#### applyBreakingRules (Use Legacy Ethiopic and Amharic Line Breaking Rules)

This element specifies whether applications shall use a [legacy](legacy.docx) set of line breaking rules when determining line breaks for text consisting of Ethiopic and/or Amharic characters.

Typically, when line breaking this text, applications should allow line breaks to occur after a character [between](between.docx) the UTF-16 (hexadecimal) values 0x1361 and 0x1368 when those characters appear in the document's content. This element, when present with a val attribute value of true (or equivalent), specifies that when a line break would occur after a character [between](between.docx) the UTF-16 hexadecimal) values 0x1361 and 0x1368, the line break shall occur before all instances of these characters (i.e. no break opportunity shall be afforded after a character in this range).

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document with a series of Ethopic characters in this range. The default presentation would have any line breaks pushed before or after these characters, ensuring that the characters remain together on a single line.

However, if this compatibility setting is turned on:

<w:[compat](compat.docx)>  
 <w:applyBreakingRules />  
</w:[compat](compat.docx)>

Then a line break opportunity shall be afforded at any point in a range of these characters, as needed. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [compat](compat.docx) (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (On/Off Value) | Specifies a binary value for the property defined by the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  A value of on, 1, or true specifies that the property shall be explicitly applied. This is the default value for this attribute, and is implied when the parent element is present, but this attribute is omitted.  A value of off, 0, or false specifies that the property shall be explicitly turned off.  [Example: For example, consider the following on/off property:  <w:… w:val="off"/>  The val attribute explicitly declares that the property is turned off. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

The following [XML](XML.docx) Schema fragment defines the contents of this element:

<complexType [name](name.docx)="CT\_OnOff">

<attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx)"/>

</complexType>