#### [hidden](hidden.docx) (Hide Style From User Interface)

This element specifies whether this style shall be [hidden](hidden.docx) from any and all user interfaces when this document is loaded by an application. If this element is set, then this style may be used to [format](format.docx) content (i.e. any content which references this style shall have its properties as normal), but the style shall be [hidden](hidden.docx) from all user interface associated with that application. [Note: This setting is typically used to hide [styles](styles.docx) which are being used internally by an application which should not be used as formatting in a typical case. end note]

If this element is omitted, then the style shall not be required to be [hidden](hidden.docx) from the user interface.

[Example: Consider a style with a primary name of InternalStyle that should not be displayed in any user interface. This requirement would be specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:style … w:styleId="Style2">  
 <w:name w:val="InternalStyle"/>  
 <w:[hidden](hidden.docx)/>  
 …  
</w:style>

The [hidden](hidden.docx) element specifies that this style definition shall be round-tripped with the file (since it is part of the document) but should not be displayed in any user interface associated with an application which processes this document. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| style (§) |

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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>