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# SafariExtensionSettings Class Reference

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<b>Inherits from</b>	SafariEventTarget
<b>Technology area:</b>	Safari Extensions
<b>Availability</b>	Available in Safari 5.0 and later.

## Overview

The `SafariExtensionSettings` class provides a place for your extension to store settings that should persist between sessions.

**Important:** Use `SafariExtensionSecureSettings` to store sensitive settings, such as passwords or credit card numbers.

You can access settings using the provided methods or using JavaScript's built-in syntax, as follows:

```
// Get a value.
safari.extension.settings.someProperty
safari.extension.settings["someProperty"]
safari.extension.settings.getItem("someProperty")

// Set a value.
safari.extension.settings.someProperty = 42;
safari.extension.settings["someProperty"] = 42;
safari.extension.settings.setItem("someProperty", 42);

// Delete a value.
delete safari.extension.someProperty;
delete safari.extension["someProperty"];
safari.extension.removeItem("someProperty");
```

Note that there is a minor difference for properties that don't exist: JavaScript's build-in syntax returns `undefined`, but the `getItem` method returns `null`.

## Tasks

### Reading and Writing Settings

[getItem](#) (page 6)

Returns the current value of a key.

[setItem](#) (page 7)

Sets the value of a key.

## Removing Settings

[removeItem](#) (page 6)

Removes a key.

[clear](#) (page 6)

Removes all key-value pairs.

## Methods

### clear

Removes all key-value pairs.

```
void clear (void);
```

### Discussion

If there is nothing to remove, this method does nothing.

On success, dispatches a `SafariExtensionSettingsChangeEvent` event describing the change.

### Availability

Available in Safari 5.0 and later.

### getItem

Returns the current value of a key.

```
any getItem (in DOMString key);
```

### Parameters

*key*

The key whose value is being returned.

### Return Value

If the key exists, its current value; otherwise, `null`.

### Availability

Available in Safari 5.0 and later.

### removeItem

Removes a key.

```
void removeItem (in DOMString key);
```

### Parameters

*key*

The key being removed.

### Discussion

If there is no value with the given key, this method does nothing.

On success, this method dispatches a `SafariExtensionSettingsChangeEvent` event describing the change.

### Availability

Available in Safari 5.0 and later.

### setItem

Sets the value of a key.

```
void setItem (in DOMString key, in any value);
```

### Parameters

*key*

The key whose value is being set.

*value*

The value being set.

### Discussion

The behavior of this method is undefined if `value` cannot be serialized to a JSON value.

On success, this method dispatches a `SafariExtensionSettingsChangeEvent` event describing the change.

### Availability

Available in Safari 5.0 and later.





# Document Revision History

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This table describes the changes to *SafariExtensionSettings Class Reference*.

Date	Notes
2010-07-13	Minor editorial changes throughout.
2010-05-27	New document that describes a class used to store extension settings.

## REVISION HISTORY

### Document Revision History