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## getElementValue (String)

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public Object getElementValue (String elementName)
throws Exception
```

This method returns the current value of the report element with the specified name. The element must be either an element with a scriptlet attached (text or image) or a tag element, in which case the current value of the tag expression is retrieved. Each element in the report may be given a name in its Properties dialog. If the element's name is not specified **Aware IM** generates its own name. If a scriptlet needs to access certain elements in the report it is a good idea to give such elements some meaningful names.

### Parameters

elementName	the name of the element the value of which is retrieved
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### Returns

The value of the element - either String representing the text if the element is a text element or an Object representing the value of the tag expression of any type listed in the table in [Appendix A](#) if the element is a tag element or java.awt.Image if the element is an image.

### Throws

An exception if the element with the specified name was not found or there was some other error.

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