

assert_select cheat sheet

Selectors

*	any element
E	an element of type E
E.warning	an E element whose class is "warning" (the document language specifies how class is determined).
E#myid	an E element with ID equal to "myid".
E[foo]	an E element with a "foo" attribute
E[foo="bar"]	an E element whose "foo" attribute value is exactly equal to "bar"
E[foo~="bar"]	an E element whose "foo" attribute value is a list of space-separated values, one of which is exactly equal to "bar"
E[foo^="bar"]	an E element whose "foo" attribute value begins exactly with the string "bar"
E[foo\$="bar"]	an E element whose "foo" attribute value ends exactly with the string "bar"
E[foo*="bar"]	an E element whose "foo" attribute value contains the substring "bar"
E[hreflang ="en"]	an E element whose "hreflang" attribute has a hyphen-separated list of values beginning (from the left) with "en"
E:root	an E element, root of the document
E:nth-child(n)	an E element, the n-th child of its parent
E:nth-last-child(n)	an E element, the n-th child of its parent, counting from the last one
E:nth-of-type(n)	an E element, the n-th sibling of its type
E:nth-last-of-type(n)	an E element, the n-th sibling of its type, counting from the last one
E:first-child	an E element, first child of its parent
E:last-child	an E element, last child of its parent
E:first-of-type	an E element, first sibling of its type
E:last-of-type	an E element, last sibling of its type
E:only-child	an E element, only child of its parent
E:only-of-type	an E element, only sibling of its type
E:empty	an E element that has no children (including text nodes)
E:not(s)	an E element that does not match simple selector s
E F	an F element descendant of an E element
E > F	an F element child of an E element
E + F	an F element immediately preceded by an E element
E ~ F	an F element preceded by an E element

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Methods

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assert_select(selector, *values, equality?, message?) { |elems| ... }  
assert_select(element, selector, *values, equality?, message?) { |elems| ... }
```

Uses selector to select elements from response page or first argument (element), and evaluate equality test. Raises exception with message if equality test fails.

Equality tests include:

true	At least one element found (:minimum=>1)
false	No element found (:count=>0)
text, :text=>text	All elements found have the text contents (string or regexp)
n, :count=>n	Exactly n elements found
:minimum=>n	At least n elements found
:maximum=>n	At most n elements found
n..m	Between n and m elements found

If no count specified, :minimum=>1 assumed.

With block, calls block with all selected elements. Calling assert_select (or any of the other functions) within that block will select from the element selected by the outer block.

Substitution values are string or regular expression, can be used for id, class name or attribute value, e.g. "E[foo=?]", /bar/i.

```
assert_select_rjs(id?) { |elems| ... }  
assert_select_rjs(statement, id?) { |elems| ... }  
assert_select_rjs(:insert, position, id?) { |elems| ... }
```

Asserts that RJS statement updates/inserts HTML content and allows nested assertions on the content.

With id, selects only RJS statement affecting elements with that id. With statement, RJS statements that :replace, :replace_html or :insert. With :insert can limit position (:before, :after, etc).

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assert_select_email() { |elems| ... }
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Assertions on the (HTML) body of the delivered e-mail.

```
assert_select_encoded(element?) { |elems| ... }
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For operating on encoded HTML (e.g. RSS item description).

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css_select(selector, *values) => array  
css_select(element, selector, *values) => array
```

Returns an array with selected elements (empty if no elements selected).