#### suppressOverlap (Prevent Text Frames From Overlapping)

This element specifies whether a text [frame](frame.docx) which intersects another text [frame](frame.docx) at display time shall be allowed to overlap the contents of the other text frame. If a text [frame](frame.docx) cannot overlap other text frames, it shall be repositioned when displayed to prevent this overlap as needed.

If this element is omitted on a given paragraph, its value is determined by the setting previously set at any level of the style hierarchy (i.e. that previous setting remains unchanged). If this setting is never specified in the style hierarchy, then overlap shall be allowed [between](between.docx) a text [frame](frame.docx) which intersects another text [frame](frame.docx) displayed at the same location.

[Example: Consider a document with two text frames which are allowed to overlap each other. If the second text [frame](frame.docx) should overlap the contents of another text [frame](frame.docx), that constraint would be specified via the following WordprocessingML:

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

…

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

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

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

<w:suppressOverlap />

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

…

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

The resulting text [frame](frame.docx) with the suppressOverlap property specified would never overlap any intersecting text frames. 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 (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>