### [textDirection](textDirection.docx) (Text Flow Direction)

This element specifies the direction of the text flow for this section.

[Example: Consider a document with a section in which text shall flow bottom to top vertically, and left to right horizontally. This setting requires the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[sectPr](sectPr.docx)>  
 …  
 <w:[textDirection](textDirection.docx) w:val="btLr" />  
</w:[sectPr](sectPr.docx)>

The [textDirection](textDirection.docx) element specifies via the btLr value in the val attribute that the text flow shall go bottom to top, and left to right. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Direction of Text Flow) | Specifies the direction of the text flow for this object.  [Example: Consider a document with a section in which text shall flow bottom to top vertically, and left to right horizontally. This setting requires the following WordprocessingML:  <w:[sectPr](sectPr.docx)>  …  <w:[textDirection](textDirection.docx) w:val="btLr" /> </w:[sectPr](sectPr.docx)>  The [textDirection](textDirection.docx) element specifies via the btLr value in the val attribute that the text flow shall go bottom to top, and left to right. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TextDirection](ST_TextDirection.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>