

# GetElementData

This function retrieves element data attached to an element under a certain key.

## Syntax

```
var getElementData ( element theElement, string key [, bool inherit = true] )
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**OOP Syntax** [Help! I don't understand this!](#)

**Method:** *element:getData(...)*  
**Counterpart:** *setElementData*

## Required Arguments

- **theElement:** This is the element with data you want to retrieve.
- **key:** The name of the element data entry you want to retrieve. (Maximum 31 characters.)

## Optional Arguments

- **inherit:** - toggles whether or not the function should go up the hierarchy to find the requested key in case the specified element doesn't have it.

## Returns

This function returns a *variable* containing the requested element data, or *false* if the element or the element data does not exist. When getting data corresponding to a XML attribute, this is always a *string*.