#### outline (Display Character Outline)

This element specifies that the contents of this run should be displayed as if they have an outline, by [drawing](drawing.docx) a one pixel wide border around the inside and outside borders of each character glyph in the run.

This formatting property is a toggle property, which specifies that its [behavior](behavior.docx) differs [between](between.docx) its use within a style definition and its use as direct formatting. When used as part of a style definition, setting this property shall toggle the current state of that property as specified up to this point in the hierarchy (i.e. applied to not applied, and vice versa). Setting it to false (or an equivalent) shall [result](result.docx) in the current setting remaining unchanged. However, when used as direct formatting, setting this property to true or false shall set the absolute state of the resulting property.

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 outline shall not be applied to the contents of this run.

This element shall not be present with either the [emboss](emboss.docx) (§) or [imprint](imprint.docx) (§) properties on the same run, since they are mutually exclusive in terms of appearance.

[Example: Consider a run of text which shall have the outline property explicitly turned off for the contents of the run. This constraint is specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>  
 <w:outline w:val="false"/>  
</w:[rPr](rPr.docx)>

This run explicitly declares that the outline property is false, so the contents of this run will not appear as if they have an exterior outline around them. 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 (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>