

# Retrieving meta information about element

Every Element is identified by it's "metaclass". Element metaclass is mapped into java interface (for example [com.nomagic.uml2.ext.magicdraw.classes.mdkernel.Class](#)).

Use [com.nomagic.magicdraw.uml.BaseElement.getClassType\(\)](#) to retrieve the element metaclass.

Use [com.nomagic.magicdraw.uml.ClassTypes](#) for managing the metaclasses - collecting all available, collecting derived and etc.