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## **java.lang.annotation**

Annotation Type Retention

[@Documented](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Documented.html)  
[@Retention](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Retention.html)([value](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Retention.html#value())=[RUNTIME](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/RetentionPolicy.html#RUNTIME))  
[@Target](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Target.html)([value](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Target.html#value())=[ANNOTATION\_TYPE](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#ANNOTATION_TYPE))  
public @interface **Retention**

Indicates how long annotations with the annotated type are to be retained. If no Retention annotation is present on an annotation type declaration, the retention policy defaults to RetentionPolicy.CLASS.

A Target meta-annotation has effect only if the meta-annotated type is use directly for annotation. It has no effect if the meta-annotated type is used as a member type in another annotation type.

**Since:** 1.5

| **Required Element Summary** | |
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| [RetentionPolicy](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/RetentionPolicy.html) | [**value**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/Retention.html#value()) |

| **Element Detail** |
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### value

public abstract [RetentionPolicy](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/RetentionPolicy.html) **value**

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For further API reference and developer documentation, see [Java SE Developer Documentation](http://docs.google.com/webnotes/devdocs-vs-specs.html). That documentation contains more detailed, developer-targeted descriptions, with conceptual overviews, definitions of terms, workarounds, and working code examples.

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