### [pStyle](pStyle.docx) (Paragraph Style's Associated [Numbering](Numbering.docx) Level)

This element specifies the name of a paragraph style which shall automatically this [numbering](numbering.docx) level when applied to the contents of the document. When a paragraph style is defined to include a [numbering](numbering.docx) definition, any [numbering](numbering.docx) level defined by the [numPr](numPr.docx) element (§) shall be ignored, and instead this element shall specify the [numbering](numbering.docx) level associated with that paragraph style.

If this element references a style which does not exist, or is not a paragraph style, then it may be ignored.

[Example: Consider the WordprocessingML below which specifies that the paragraph style with styleId example, when applied to paragraphs in the document, shall also apply the first [numbering](numbering.docx) level of the abstract [numbering](numbering.docx) definition with an [abstractNumId](abstractNumId.docx) equal to 1, as follows:

<w:[abstractNum](abstractNum.docx) w:[abstractNumId](abstractNumId.docx)="1">

...

<w:[lvl](lvl.docx) w:[ilvl](ilvl.docx)="0">

...

<w:[pStyle](pStyle.docx) w:val="example" />

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

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

<w:[tab](tab.docx) w:val="[num](num.docx)" w:[pos](pos.docx)="720" />

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

<w:[ind](ind.docx) w:left="720" w:hanging="360" />

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

...

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

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

The style definition for the paragraph style would only include the [numId](numId.docx) of the [numbering](numbering.docx) definition instance, and not its level:

<w:style w:styleId="example" w:[type](type.docx)="paragraph">  
 …  
 <w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
 <w:[numPr](numPr.docx)>  
 <w:[numId](numId.docx) w:val="0" />  
 </w:[numPr](numPr.docx)>  
 </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
</w:style>

end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (String Value) | Specifies that its contents will contain a string.  The contents of this string are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  [Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment:  <w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  <w:[pStyle](pStyle.docx) w:val="heading1" />  </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  The value of the val attribute is the ID of the associated paragraph style's styleId.  However, consider the following fragment:  <w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>  <w:[alias](alias.docx) w:val="SDT Title Example" />  ...  </w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>  In this case, the decimal number in the val attribute is the [caption](caption.docx) of the parent structured document tag. In each case, the value is interpreted in the context of the parent element. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_String](ST_String.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>