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## **java.security.spec**

Class EncodedKeySpec

[java.lang.Object](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html)  
 **java.security.spec.EncodedKeySpec**

**All Implemented Interfaces:** [KeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/KeySpec.html) **Direct Known Subclasses:** [PKCS8EncodedKeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/PKCS8EncodedKeySpec.html), [X509EncodedKeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/X509EncodedKeySpec.html)

public abstract class **EncodedKeySpec**extends [Object](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html)implements [KeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/KeySpec.html)

This class represents a public or private key in encoded format.

**Since:** 1.2 **See Also:**[Key](http://docs.google.com/java/security/Key.html), [KeyFactory](http://docs.google.com/java/security/KeyFactory.html), [KeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/KeySpec.html), [X509EncodedKeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/X509EncodedKeySpec.html), [PKCS8EncodedKeySpec](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/PKCS8EncodedKeySpec.html)

| **Constructor Summary** | |
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| [**EncodedKeySpec**](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/EncodedKeySpec.html#EncodedKeySpec(byte%5B%5D))(byte[] encodedKey)            Creates a new EncodedKeySpec with the given encoded key. |

| **Method Summary** | |
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| byte[] | [**getEncoded**](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/EncodedKeySpec.html#getEncoded())()            Returns the encoded key. |
| abstract  [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) | [**getFormat**](http://docs.google.com/java/security/spec/EncodedKeySpec.html#getFormat())()            Returns the name of the encoding format associated with this key specification. |

| **Methods inherited from class java.lang.**[**Object**](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html) |
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| [clone](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#clone()), [equals](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#equals(java.lang.Object)), [finalize](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#finalize()), [getClass](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#getClass()), [hashCode](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#hashCode()), [notify](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#notify()), [notifyAll](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#notifyAll()), [toString](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#toString()), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait()), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait(long)), [wait](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/Object.html#wait(long,%20int)) |

| **Constructor Detail** |
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### EncodedKeySpec

public **EncodedKeySpec**(byte[] encodedKey)

Creates a new EncodedKeySpec with the given encoded key.

**Parameters:**encodedKey - the encoded key. The contents of the array are copied to protect against subsequent modification. **Throws:** [NullPointerException](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/NullPointerException.html) - if encodedKey is null.

| **Method Detail** |
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### getEncoded

public byte[] **getEncoded**()

Returns the encoded key.

**Returns:**the encoded key. Returns a new array each time this method is called.

### getFormat

public abstract [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) **getFormat**()

Returns the name of the encoding format associated with this key specification.

If the opaque representation of a key (see [Key](http://docs.google.com/java/security/Key.html)) can be transformed (see [KeyFactory](http://docs.google.com/java/security/KeyFactory.html)) into this key specification (or a subclass of it), getFormat called on the opaque key returns the same value as the getFormat method of this key specification.

**Returns:**a string representation of the encoding format.

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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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