**Advantages of Using Reflection:**

* **Extensibility Features:** An application may make use of external, user-defined classes by creating instances of extensibility objects using their fully-qualified names.
* **Debugging and testing tools**: Debuggers use the property of reflection to examine private members on classes.

**Drawbacks:**

* **Performance Overhead:** Reflective operations have slower performance than their non-reflective counterparts, and should be avoided in sections of code which are called frequently in performance-sensitive applications.
* **Exposure of Internals:** Reflective code breaks abstractions and therefore may change behavior with upgrades of the platform.