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Annotation Type HandlerChain

[@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())={[TYPE](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#TYPE),[METHOD](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#METHOD),[FIELD](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/annotation/ElementType.html#FIELD)})  
public @interface **HandlerChain**

Associates the Web Service with an externally defined handler chain. This annotation is typically used in scenarios where embedding the handler configuration directly in the Java source is not appropriate; for example, where the handler configuration needs to be shared across multiple Web Services, or where the handler chain consists of handlers for multiple transports. It is an error to combine this annotation with the @SOAPMessageHandlers annotation.

| **Required Element Summary** | |
| --- | --- |
| [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) | [**file**](http://docs.google.com/javax/jws/HandlerChain.html#file())            Location of the handler chain file. |

| **Optional Element Summary** | |
| --- | --- |
| [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) | [**name**](http://docs.google.com/javax/jws/HandlerChain.html#name())  **Deprecated.** *As of JSR-181 2.0 with no replacement.* |

| **Element Detail** |
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### file

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

Location of the handler chain file.

The location supports 2 formats:

1. An absolute java.net.URL in externalForm (ex: http://myhandlers.foo.com/handlerfile1.xml).
2. A relative path from the source file or class file (ex: bar/handlerfile1.xml).

### name

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

**Deprecated.** *As of JSR-181 2.0 with no replacement.*

Name of the handler chain in the configuration file

**Default:**""

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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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