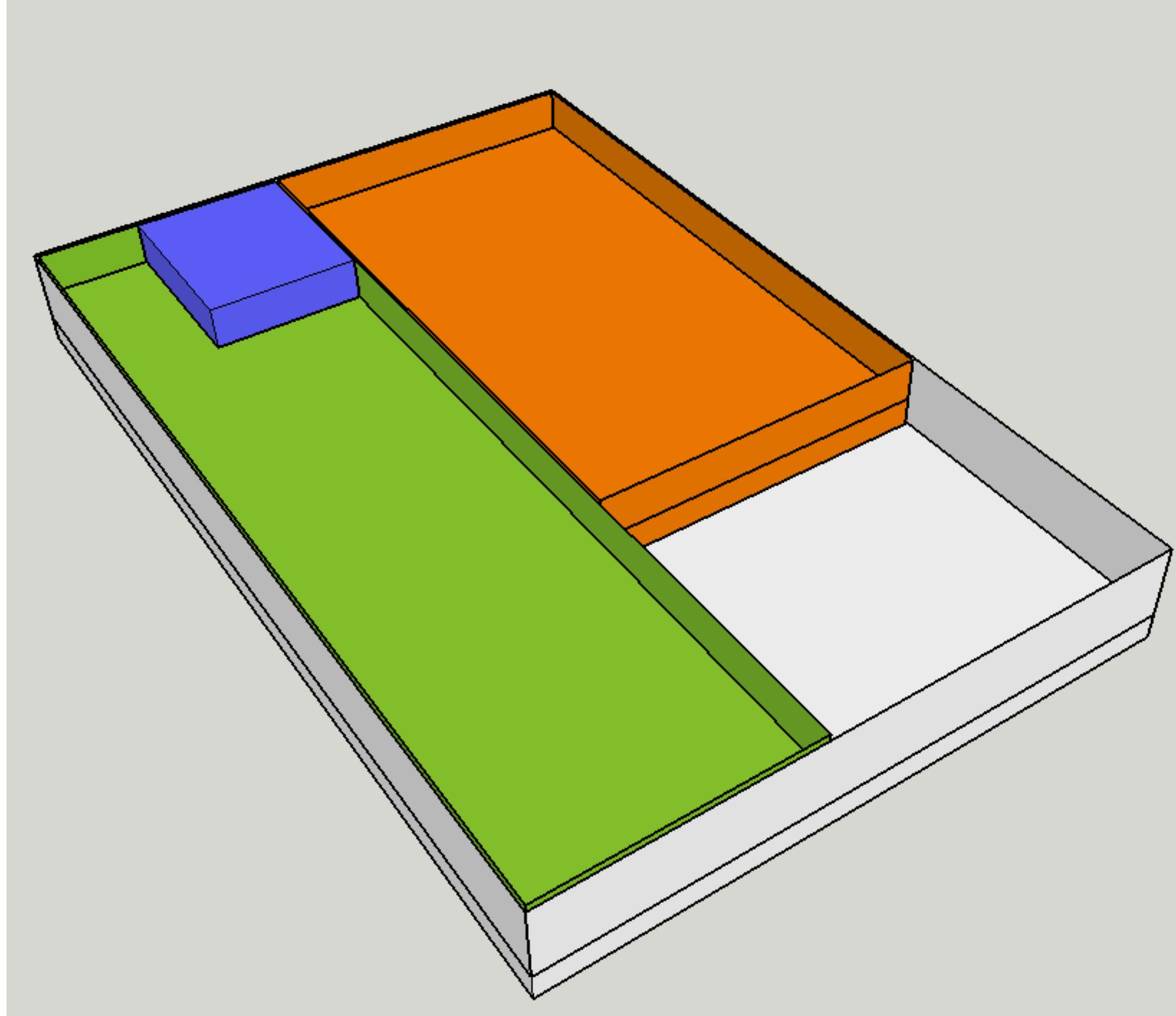
“different” perspective...



VISUAL METAPHOR

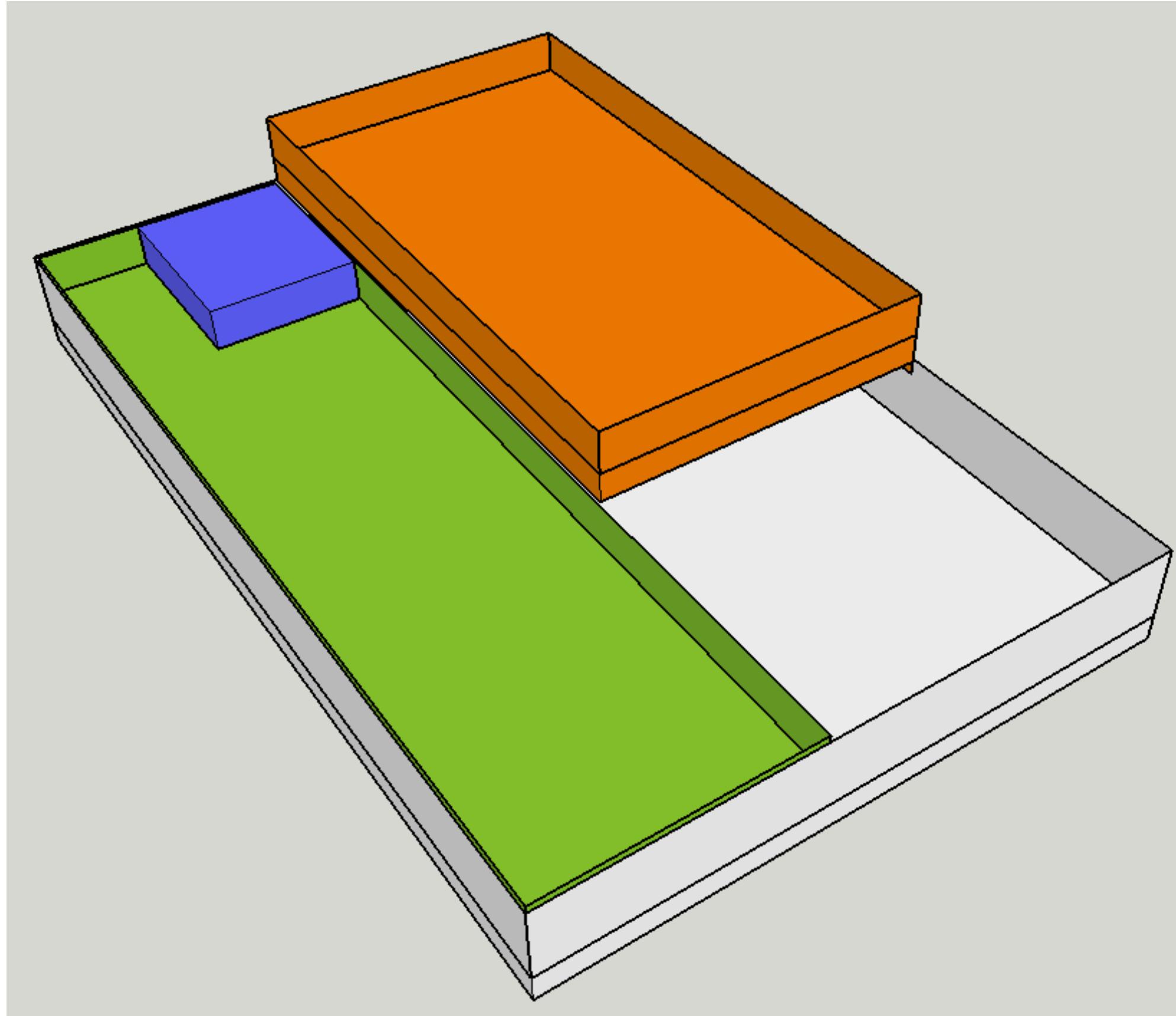
“STEP BY STEP”

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  </div>
</div>
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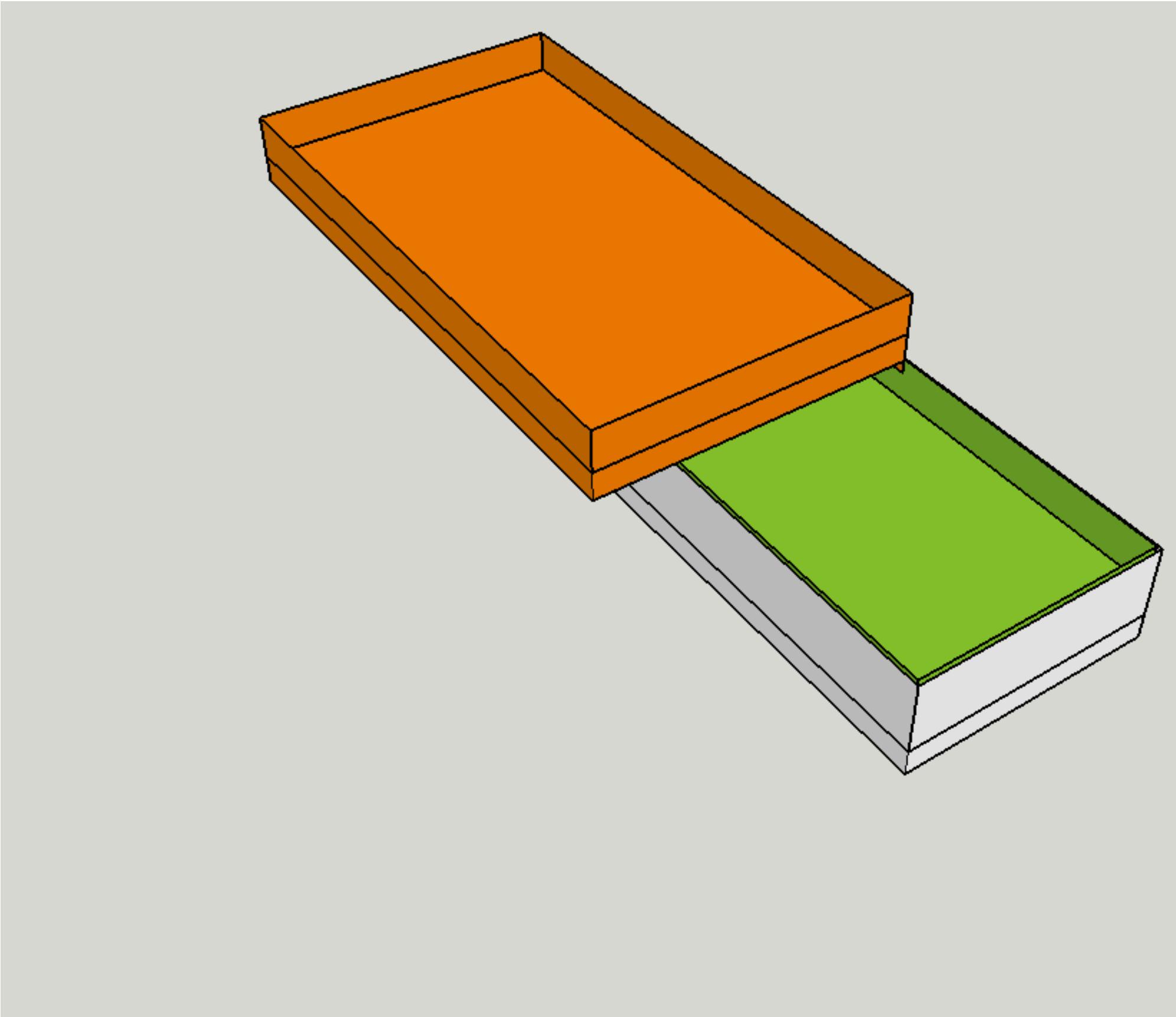
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  </div>
</div>
```

orange floats and moves to top left



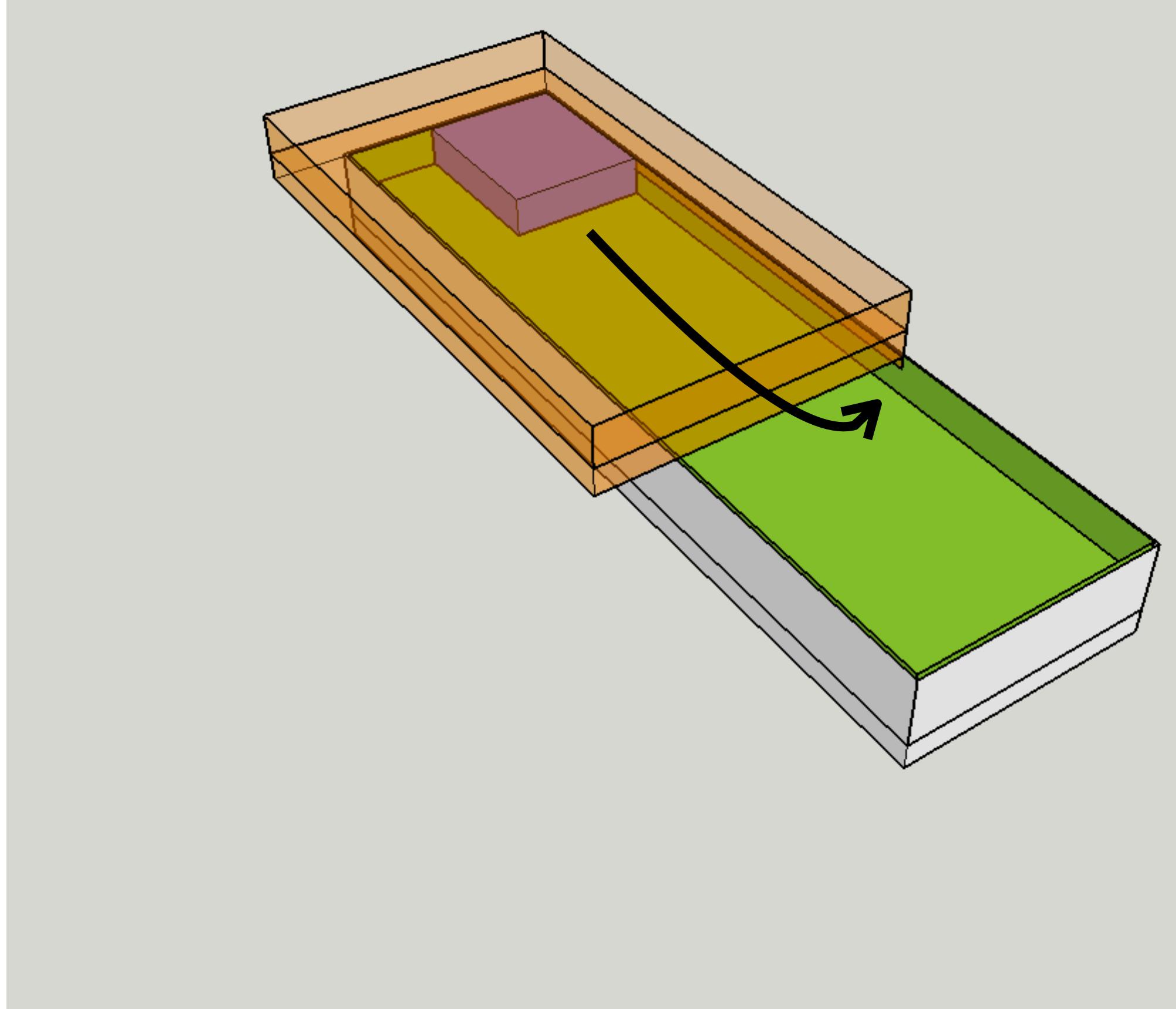
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</div>
```

parent collapses



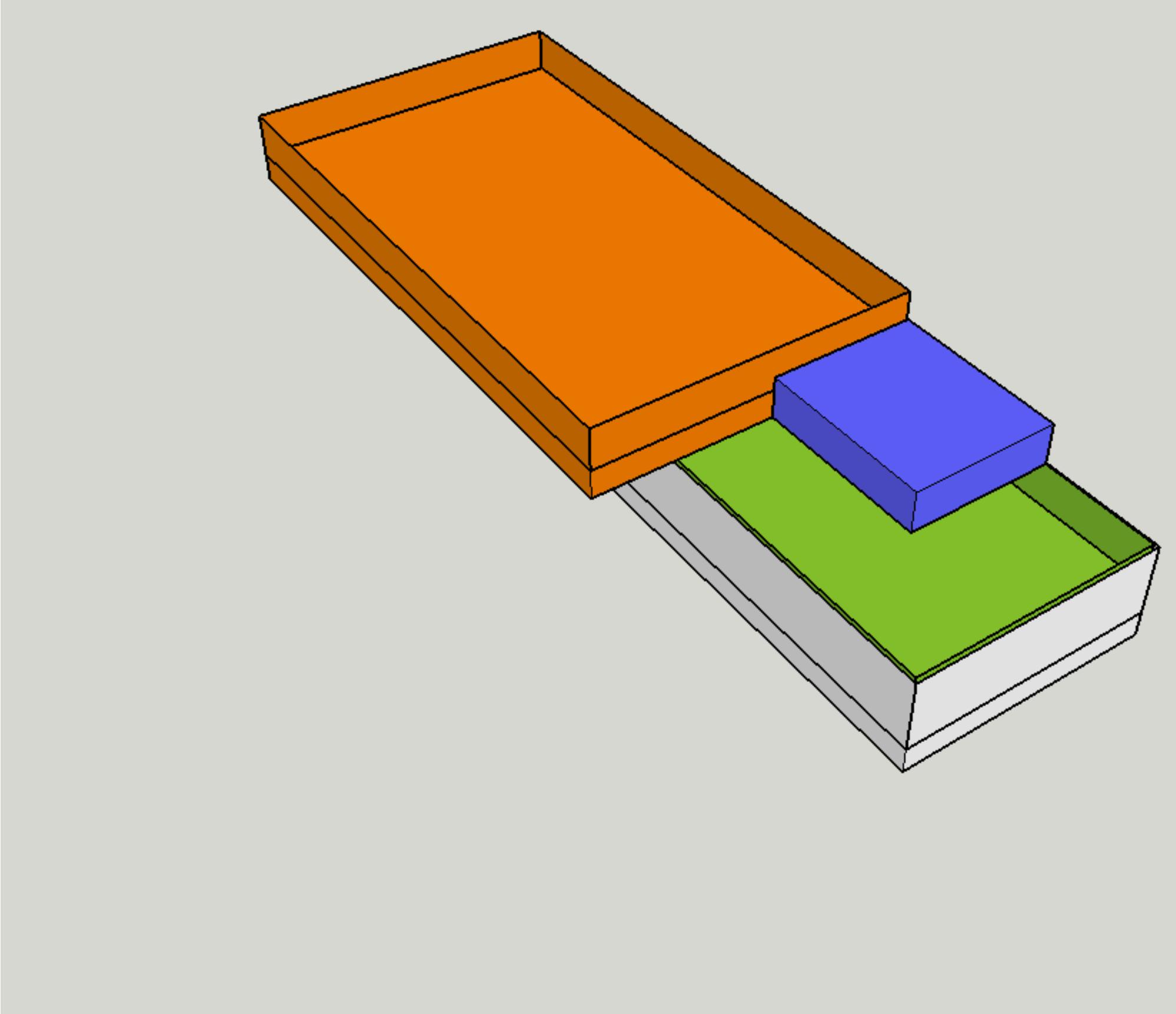
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```

inline elements are “buoyant”



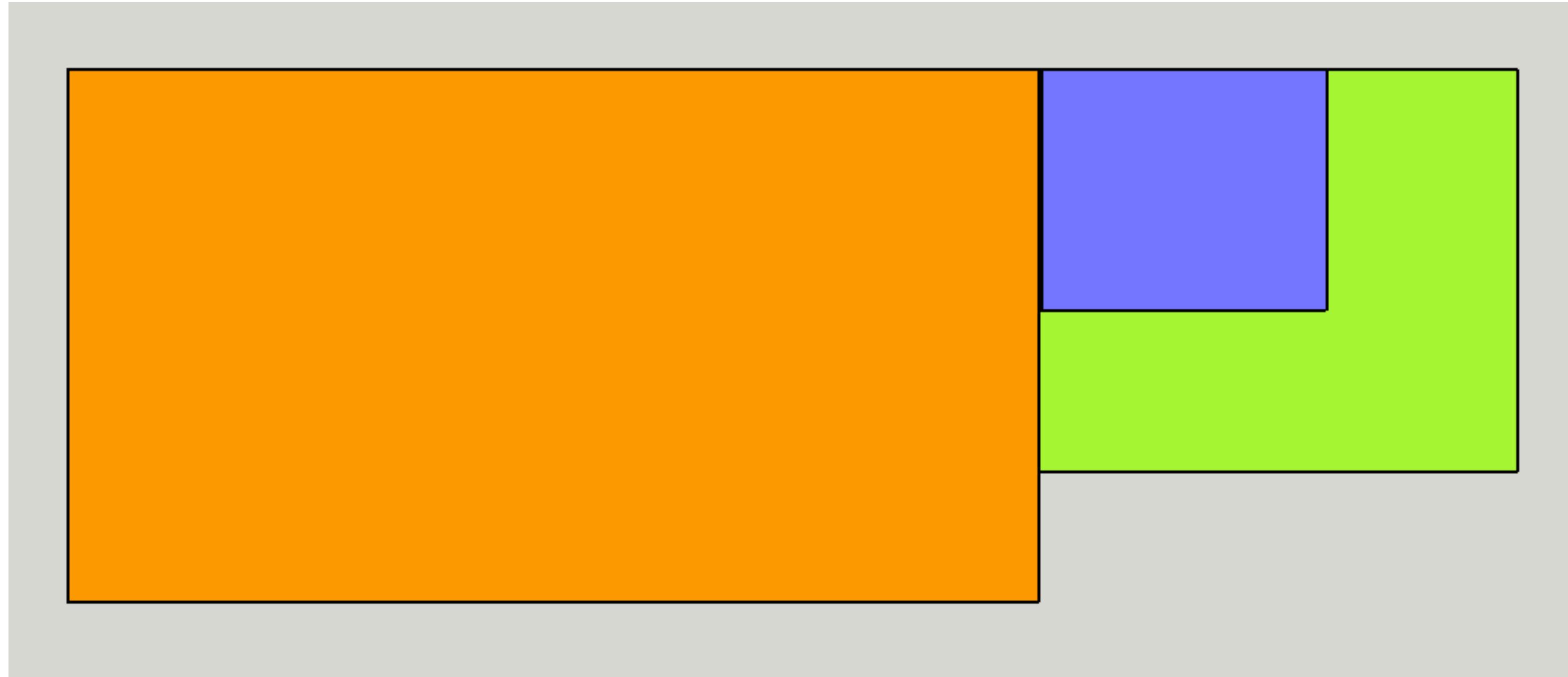
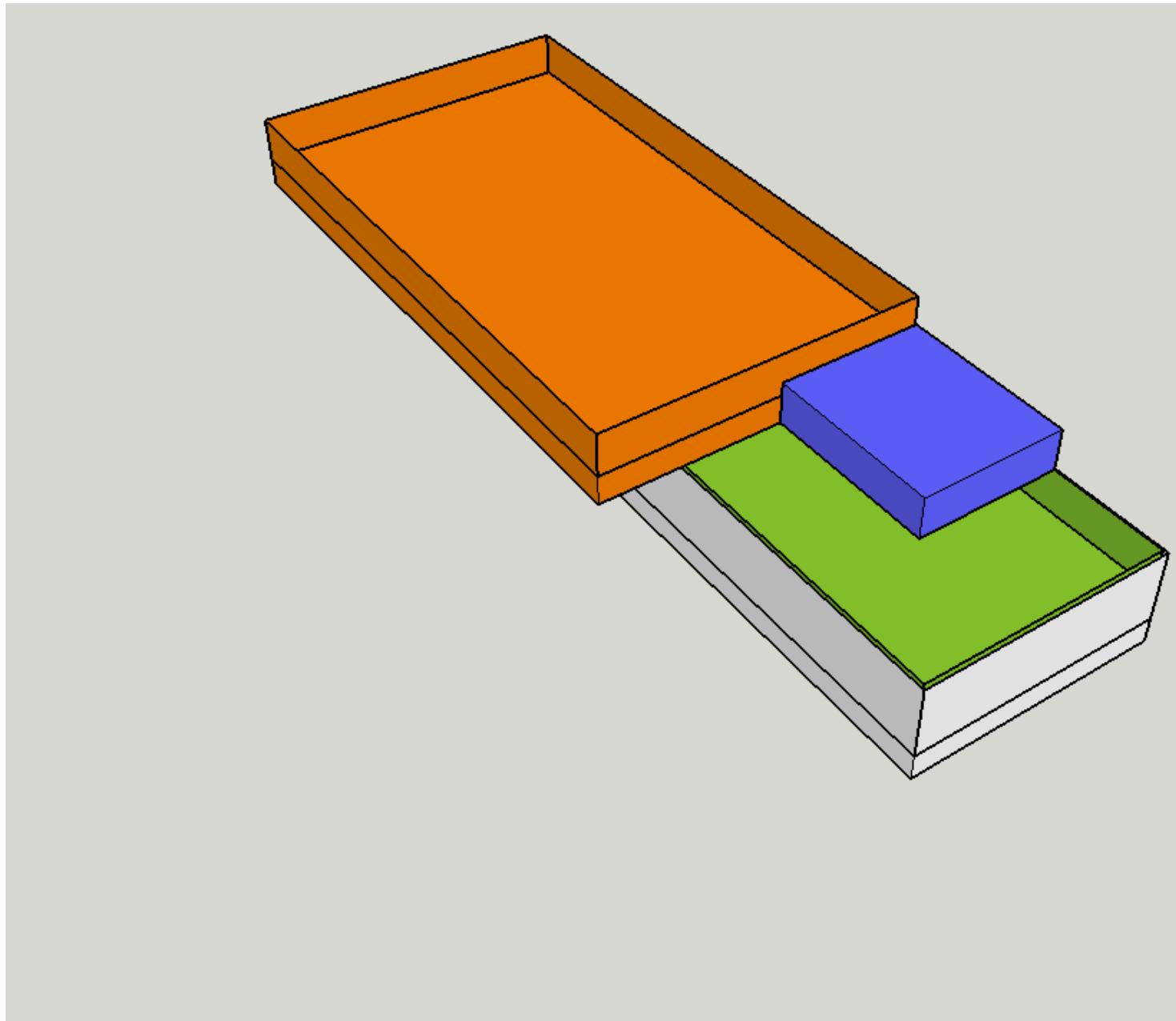
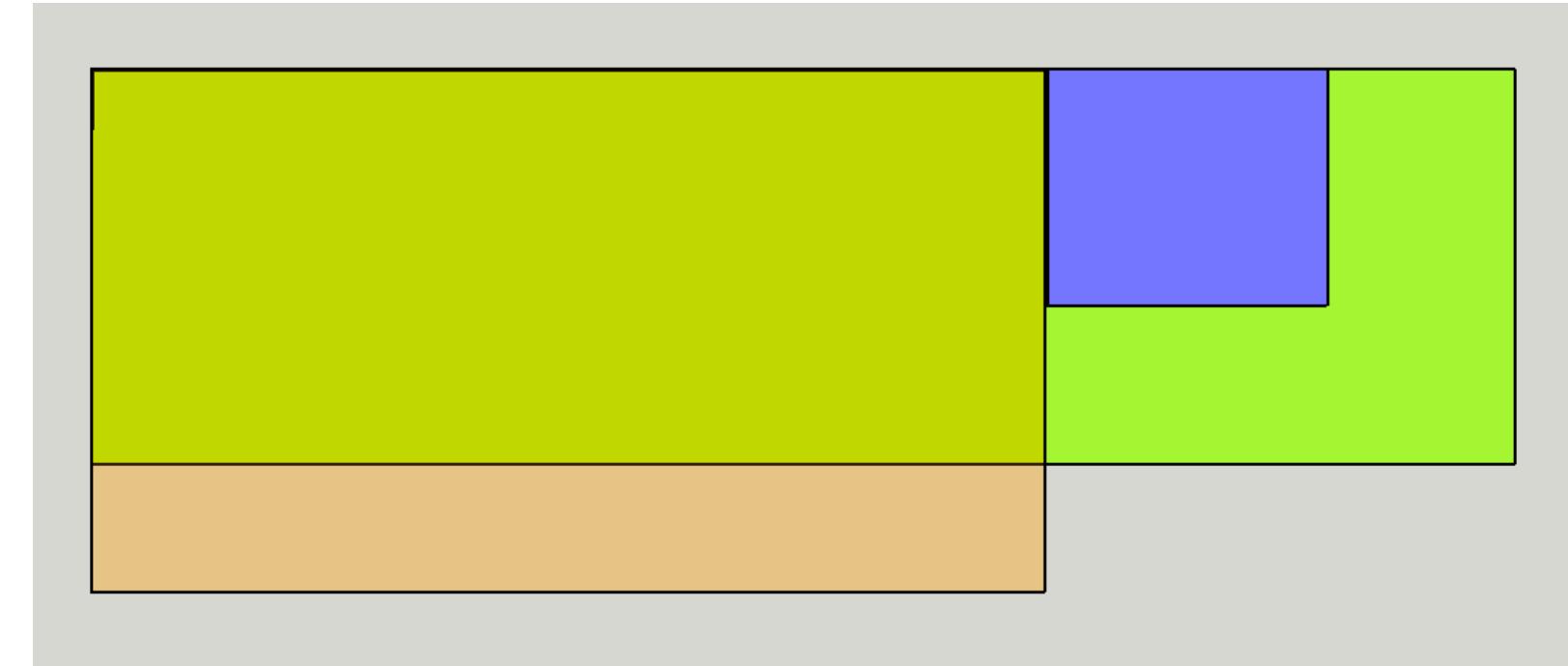
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```

inline element wraps floated one



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  <div style="float:left; background:orange; width:70%;"></div>  
  <div style="background:green;">  
    <span style="background:blue;">x</span>  
  </div>  
</div>
```

green div is behind orange div



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CLEARFIX

```
.clearfix::before, .clearfix::after {  
  clear: both;  
  display: block;  
  content: "";  
}
```



S Y N T A C T I C A L L Y
A W E S O M E
S T Y E E
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SCSS

- ◎ “nesting”
- ◎ “variables”
- ◎ “loops”
- ◎ “functions”
- ◎ “modules”

HOW DOES SCSS WORK?

SCSS COMPILES TO CSS

NESTING

SCSS

```
article {  
  border: 1px solid red;  
  li {  
    background: gray;  
  }  
}
```

CSS

```
article {  
  border: 1px solid red;  
}  
article li {  
  background: gray;  
}
```

VARIABLES

SCSS

```
$deep-red: #990000;  
a {  
  color: $deep-red;  
}  
.warning {  
  border-color: $deep-red;  
}
```

CSS

```
a {  
  color: #990000;  
}  
.warning {  
  border-color: #990000;  
}
```

LOOPS

SCSS

```
@for $i from 1 through 3 {  
  h#${$i} {  
    font-size: $i * 10px;  
  }  
}
```

CSS

```
h1 {  
  font-size: 10px;  
}  
h2 {  
  font-size: 20px;  
}  
h3 {  
  font-size: 30px;  
}
```

MIXINS

SCSS

```
@mixin border-radius ($r) {  
  -webkit-border-radius: $r;  
  -moz-border-radius: $r;  
  border-radius: $r;  
}  
  
.thing {  
  @include border-radius(10px);  
}
```

CSS

```
.thing {  
  -webkit-border-radius: 10px;  
  -moz-border-radius: 10px;  
  border-radius: 10px;  
}
```

MODULES

SCSS

```
/* pulls in normalize.scss */
@import 'normalize';
```

CSS

```
/* ... */
/**
 * 1. Set default font family to sans-serif
 * 2. Prevent iOS text size adjust after orientation change, without disabling
 *    user zoom.
 */
html {
  font-family: sans-serif;
  /* 1 */
  -ms-text-size-adjust: 100%;
  /* 2 */
  -webkit-text-size-adjust: 100%;
  /* 2 */
}
/**
 * Remove default margin.
 */
body {
  margin: 0;
}
=====
Links
=====
*/
/*
 * Remove the gray background color from active links in IE 10.
 */
a {
  background: transparent;
}
/* ... */
```

RESPONSIVE



RESPONSIVE





RESPONSIVE DESIGN

- Website is fully functional for all screen sizes, resolutions and orientations
- Born out of necessity (see previous slide)
- Developers and designers should cater to the user's environment, not the other way around





MEDIA QUERIES

The CSS3 media queries let us set CSS rules that only apply at specific screen sizes

```
/* EXAMPLE */  
/* for 980px or less */  
@media screen and (max-width: 980px) {  
    #pagewrap {  
        width: 94%;  
    }  
    #content {  
        width: 65%;  
    }  
    #sidebar {  
        width: 30%;  
    }  
}
```



HOW TO USE MEDIA QUERIES

- Set default styles for your page **OUTSIDE** of the media queries
- Progressively target smaller page sizes and let styles cascade
- Make things flexible and fluid
- Customary to add your responsive media-query tags to a separate CSS file

EXAMPLE MEDIA QUERIES



MIN-WIDTH

```
/* This rule will apply if viewing area is >900px */
@media screen and (min-width: 900px) {
  .class {
    background: #666;
  }
}
```



MULTIPLE MEDIA QUERIES

```
/* The following code will apply if the viewing area is  
between 600px and 900px */  
@media screen and (min-width: 600px) and (max-width: 900px) {  
  .class {  
    background: #333;  
  }  
}
```



DEVICE WIDTH

max-device-width means the **actual resolution of the device**
max-width means the **viewing area resolution**

```
/* The following code will apply if the max-  
device-width is 480px (eg. iPhone display). */  
@media screen and (max-device-width: 480px) {  
    .class {  
        background: #000;  
    }  
}
```



SUMMARY

- **CSS role**
- **terminology**
- **specificity**
- **layout & float**
- **box model**
- **SCSS**
- **responsive CSS**



SO MUCH MORE...

- **consistent centering (guide)**
- **fonts (intro)**
- **flexbox (guide, game)**
- **animations (intro)**
- **z-index (explanation)**
- **margin collapsing (docs)**
- **attribute selection operators (docs)**
- **patterns (intro)**
- **sprites (intro)**