### authors (Authors)

This element is a container that holds a list of [comment](comment.docx) [author](author.docx) names. There may be many [comment](comment.docx) authors per [sheet](sheet.docx), but each [author](author.docx) name must be unique per sheet. The information for each [author](author.docx) is stored only once for that [sheet](sheet.docx), and [comments](comments.docx) refer to the [author](author.docx) by zero based index.

Note that there can be multiple lists of authors per [workbook](workbook.docx) since each [sheet](sheet.docx) contains its own [comments](comments.docx) part, and each [comments](comments.docx) part defines a list of authors for [comments](comments.docx) on that sheet.

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

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

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 </sequence>

</complexType>