

# Selects

Selects allow users to select one or multiple options from a list of options.

A selected option can represent a value in a form, or can be used as an action to filter or sort existing content.

## Select types

| Component       | Use case   |
|-----------------|--|
| Standard select | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Select one option from a predefined set of options.</li><li>- Suitable when there are too many options for radio buttons.</li></ul>  |
| Multiselect     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Select multiple options from a predefined set of options.</li><li>- Suitable when you need to select more than one option but checkboxes take up too much space.</li></ul>   |
| Advanced select | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Search and select one option from a predefined set of options.</li><li>- Suitable when there are a lot of options in the list. The search functionality makes it simpler for the user to find the desired option quicker than a standard select.</li></ul> |

## Standard select

The standard select field is an interactive element typically used in forms to allow users to choose one option from a predefined set of options.

The options are presented in a browser default drop-down menu when the field is clicked or tapped.

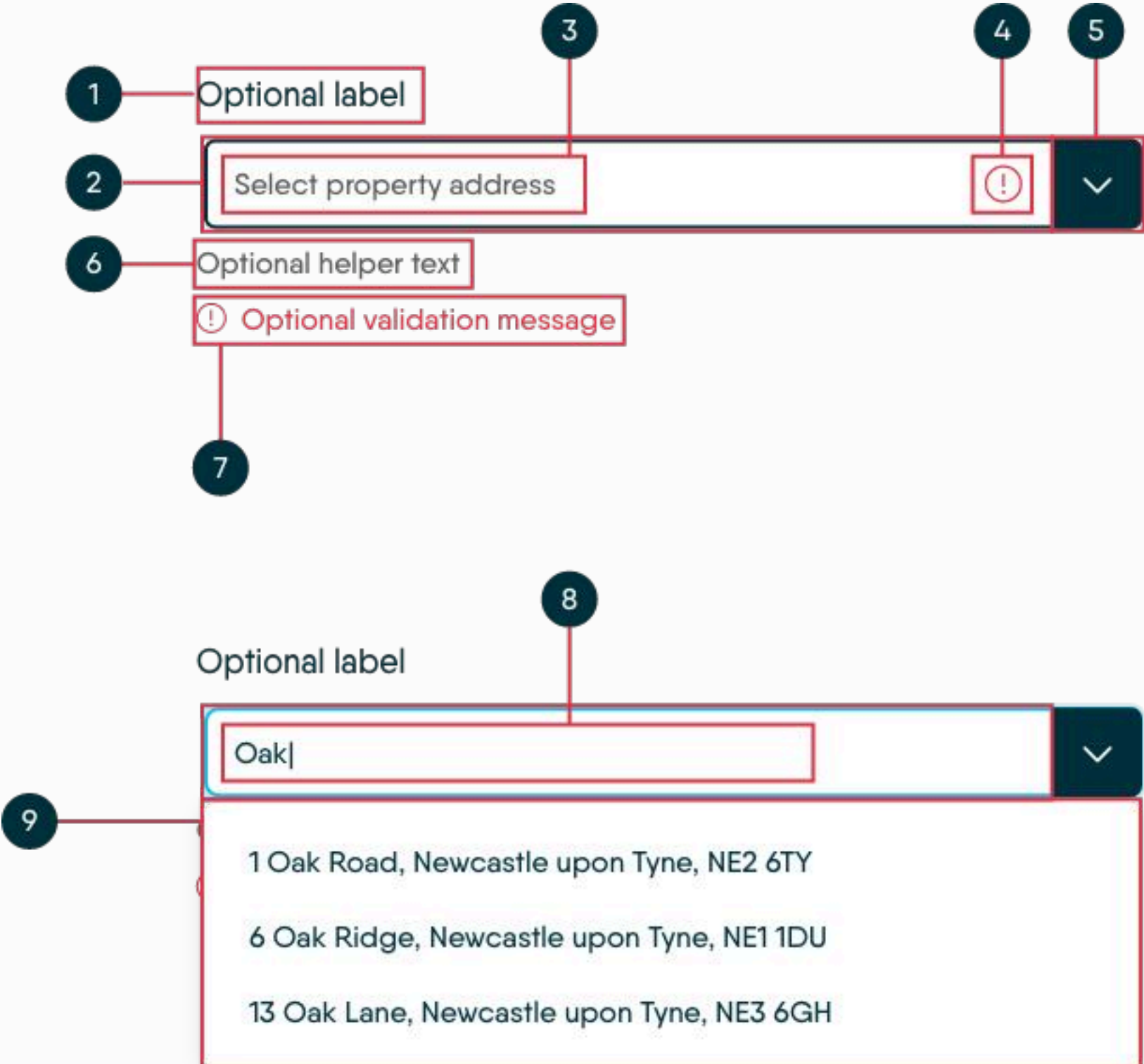
Selects are useful when there are several options to choose from. If there are only a few options, consider using [radio buttons](#) to present options instead.

Property address

Select property address

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## Anatomy



- 1. Field label (optional)
- 2. Input field
- 3. Placeholder text (optional)
- 4. Validation icon (optional)
- 5. Dropdown button
- 6. Helper text (optional)
- 7. Validation message (optional)
- 8. Field value
- 9. Dropdown (browser default)

## Behaviour

- Selecting the field or chevron should activate the dropdown and set the field to active.
- All values from the list should be shown in the dropdown.
- Selecting an option should add that value to the field and close the dropdown.

## States

|   |  |
|---|--|
| DEFAULT   | ACTIVE   |
| Property address  | Property address   |
| <div><div></div><div>▼</div></div>  | <div><div></div><div>▼</div></div> <div><div>1 Lake Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2TB</div><div>12 Oak Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4QT</div><div>3 Peach Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1PO</div></div>  |
| SELECTED  | SELECTED ACTIVE  |
| Property address  | Property address   |
| <div><div>12 Oak Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4QT</div><div>▼</div></div> | <div><div>12 Oak Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4QT</div><div>▼</div></div> <div><div>1 Lake Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2TB</div><div>12 Oak Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4QT</div><div>3 Peach Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1PO</div></div> |

## Multiselect

The multiselect field is an interactive element typically used in forms to allow users to choose multiple options from a predefined set of options.

The options are presented in a scrollable menu (which has a max height). The field can also be used to type and filter options in the scrollable menu.

Users

Amanda Knight × |

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Brian Lord

Claire Lane

John Smith

James Brown

Sarah Brown

[View multiselect component](#) [↗](#)

## Advanced select

The advanced select field is an interactive element typically used in forms to allow users to filter a list of predefined options and select one of those options.

Advanced selects are useful when there are a lot of options in the list. The search functionality makes it simpler for the user to find the desired option quicker than a standard select.

Property address

|12 Oak Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4QT ×

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1 Lake Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2TB

12 Oak Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4QT

3 Peach Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1PO

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