#### em (Emphasis Mark)

This element specifies the emphasis mark which shall be displayed for each non-space character in this run. An emphasis mark is an additional character that is rendered above or below the main character glyph as specified by the contents of the val attribute.

If this element is not present, the default value is to leave the formatting applied at previous level in the style hierarchy. If this element is never applied in the style hierarchy, then no emphasis mark shall be added to each character in the contents of this run.

[Example: Consider a run of text which shall have a dot underneath each character as an emphasis mark. This constraint is specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  
 <w:em w:val="dot"/>  
</w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>

This run explicitly declares that the emphasis mark [type](type.docx) is dot, so the contents of this run will have a dot emphasis mark above each character. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§); [rPr](rPr.docx) (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Emphasis Mark Type) | Specifies the emphasis mark [type](type.docx) used for each character in this run.  [Example: Consider a run of text which shall have a dot underneath each character as an emphasis mark. This constraint is specified using the following WordprocessingML:  <w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  <w:em w:val="dot"/> </w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  This run explicitly declares that the em [type](type.docx) is dot, so the contents of this run will have a dot emphasis mark beneath each character. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_Em](ST_Em.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>