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## getReferences (String)

```
public ObjectReference [] getReferences (String attributeName)
throws InvalidParameterException
```

This method retrieves references of the business object or notification. If the business object was obtained in the first place by the calls to the [getEntity](#) or [getEntities](#) methods of the [IExecutionEngine](#) interface the [getReferences](#) method will always return null for multiple references (it will always return the only existing reference if the attribute is a single reference). Use the [getAllReferences](#) method in the [IExecutionEngine](#) interface to obtain all multiple references of the business object.

### Parameters

attributeName	The name of the attribute of the business object or notification the references of which are returned (must be of the reference type)
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### Returns

The references as [ObjectReference](#) objects or null if no objects are referenced by the specified attribute.

### Throws

<a href="#">InvalidParameterException</a>	if the specified attribute name does not exist in the business object or notification or it is not a reference.
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