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## How to get Selected Text from select2 when using <input>



I am using the select2 control, [loading data](#) via ajax. This requires the use of the `<input type=hidden...>` tag.

Now, I want to retrieve the selected text. (The `value` property in the `data-bind` expression stores the `id` only)

I have tried `$(".select2-chosen").text()`, but this breaks when I have multiple select2 controls on the page.

[javascript](#) [jquery](#) [knockout-2.0](#) [jquery-select2](#) [ui-select2](#)

asked Nov 6 '13 at 14:24



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### 5 Answers

Try

```
var data = $('your-original-element').select2('data')
alert(data.text);
```

Edit: Note that when there is no selection, the variable 'data' will be null.

From the [docs](#):

`data` Gets or sets the selection. Analogous to `val` method, but works with objects instead of ids.

`data` method invoked on a single-select with an unset value will return null, while a `data` method invoked on an empty multi-select will return `[]`.

edited Feb 10 '14 at 7:18

answered Nov 6 '13 at 14:26



[Moeri](#)

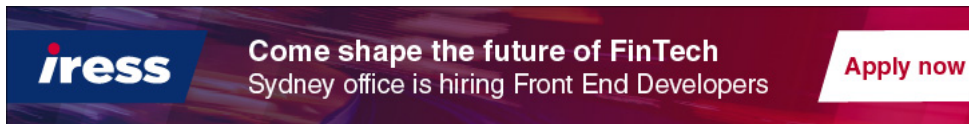
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12 Note that if `$('.your-original-element')` is set to multiple selection `$('.your-original-element').select2('data')` will return array in this case `data.text` will not work instead use `data[index].text` – [tangobee](#) Aug 6 '14 at 11:57

6 With current version(v4.0.0 as of today) of select2, even for single select, only `var data = $('.your-original-element').select2('data')[0]` worked for me. `$('.your-original-element').select2('data').id` // or `.text` gave me `undefined`. See [this jsfiddle](#) for proof. Try logging `$('.your-original-element').select2('data').id` // or `.text` in console in fiddle. – [Fr0zenFyr](#) Sep 3 '15 at 21:18

How to send via form submit ... normal way ? – [Hos Mercury](#) Sep 17 '16 at 19:22

This answer is not good. not working with 4.x + of select2. You need to go to the first item in the array like [@Fr0zenFyr](#) said. – [Nicolas Belley](#) Feb 28 at 17:02



I finally figured it out doing this:

```
var $your-original-element = $('.your-original-element');
var data = $your-original-element.select2('data')[0]['text'];
alert(data);
```

if you also want the value:

```
var value = $your-original-element.select2('data')[0]['id'];
alert(value);
```

edited Jan 14 '16 at 21:53

answered Jan 14 '16 at 20:59



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Also you can have the selected value using following code:

```
alert("Selected option value is: "+$('#SelectelementId').select2("val"));
```

edited Feb 2 '16 at 7:08

answered Feb 2 '16 at 6:37



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Again I suggest Simple and Easy

Its Working Perfect with ajax when user search and select it saves the selected information via ajax

```
$('#vendor-brands').select2({
  ajax: {
    url: site_url('general/get_brand_ajax_json'),
    dataType: 'json',
    delay: 250,
    data: function (params) {
      return {
        q: params.term, // search term
        page: params.page
      };
    },
    processResults: function (data, params) {
      // parse the results into the format expected by Select2
      // since we are using custom formatting functions we do not need to
      // alter the remote JSON data, except to indicate that infinite
      // scrolling can be used
      params.page = params.page || 1;

      return {
        results: data,
        pagination: {
          more: (params.page * 30) < data.total_count
        }
      };
    },
    cache: true
  },
  escapeMarkup: function (markup) { return markup; }, // Let our custom formatter work
  minimumInputLength: 1,
}).on("change", function(e) {

  var lastValue = $("#vendor-brands option:last-child").val();
  var lastText = $("#vendor-brands option:last-child").text();

  alert(lastValue+' '+lastText);
});
```

answered Sep 7 '16 at 21:44



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The code below also solves otherwise

```
.on("change", function(e) {

  var lastValue = e.currentTarget.value;
  var lastText = e.currentTarget.textContent;

});
```

answered Mar 31 at 14:36

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