



# How to use jQuery setTimeout function

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If you want to delay your jQuery code to run after some amount of time, you can use JavaScript `setTimeout` function to delay the execution. `setTimeout` is used in JavaScript to delay execution code and the same function can be use with **jQuery** without any extra effort. Since jQuery is written on top of JavaScript, so you can use all JavaScript functions with jQuery as well. Read [how to use JavaScript String Functions in jQuery](#).

`setTimeout` function can be used for [reloading page](#), [show/hide jQuery UI Datepicker](#) and for [div disappear or appear after few seconds](#).

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The Basic syntax for `setTimeout` function is,

```
1 | setTimeout(function() {  
2 |     // Do something after 2 seconds  
3 | }, 2000);
```

The `setTimeout` function takes the times in milliseconds. And the block can contain either your j

code, or you can also make a call to any function.

For example, if I want to make div element fade out then you can use below code. It will fade out with id "dvData" after 2 seconds.

```
1 $(document).ready(function(){
2     setTimeout(function(){
3         $('#dvData').fadeOut();}, 2000);
4 });
```

The above code will fade out the div after 2 seconds automatically when page is loaded.

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You can also call this on button click as well. All you need to do is to put the above code on click

```
1 $(document).ready(function() {
2     $("#btnFade").bind("click",function() {
3         setTimeout(function() {
4             $('#dvData').fadeOut();}, 2000);
5     });
6 });
```

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You can also use below alternative that is create a function and call it on click of button.

```
01 $(document).ready(function() {
02     $('#btnFade').bind('click', function() {
03         FadeOut();
04     });
05     function FadeOut()
06     {
07         setTimeout(function() {
08             $('#dvData').fadeOut();}, 2000);
09     }
10 });
```

As I mentioned earlier that with `setTimeout()`, you can also make a call to another function. Till I were writing a piece of code and that is ideal if your code is one line but when lines of code is more is better to create a separate function and call it in `setTimeout()`.

```
01 $(document).ready(function() {
02     $('#btnFade').bind('click', function() {
03         FadeOut();
04     });
```



```
10  
11 function FadeDiv()  
12 {  
13     $('#dvData').fadeOut();  
14 }  
15 }));
```

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