

## @NonNls Annotation

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This section describes formal semantics and usage examples for @NonNls annotation introduced in IntelliJ IDEA. This annotation indicates that the annotated code element is not a string requiring internationalization and it does not contain such strings.

### Formal semantics

When an element is annotated with @NonNls, internationalization mechanisms will skip it or strings inside it.

#### annotated method parameter

A string constant passed as a parameter in the method call is skipped. Also, if the property setter method parameter is annotated, such property values are not highlighted in the GUI Designer forms.

#### annotated field/variable

String literals in field/variable initializer are skipped.

#### method is called on an annotated field/parameter/variable

String literals passed as parameters to the method are skipped.

#### annotated field/parameter/variable passed as a parameter to the equals() method invoked on a string literal

The string literal is skipped.

#### annotated field/parameter/variable at the left part of the assignment expression

All string literals in the right part of the expression are skipped.

#### annotated method

All string literals returned by the method are skipped.

#### annotated class

All string literals in the class and all its subclasses are skipped.

#### annotated package

All string literals in the package and all its subpackages are skipped.

### See Also

#### Concepts:

- [External Annotations](#)
- [@Nullable and @NotNull Annotations](#)

#### Procedures:

- [Annotating Source Code Directly](#)
- [Internationalizing Source Code](#)

#### Web Resources:

- [Developer Community](#) 