### [Run](Run.docx)

The [next](next.docx) level of the document hierarchy is the run, which defines a region of text with a common set of properties, represented by the [r](r.docx) element (§). An [r](r.docx) element allows the producer to specify a single set of formatting properties, applying the same information to all the contents of the run.

Just as a paragraph can have properties, so too can a run. All of the elements inside an [r](r.docx) element have their properties controlled by a corresponding optional [rPr](rPr.docx) run properties element (§; §), which must be the first child of the [r](r.docx) element. In turn, the [rPr](rPr.docx) element is a container for a set of property elements that are applied to the rest of the children of the [r](r.docx) element. [Note: The elements inside the rPr container element allow the consumer to [control](control.docx) whether the content in the following run content is bold, underlined, or visible, for example. end note]

[Example: Consider the following run within a WordprocessingML document:

<w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  
 <w:[b](b.docx)/>  
 <w:[i](i.docx)/>  
 </w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  
 <w:[t](t.docx)>quick</w:[t](t.docx)>  
</w:[r](r.docx)>

The run specifies two formatting properties in its run contents: bold and italic. These properties are therefore applied to all content within this run. end example]