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## **org.w3c.dom**

Interface ProcessingInstruction

**All Superinterfaces:** [Node](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html)

public interface **ProcessingInstruction**extends [Node](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html)

The ProcessingInstruction interface represents a "processing instruction", used in XML as a way to keep processor-specific information in the text of the document.

No lexical check is done on the content of a processing instruction and it is therefore possible to have the character sequence "?>" in the content, which is illegal a processing instruction per section 2.6 of [[XML 1.0](http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-xml-20040204)]. The presence of this character sequence must generate a fatal error during serialization.

See also the [Document Object Model (DOM) Level 3 Core Specification](http://www.w3.org/TR/2004/REC-DOM-Level-3-Core-20040407).

| **Field Summary** | |
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| **Fields inherited from interface org.w3c.dom.**[**Node**](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html) |
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| [ATTRIBUTE\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#ATTRIBUTE_NODE), [CDATA\_SECTION\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#CDATA_SECTION_NODE), [COMMENT\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#COMMENT_NODE), [DOCUMENT\_FRAGMENT\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_FRAGMENT_NODE), [DOCUMENT\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_NODE), [DOCUMENT\_POSITION\_CONTAINED\_BY](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_POSITION_CONTAINED_BY), [DOCUMENT\_POSITION\_CONTAINS](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_POSITION_CONTAINS), [DOCUMENT\_POSITION\_DISCONNECTED](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_POSITION_DISCONNECTED), [DOCUMENT\_POSITION\_FOLLOWING](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_POSITION_FOLLOWING), [DOCUMENT\_POSITION\_IMPLEMENTATION\_SPECIFIC](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_POSITION_IMPLEMENTATION_SPECIFIC), [DOCUMENT\_POSITION\_PRECEDING](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_POSITION_PRECEDING), [DOCUMENT\_TYPE\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#DOCUMENT_TYPE_NODE), [ELEMENT\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#ELEMENT_NODE), [ENTITY\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#ENTITY_NODE), [ENTITY\_REFERENCE\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#ENTITY_REFERENCE_NODE), [NOTATION\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#NOTATION_NODE), [PROCESSING\_INSTRUCTION\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#PROCESSING_INSTRUCTION_NODE), [TEXT\_NODE](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#TEXT_NODE) |

| **Method Summary** | |
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| [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) | [**getData**](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/ProcessingInstruction.html#getData())()            The content of this processing instruction. |
| [String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) | [**getTarget**](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/ProcessingInstruction.html#getTarget())()            The target of this processing instruction. |
| void | [**setData**](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/ProcessingInstruction.html#setData(java.lang.String))([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) data)            The content of this processing instruction. |

| **Methods inherited from interface org.w3c.dom.**[**Node**](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html) |
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| [appendChild](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#appendChild(org.w3c.dom.Node)), [cloneNode](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#cloneNode(boolean)), [compareDocumentPosition](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#compareDocumentPosition(org.w3c.dom.Node)), [getAttributes](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getAttributes()), [getBaseURI](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getBaseURI()), [getChildNodes](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getChildNodes()), [getFeature](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getFeature(java.lang.String,%20java.lang.String)), [getFirstChild](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getFirstChild()), [getLastChild](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getLastChild()), [getLocalName](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getLocalName()), [getNamespaceURI](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getNamespaceURI()), [getNextSibling](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getNextSibling()), [getNodeName](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getNodeName()), [getNodeType](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getNodeType()), [getNodeValue](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getNodeValue()), [getOwnerDocument](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getOwnerDocument()), [getParentNode](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getParentNode()), [getPrefix](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getPrefix()), [getPreviousSibling](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getPreviousSibling()), [getTextContent](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getTextContent()), [getUserData](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#getUserData(java.lang.String)), [hasAttributes](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#hasAttributes()), [hasChildNodes](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#hasChildNodes()), [insertBefore](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#insertBefore(org.w3c.dom.Node,%20org.w3c.dom.Node)), [isDefaultNamespace](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#isDefaultNamespace(java.lang.String)), [isEqualNode](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#isEqualNode(org.w3c.dom.Node)), [isSameNode](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#isSameNode(org.w3c.dom.Node)), [isSupported](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#isSupported(java.lang.String,%20java.lang.String)), [lookupNamespaceURI](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#lookupNamespaceURI(java.lang.String)), [lookupPrefix](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#lookupPrefix(java.lang.String)), [normalize](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#normalize()), [removeChild](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#removeChild(org.w3c.dom.Node)), [replaceChild](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#replaceChild(org.w3c.dom.Node,%20org.w3c.dom.Node)), [setNodeValue](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#setNodeValue(java.lang.String)), [setPrefix](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#setPrefix(java.lang.String)), [setTextContent](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#setTextContent(java.lang.String)), [setUserData](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/Node.html#setUserData(java.lang.String,%20java.lang.Object,%20org.w3c.dom.UserDataHandler)) |

| **Method Detail** |
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### getTarget

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

The target of this processing instruction. XML defines this as being the first token following the markup that begins the processing instruction.

### getData

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

The content of this processing instruction. This is from the first non white space character after the target to the character immediately preceding the ?>.

### setData

void **setData**([String](http://docs.google.com/java/lang/String.html) data)  
 throws [DOMException](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/DOMException.html)

The content of this processing instruction. This is from the first non white space character after the target to the character immediately preceding the ?>.

**Throws:** [DOMException](http://docs.google.com/org/w3c/dom/DOMException.html) - NO\_MODIFICATION\_ALLOWED\_ERR: Raised when the node is readonly.

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