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## getExpressionValue (String)

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public Object getExpressionValue (String expression)  
throws Exception
```

This method calculates the value of an expression inside a tag. The expression may be a reference to the object's attribute (attribute path) or a more complicated arithmetic expression. If the expression contains the formatting expression, the result is converted to the specified format; otherwise it is converted to the format specified in the attribute (if a single attribute is used). The [fillWithData](#) method can use the `Object.toString ()` method to convert the result to `String` and put it in the output document instead of the tag.

### Parameters

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| expression | the text of the expression. This is the text that is contained inside a tag (not including the tag symbols) |
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### Returns

The value of the expression - possible types of the Java object are presented in the table of the correspondence between attribute and Java types in the [Appendix A](#). `Null` can be returned if the value is undefined.

### Throws

An exception if the value cannot be calculated for whatever reason.

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