#### [align](align.docx) (Relative Vertical Alignment)

This element specifies how a DrawingML object shall be vertically aligned relative to the vertical alignment base defined by the parent element. Once an alignment base is defined, this element shall determine how the DrawingML object shall be aligned relative to that location.

[Example: Consider a picture in a WordprocessingML document which has been aligned relative to the edge of the page - the left of the page horizontally, and the top of the page vertically. This alignment would be specified as follows:

<wp:anchor … >  
 <wp:positionV relativeFrom="page">  
 <wp:align>top</wp:align>  
 </wp:positionH>  
 …  
</wp:anchor>

The [align](align.docx) element with a value of top specifies that for the vertical positioning defined by the parent element (in this case, positioning relative to the page), the picture shall be aligned to the top edge of the page. [end](end.docx) example]

The possible values for this element are defined by the [ST\_AlignV](ST_AlignV.docx) simple type (§).

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| Parent Elements |
| [positionV](positionV.docx) (§) |