#### documentType (Document Classification)

This element specifies the classification of a given WordprocessingML document as a letter, email, or general document.

[Note: This element may be used by hosting applications to facilitate customized user interface and/or automatic formatting [behaviors](behaviors.docx) based on the 'type' of a given WordprocessingML document. end note]

If this element is omitted, then the document shall be classified as a general document.

[Example: Consider a set of WordprocessingML documents which should be classified as 'letters'. This classification would be specified using the following WordprocessingML in the document settings of these documents:

<w:documentType w:val="letter" />

The documentType element's val attribute is equal to letter, specifying that the hosting application shall apply the [behaviors](behaviors.docx) it has specified for letters to the given WordprocessingML document. end example]

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| val (Document Classification Value) | Specifies the classification of the document based on the types defined in the referenced simple [type](type.docx) definition.  [Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document which should be classified as an e-mail message. This classification would be specified using the following WordprocessingML in the document settings:  <w:documentType w:val="eMail" />  The val attribute is equal to eMail, specifying that the hosting application may apply e-mail [behaviors](behaviors.docx) (if any) to this document. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DocType](ST_DocType.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_DocType](ST_DocType.docx)" use="required"/>

</complexType>