#### outlineLvl (Associated Outline Level)

This element specifies the [outline](outline.docx) level which shall be associated with the current paragraph in the document. The [outline](outline.docx) level specifies an integer which defines the level of the associated text. This level shall not affect the appearance of the text in the document, but shall be used to calculate the [TOC](TOC.docx) field (§) if the appropriate field switches have been set, and may be used by consumers to provide additional application behavior.

The [outline](outline.docx) level of text in the document (specified using the val attribute) may be from 0 to 9, where 9 specifically indicates that there is no [outline](outline.docx) level specifically applied to this paragraph. If this element is omitted, then the [outline](outline.docx) level of the content is assumed to be 9 (no level).

[Example: Consider a paragraph in a document which has [outline](outline.docx) level 1 applied to it. This paragraph would specify the following WordprocessingML:

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

<w:outlineLvl w:val="0" />

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

This paragraph is now of [outline](outline.docx) level 1, and if a [table](table.docx) of contents field is inserted that utilizes outlines levels, the text in this paragraph will be at level one in the TOC. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Decimal Number Value) | Specifies that the contents of this attribute will contain a decimal number.  The contents of this decimal number are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  [Example: Consider the following numeric WordprocessingML property of [type](type.docx) [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx):  <w:… w:val="1512645511" />  The value of the val attribute is a decimal number whose value must be interpreted in the context of the parent element. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>