### Document [Settings](Settings.docx)

The first [group](group.docx) of settings stored in WordprocessingML is document settings. These settings specify all document-level properties which affect the handling of the current document.

[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment for the document settings in a WordprocessingML document:

<w:settings>  
 <w:[defaultTabStop](defaultTabStop.docx) w:val="720" />  
 <w:[characterSpacingControl](characterSpacingControl.docx) w:val="dontCompress" />  
</w:settings>

The settings element contains all of the document settings for this document. In this case, the two settings applied are automatic [tab](tab.docx) stop increments of 0.5" using the [defaultTabStop](defaultTabStop.docx) element (§), and no character level whitespace compression using the [characterSpacingControl](characterSpacingControl.docx) element (§). end example]