#### highlight (Text Highlighting)

This element specifies a highlighting [color](color.docx) which is applied as a [background](background.docx) behind the contents of this run.

If this run has any [background](background.docx) shading specified using the [shd](shd.docx) element (§), then the [background](background.docx) shading shall be superseded by the highlighting [color](color.docx) when the contents of this run are displayed.

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 text highlighting shall not be applied to the contents of this run.

[Example: Consider a run within a paragraph which has run shading applied as well as yellow text highlighting using the highlight element. This formatting is specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>

  <w:highlight w:val="yellow" />

  <w:[shd](shd.docx) w:themeFill="accent2" w:themeFillTint="66" />

</w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>

The resulting run would have yellow highlighting visible over its contents, as the highlighting supersedes the shading for the contents of the run. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Highlighting Color) | Specifies the [color](color.docx) of the text highlighting which shall be applied to the contents of this run.  [Example: Consider a text run which shall be displayed with colored text highlighting. This highlighting would be specified using the following WordprocessingML:  <w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  <w:highlight w:val="red" />  </w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  The resulting text highlighting would be red, as this is the [color](color.docx) specified by the val attribute. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_HighlightColor](ST_HighlightColor.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>