

System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission Class

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[ILASM]
.class public sealed serializable ReflectionPermission
extends System.Security.CodeAccessPermission

[C#]
public sealed class ReflectionPermission:
CodeAccessPermission
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Assembly Info:

- *Name:* mscorlib
- *Public Key:* [00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00]
- *Version:* 1.0.x.x
- *Attributes:*
 - CLSCompliantAttribute(true)

Implements:

- **System.Security.IPermission**

Summary

Secures access to the metadata of non-public types and members through reflection.

Inherits From: System.Security.CodeAccessPermission

Library: Reflection

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

Description

Code with the appropriate **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** has access to non-public members of a type. Without **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission**, code can access only the public members of assemblies.

[Note: Without **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission**, untrusted code can perform the following operations on members of loaded assemblies:

- 1 • Obtain type information from metadata for public types and
2 members.
- 3 • Invoke public members.
- 4 • Invoke members defined with family access in the calling code's
5 base classes.
- 6 • Invoke members defined with assembly access in the calling
7 code's assembly.
- 8 • Invoke members defined with **FamilyAndAssembly** or
9 **FamilyOrAssembly** access in the calling code's base classes
10 and/or assembly.
- 11 • Enumerate assemblies.
- 12 • Enumerate public types.
- 13 • Enumerate types in the calling code's assembly.

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16 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** instances can
17 allow untrusted code to obtain type and member information, invoke
18 members, and enumerate types that would otherwise be inaccessible.
19 [Note: Because
20 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** can provide
21 access to members and information that were not intended for public
22 access, it is recommended that
23 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** be granted
24 only to trusted code.]

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26 The XML encoding of a
27 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** instance is
28 defined below in EBNF format. The following conventions are used:

- 29 • All non-literals in the grammar below are shown in normal type.
- 30 • All literals are in bold font.

31 The following meta-language symbols are used:

- 32 • '*' represents a meta-language symbol suffixing an expression
33 that can appear zero or more times.
- 34 • '?' represents a meta-language symbol suffixing an expression
35 that can appear zero or one time.
- 36 • '+' represents a meta-language symbol suffixing an expression
37 that can appear one or more times.

- 1 • '(' , ')' is used to group literals, non-literals or a mixture of
2 literals and non-literals.
- 3 • '|' denotes an exclusive disjunction between two expressions.
- 4 • '::=' denotes a production rule where a left hand non-literal is
5 replaced by a right hand expression containing literals, non-
6 literals or both.

7 BuildVersion refers to the build version of the shipping CLI. This is
8 specified as a dotted build number such as '2412.0'.
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10 ECMAPubKeyToken ::= **b77a5c561934e089**

11 ReflectionPermissionFlag = **MemberAccess | TypeInformation**

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13 Each ReflectionPermissionFlag can appear in the XML no more than
14 once. For example, Flags=MemberAccess,MemberAccess is illegal.
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17 The XML encoding of a
18 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** instance is as
19 follows:
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21 ReflectionPermissionXML ::=

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23 **<IPermission**

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26 **class="**

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29 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission,mscorlib,**

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32 **Version=1.0.BuildVersion,**

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35 **Culture=neutral,**

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38 **PublicKeyToken=ECMAPubKeyToken"**

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41 **version="1"**

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47 **Unrestricted="true"**

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8   Flags="NoFlags | (ReflectionPermissionFlag
9   (,ReflectionPermissionFlag)*"
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12  )
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1 ReflectionPermission(System.Security.Per
2 missions.ReflectionPermissionFlag)
3 Constructor

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4 [ILASM]  
5 public rtspecialname specialname instance void  
6 .ctor(valuetype  
7 System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermissionFlag flag)  
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9 [C#]  
10 public ReflectionPermission(ReflectionPermissionFlag flag)
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10 Summary

11 Constructs and initializes a new instance of the
12 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** class with the
13 specified access.

14 Parameters

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Parameter	Description
<i>flag</i>	One or more System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermissionFlag values.

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18 Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	The <i>flag</i> parameter contains a value that is not a combination of System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermissionFlag values.

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1 ReflectionPermission.Copy() Method

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2 [ILASM]  
3 .method public hidebysig virtual class  
4 System.Security.IPermission Copy()  
  
5 [C#]  
6 public override IPermission Copy()
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7 Summary

8 Returns a new
9 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** object
10 containing the same values as the current instance.

11 Return Value

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13 A new **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission**
14 instance that contains the same values as the current instance.

15 Description

16 [*Note:* The object returned by this method represents the same access
17 to resources as the current instance.

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19 This method overrides
20 **System.Security.CodeAccessPermission.Copy** and is implemented
21 to support the **System.Security.IPermission** interface.]

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1 ReflectionPermission.FromXml(System.Security.SecurityElement) Method

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3 [ILASM]  
4 .method public hidebysig virtual void FromXml(class  
5 System.Security.SecurityElement esd)
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6 [C#]  
7 public override void FromXml(SecurityElement esd)
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8 Summary

9 Reconstructs the state of a
10 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** object using
11 the specified XML encoding.

12 Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>esd</i>	A System.Security.SecurityElement instance containing the XML encoding to use to reconstruct the state of a System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission object.

15 Description

17 The state of the current instance is changed to the state encoded in
18 *esd*.

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20 [Note: For the XML encoding for this class, see the
21 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** class page.

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23 This method overrides
24 **System.Security.CodeAccessPermission.FromXml.**]

25 Exceptions

Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentNullException	The <i>esd</i> parameter is null .
System.ArgumentException	The <i>esd</i> parameter is not a System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission element. The <i>esd</i> parameter's version number is not valid.

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1 ReflectionPermission.Intersect(System.Security.IPermission) Method

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3 [ILASM]
4 .method public hidebysig virtual class
5 System.Security.IPermission Intersect(class
6 System.Security.IPermission target)
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8 [C#]
9 public override IPermission Intersect(IPermission target)
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9 Summary

10 Returns a new
11 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** object that is
12 the intersection of the current instance and the specified object.

13 Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>target</i>	A System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission instance to intersect with the current instance.

16 Return Value

19 A new **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission**
20 instance that represents the intersection of the current instance and
21 *target*. If the intersection is empty, returns **null**. If the current
22 instance is unrestricted, returns a copy of *target*. If *target* is
23 unrestricted, returns a copy of the current instance. If *target* is **null**,
24 returns **null**.

25 Description

26 [Note: The intersection of two permissions is a permission that secures
27 the resources and operations secured by both permissions.
28 Specifically, it represents the minimum permission such that any
29 demand that passes both permissions will also pass their intersection.

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31 This method overrides
32 **System.Security.CodeAccessPermission.Intersect** and is
33 implemented to support the **System.Security.IPermission**
34 interface.]

1 **Exceptions**

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Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	The <i>target</i> parameter is not null and is not an instance of System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission .

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ReflectionPermission.IsSubsetOf(System.Security.IPermission) Method

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[ILASM]
.method public hidebysig virtual bool IsSubsetOf(class
System.Security.IPermission target)

[C#]
public override bool IsSubsetOf(IPermission target)
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Summary

Determines whether the current instance is a subset of the specified object.

Parameters

Parameter	Description
<i>target</i>	A System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission instance that is to be tested for the subset relationship.

Return Value

true if the current instance is a subset of *target*; otherwise, **false**. If the current instance is unrestricted, and *target* is not, returns **false**. If *target* is unrestricted, returns **true**. If *target* is **null** and the access level of the current instance is **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermissionFlag.NoFlags**, returns **true**. If *target* is **null** and the access level of the current instance is any value other than **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermissionFlag.NoFlags**, returns **false**.

Description

[*Note:* The current instance is a subset of *target* if the current instance specifies a set of accesses to resources that is wholly contained by *target*. For example, a permission that represents access to type information is a subset of a permission that represents access to type information and members.

This method overrides **System.Security.CodeAccessPermission.IsSubsetOf** and is implemented to support the **System.Security.IPermission** interface.]

1 **Exceptions**

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Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	The <i>target</i> parameter is not null and is not an instance of System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission.

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1 ReflectionPermission.ToXml() Method

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2 [ILASM]  
3 .method public hidebysig virtual class  
4 System.Security.SecurityElement ToXml()  
  
5 [C#]  
6 public override SecurityElement ToXml()
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7 Summary

8 Returns the XML encoding of the current instance.

9 Return Value

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11 A **System.Security.SecurityElement** containing the XML encoding of
12 the state of the current instance.

13 Description

14 [*Note:* For the XML encoding for this class, see the
15 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** class page.

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17 This method overrides
18 **System.Security.CodeAccessPermission.ToXml.**]

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1 ReflectionPermission.Union(System.Security.IPermission) Method

```
3 [ILASM]
4 .method public hidebysig virtual class
5 System.Security.IPermission Union(class
6 System.Security.IPermission other)

7 [C#]
8 public override IPermission Union(IPermission other)
```

9 Summary

10 Returns a new
11 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** object that is
12 the union of the current instance and the specified object.

13 Parameters

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Parameter	Description
<i>other</i>	A System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission instance to be combined with the current instance.

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17 Return Value

19 A new **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission**
20 instance that represents the union of the current instance and *other*. If
21 the current instance or *other* is unrestricted, returns a
22 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission** instance that
23 is unrestricted. If *other* is **null**, returns a copy of the current instance.

24 Description

25 [Note: The result of a call to
26 **System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission.Union** is a
27 permission that represents all of the access to resources represented
28 by both the current instance and *other*. Any demand that passes either
29 the current instance or *other* passes their union.

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31 This method overrides
32 **System.Security.CodeAccessPermission.Union** and is
33 implemented to support the **System.Security.IPermission**
34 interface.]

35 Exceptions

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Exception	Condition
System.ArgumentException	The <i>other</i> parameter is not null and is not an instance of System.Security.Permissions.ReflectionPermission .