#### qFormat (Primary Style)

This element specifies whether this style shall be treated as a primary style when this document is loaded by an application. If this element is set, then this style has been designated as being particularly important for the current document, and this information may be used by an application in any means desired. [Note: This setting does not imply any [behavior](behavior.docx) for the style, only that the style is of particular significance for this document. end note]

If this element is omitted, then the style shall not be considered a primary style for this document.

[Example: Consider a style with a primary name of PrimaryStyleExample that should be treated as a primary style for the document. This requirement would be specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:style … w:styleId="PStyle">  
 <w:name w:val="PrimaryStyleExample"/>  
 <w:qFormat/>  
 …  
</w:style>

The qFormat element specifies that this style definition shall be treated as a primary style for 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>