

BINARY DATA SCRIPT INTERFACE

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The `IBinaryDataInstance` interface derives from `IInstance` to add APIs specific to the **Binary Data plugin**. This makes it possible to read and alter the binary data from scripts, which is often more convenient than trying to do so from events.

Binary Data stores its data as an `ArrayBuffer`, which cannot be directly modified. In JavaScript, data can be read and written to an `ArrayBuffer` using `typed arrays` or `DataView`.

Binary Data APIs

setArrayBufferCopy(viewOrBuffer)

Set the contents of the Binary Data object by an `ArrayBuffer` or typed array which is copied. This means it is safe to continue using the passed data after this call.

setArrayBufferTransfer(arrayBuffer)

Set the contents of the Binary Data object by an `ArrayBuffer` which the Binary Data object takes ownership of. You must not use the passed `ArrayBuffer` after this call, since it is now managed by the Binary Data object. Since this method does not copy the passed `ArrayBuffer`, it is more efficient if the `ArrayBuffer` won't be used again in your code. Note this method does not accept a typed array.

getArrayBufferCopy()

Return the contents of the Binary Data object as an `ArrayBuffer` which is a copy of the internal `ArrayBuffer`. This means it is safe to modify the returned `ArrayBuffer` without affecting the state of the Binary Data object.

getArrayBufferReadOnly()

Return the contents of the Binary Data object as a read-only reference to the internal `ArrayBuffer`. This `ArrayBuffer` must not be modified since it is managed by the Binary Data object. However it is more efficient to use this method if the data is only read from, e.g. to send over the network, since it does not copy the `ArrayBuffer`.