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<code>\$x("selector")</code>	<code>\$x("//div")</code>	Enables you to locate XPath selectors via the browser console window (Chrome & Firefox).
Absolute XPath	<code>/html/body/div[1]/div[3]/form/input</code>	A direct way to locate element(s) and can be very brittle and fragile. Absolute selectors start with a <code>/</code> because the search starts at the root of the html DOM.
Relative XPath	<code>//button[@id='sendMessageButton']</code>	Less brittle and fragile, starts with <code>//</code> because Relative XPaths can search anywhere within the html DOM.

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/	//ul/li/a	Locates a child element.
//	//*[@id="list"]//a	Locates a descendant element.