jQuery val() Method

[❮ jQuery HTML/CSS Methods](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/jquery_ref_html.asp)

Example

Set the value of the <input> field:

$("button").click(function(){  
  $("input:text").val("Glenn Quagmire");  
});

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Definition and Usage

The val() method returns or sets the value attribute of the selected elements.

**When used to return value:**This method returns the value of the value attribute of the FIRST matched element.

**When used to set value:**This method sets the value of the value attribute for ALL matched elements.

**Note:** The val() method is mostly used with HTML form elements.

Syntax

Return the value attribute:

$(*selector*).val()

Set the value attribute:

$(*selector*).val(*value*)

Set the value attribute using a function:

$(*selector*).val(function*(index,currentvalue)*)

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| **Parameter** | **Description** |
| *value* | Required. Specifies the value of the value attribute |
| function(*index,currentvalue*) | Optional. Specifies a function that returns the value to set.   * *index* - Returns the index position of the element in the set * *currentvalue* - Returns the current value attribute of selected elements |

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[Return the value attribute](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_html_val_get)  
How to return the value of the value attribute of the FIRST matched element.

[Set the value attribute using a function](https://www.w3schools.com/jquery/tryit.asp?filename=tryjquery_html_val_func)  
Using a function to set the value of the value attribute.