#### convMailMergeEsc (Treat Backslash Quotation Delimiter as Two Quotation Marks)

This element specifies whether applications should perform a conversion of the contents of a mail merge data source when reading those contents in order to perform a mail merge operation with their contents.

Typically, the contents of a mail merge data source are read in exactly as specified when performing a mail merge with the contents of a data source. This element, when present with a val attribute value of true (or equivalent), specifies that applications shall interpret delimiters composed of a backslash and quotation mark (\") as two quotation marks (""), within external data sources to be connected to via a mail merge.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document with the following content in its data source:

This is a \"test\".

The default presentation would have the resulting merged data read in just as it appears:

This is a \"test\".

However, if this compatibility setting is turned on:

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

Then instances of a backslash and quotation mark would be converted, resulting in the following output:

This is a ""test"".

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>