### [Numbering](Numbering.docx) [Styles](Styles.docx)

[Numbering](Numbering.docx) [styles](styles.docx) are style definitions which specify common style properties for a multi-level [numbering](numbering.docx) [format](format.docx) within a document. This means that a [numbering](numbering.docx) style defines only a single paragraph property: a reference to a [numbering](numbering.docx) definition stored in the document’s [numbering](numbering.docx) part, using the [numPr](numPr.docx) element.

Unlike paragraph and character [styles](styles.docx), [numbering](numbering.docx) [styles](styles.docx) are never directly referenced by content in the document – instead, an abstract [numbering](numbering.docx) definition (covered in the [numbering](numbering.docx) section) specifies that it is actually the underlying [numbering](numbering.docx) information for a [numbering](numbering.docx) style.

[Example: Consider a [numbering](numbering.docx) style “Test [Numbering](Numbering.docx) Style”:

<w:[style](style.docx) w:[type](type.docx)="[numbering](numbering.docx)" w:styleId="TestNumberingStyle">

<w:name w:val="Test [Numbering](Numbering.docx) Style" />

<w:priority w:val="99" />

<w:[rsid](rsid.docx) w:val="0045009F" />

<w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>

<w:[numPr](numPr.docx)>

<w:[numId](numId.docx) w:val="1" />

</w:[numPr](numPr.docx)>

</w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>

</w:[style](style.docx)>

The only information specified in the [numbering](numbering.docx) style definition is a reference to the [numbering](numbering.docx) definition for the [numbering](numbering.docx) information which is defined by this [numbering](numbering.docx) style. end example]