

Selecting by tag name

Element Selector

A jQuery selector specifies which elements of the HTML document are to be returned in the jQuery object for manipulation. An Element Selector simply specifies a tag name within quote marks between the selector function's parentheses. For example, the selector call `$("p")` queries the HTML document and returns all `<p>` paragraph elements.

Each selector call can append an action function, using dot notation, to specify an action to perform on the collection of returned elements. For example, the jQuery `text()` method can be appended to specify a text string within quote marks between its parentheses. The specified string will then be written into each matched element, replacing any existing content. This could be used to replace the existing text content of each item in a list:

- 1 Add an ordered list to the body of an HTML document
`ItemItemItem`
- 2 In the head section of the HTML document add a script block that recognizes the “document ready” event by selecting all list item elements and replacing text content
`$(document).ready(function() {

 $("li").text("Generated Content");
});`
- 3 Save the document alongside the jQuery library file then open it in a browser to see the generated list item content



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Don't forget



Only specify the tag name to the selector – angled markup brackets are not required.

