

Not class selector in jQuery

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Is there a simple selector expression to not select elements with a specific class?

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```
<div class="first-foo" />
<div class="first-moo" />
<div class="first-koo" />
<div class="first-bar second-foo" />
```



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I just want to get the first three divs and tried

```
$(div[class^="first-"][class!="first-bar"])
```

But this receives all as the last div contains more than first-bar. Is there a way to use a placeholder in such an expression? Something like that

```
$(div[class^="first-"][class!="first-bar*"]) // doesn't seem to work
```

Any other selectors that may help?

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asked Jan 6 '11 at 10:51

[Zardoz](#)

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Scratch my earlier comment, I just reread the question. Critical

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either class1 or class2, concatenating would work:

```
$( 'div[class^="first-"]' ).not( '.class1' ).not( '.class2' )
```

– JOANMM Nov 15 '17 at 12:06

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You need the `:not()` selector:

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```
$( 'div[class^="first-"]:not(.first-bar)'
```



or, alternatively, the `.not()` method:



```
$( 'div[class^="first-"]').not( '.first-bar' );
```

answered Jan 6 '11 at 10:53



[lonesomeday](#)

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78 Note that since `:not()` is up to 2-3 times faster than `.not()` (jsperf.com/jquery-css3-not-vs-not), you might want to use `:not()`. However, the jQuery docs recommend using `.not()` instead, as it is more readable (api.jquery.com/not-selector). Hope this helps someone make a decision between the two! – rinogo Jul 22 '13 at 22:40

1 @rinogo It is quicker now that the vast majority of browsers support `querySelectorAll`, but that hasn't always been the case. – lonesomeday Jul 23 '13 at 8:18

3 Yup, exactly! :) I hope my comment didn't come across as criticism; I rather intended to add to your already helpful question. – rinogo Jul 23 '13 at 16:47

Thanks!! disable enter key on all but my Filtering Boxes.
`$("#input-not(noFilterBox)") keydown(function (e) { if`

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- 2 @Daniel, yes, but if it *is*, then it's a super easy change to get an instant performance boost :) – [rinogo](#) Jan 13 '16 at 15:16
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You can use the `:not` filter selector:

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```
$('#foo:not(".someClass")')
```



Or `not()` method:

```
$('#foo').not(".someClass")
```

More Info:

- <http://api.jquery.com/not-selector/>
- <http://api.jquery.com/not/>

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[Sarfraz](#)

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- 2 The " should be omitted if using it as a CSS selector. – [BoltClock](#) ♦ Jan 6 '11 at 10:54
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- 17 @BoltClock: It is needed for values with spaces in them, i have made it a habit of mine to specify those always :) – [Sarfraz](#) Jan 6 '11 at 10:55
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