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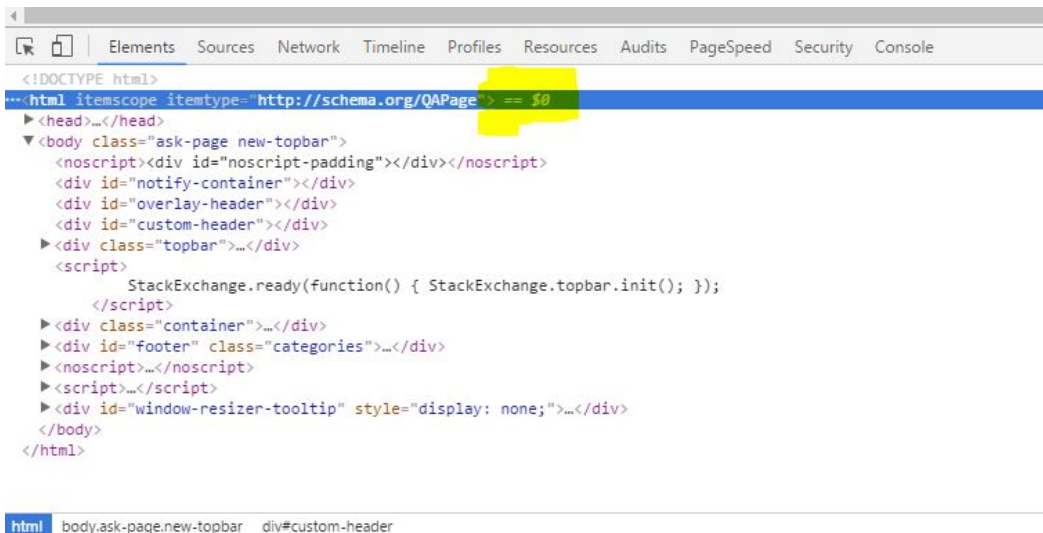
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What does ==\$0 (double equals dollar zero) mean in Chrome Developer Tools?



In Google Chrome's developer tools, when I select an element, I see ==\$0 next to the selected element. What does that mean?



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edited Sep 2 '16 at 18:03



Peter Mortensen

10.7k 13 73 108

asked May 3 '16 at 8:54



oneNiceFriend

1,236 3 9 24

12 It's the selected DOM Node id. try to select any node and write \$0 in the console and see what comes up ;) – deadlock May 3 '16 at 8:57

16 It's very confusing. It looks like someone wrote some javascript that they forgot to put in a script tag. I spent a good ten minutes trying to figure out where I had messed up in my code... – Kip May 6 '16 at 3:43

check following developer.chrome.com/devtools/docs/commandline-api#0-4 – Muk Jun 3 '16 at 9:30

1 I think that only the different background color in the line clicked should be enough... I see no need of adding ==\$0 to the html source... Bad idea. Chrome doind Chrome-ish stuff. – Sergio Abreu Aug 20 '16 at 18:16

3 Answers

It's the last selected DOM node index. Chrome assigns an index to each DOM node you select. So \$0 will always point to the last node you selected, while \$1 will point to the node you selected before that. Think of it like a stack of most recently selected nodes.

As an example, consider the following

```
<div id="sunday"></div>
<div id="monday"></div>
<div id="tuesday"></div>
```

Now you opened the devtools console and selected `#sunday`, `#monday` and `#tuesday` in the mentioned order, you will get ids like:

```
$0 -> <div id="tuesday"></div>
$1 -> <div id="monday"></div>
$2 -> <div id="sunday"></div>
```

Note: It might be useful to know that the node is selectable in your scripts (or console), for example one popular use for this is angular element selector, so you can simply pick your node, and run this:

```
angular.element($0).scope()
```

Voila you got access to node scope via console.

edited Aug 17 '16 at 15:08



ProlyGeek

10.7k 5 21 59

answered May 3 '16 at 9:00



deadlock

4,848 5 32 62

6 What is the use/benefit of this? – [joe_young](#) Jul 9 '16 at 19:56

1 I believe it can be helpful in debugging. The ability to access the inspected element using a simple selector can help in many situations during debugging. – [deadlock](#) Jul 12 '16 at 22:10

3 So what good is always showing `== $0` in the UI? Anyone who knows about `$0` will already know which element it is, and it's meaningless to anyone who doesn't. – [BlueRaja - Danny Pflughoeft](#) Sep 16 '16 at 15:58

Isn't this harmful when used in production environment? Especially in Angular, you can reach an item scope within seconds.. – [Luca De Nardi](#) Oct 19 '16 at 12:40

```
36 if (dev.isBored() || job.sucks()) {
37   searchJobs({flexibleHours: true, companyCulture: 100});
38 }
39 // A career site that's by developers, for developers.
```



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`$0` returns the most recently selected element or JavaScript object, `$1` returns the second most recently selected one, and so on.

Refer : [Command Line API Reference](#)

answered May 3 '16 at 9:01



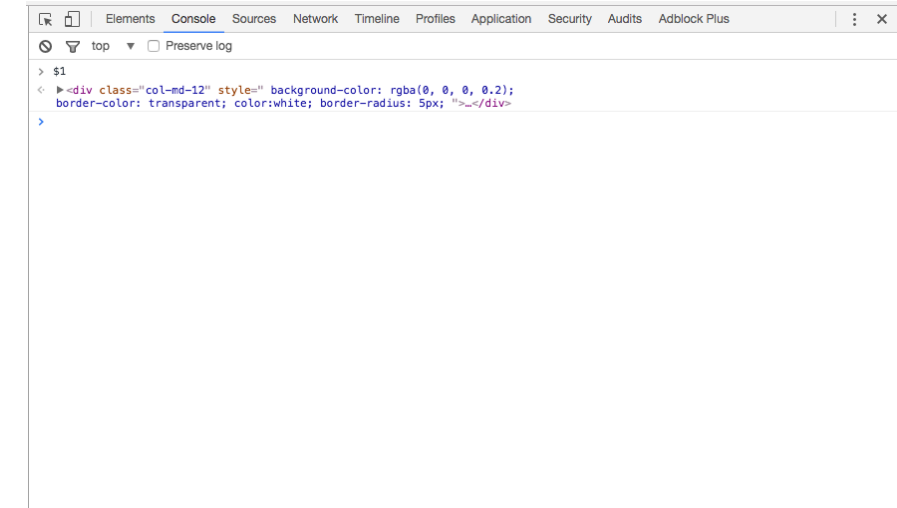
Ani Menon

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5 This is correct, but [@deadlock's](#) answer is more comprehensive. – [Kayce Basques](#) May 3 '16 at 21:08

The other answers here clearly explained what does it mean. I like to explain its use.

You can select an element in the `elements` tab and switch to `console` tab in chrome. Just type `$0` or `$1` or whatever number and press enter and the element will be displayed in the console for your use.



answered Jan 10 at 10:51

 [Siva Prakash](#)

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