

# System.Security.SecurityElement Class

```
[ILAsm]
.class public sealed serializable SecurityElement extends
System.Object

[C#]
public sealed class SecurityElement
```

## Assembly Info:

- *Name:* mscorlib
- *Public Key:* [00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00]
- *Version:* 2.0.x.x
- *Attributes:*
  - CLSCompliantAttribute(true)

## Summary

Represents the XML object model for encoding security objects.

## Inherits From: System.Object

**Library:** BCL

**Thread Safety:** All public static members of this type are safe for multithreaded operations. No instance members are guaranteed to be thread safe.

## Description

The simple XML object model for an element consists of the following parts:

- The tag is the element name.
- The attributes are zero or more name/value attribute pairs on the element.
- The children are zero or more elements nested within <tag> and </tag>.

An attribute name must be at least one character, and cannot be `null`. If element-based value representation is used, elements with a text string that is `null` are represented in the <tag/> form; otherwise, text is delimited by the <tag> and </tag> tokens. Both forms can be combined with attributes, which are shown if present.

The tags, attributes, and text are case-sensitive. The XML form contains quotation marks and escape sequences where necessary. String values that include characters invalid for use in XML result in a `System.ArgumentException`. These rules apply to all properties and methods.

[*Note:* This class is intended to be a lightweight implementation of a simple XML object model for use within the security system, and not for use as a general XML object model.

It is strongly suggested that properties of a security element are expressed as attributes, and property values are expressed as attribute values. Specifically, avoid nesting text within tags. For any `<tag>text</tag>` representation a representation of type `<tag value="text"/>` is usually available. Using attribute-based XML representations aids in readability.

For performance reasons, character validity is checked only when the element is encoded into XML form, and not on every set of a property or method call. Static methods allow explicit checking where needed.

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# SecurityElement.ToString() Method

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[ILAsm]  
.method public hidebysig virtual string ToString()  
  
[C#]  
public override string ToString()
```

## Summary

Returns a `System.String` representation of the current instance.

## Return Value

A `System.String` representation of the current instance.

## Description

[*Note:* The XML in the `System.String` returned by this method represents the state of a permission object. To obtain the XML schema used to encode that object, see the class page for the particular permission object.

This method overrides `System.Object.ToString`.

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