

# Function selector

When a smart contract is called, the first 4 bytes of the calldata sent as part of the request are called the "function selector", and identify which function of the smart contract to call.

You can compute a specific function selector by using the `function_selector!` macro.

Here's an example that computes the selector of a function named `foo` :

*note* This code has yet to be audited. Please use at your own risk. `function_selector!` ( "foo" )

// returns 0xc2985578 Functions usually take a number of arguments that you need to pass in order for the call to be successful. For example, here's the signature of a function that takes 2 arguments, an address and a uint256:

function

transfer ( address recipient ,

uint256 amount )

external

returns

( bool ) ; To compute the selector for this function, pass the types of the arguments to the `function_selector` macro:

`function_selector!` ( "transfer" ,

Address ,

U256 )

// returns 0xa9059cbb `function_selector` will return a byte array containing the encoded function selector.

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