### futureMetadata (Future Metadata)

This element represents future [metadata](metadata.docx) information.

Future data storage areas are xml storage areas that a later version of the spreadsheet application can store data into. So a V2 spreadsheet application may store data for new features that don't exist in the V1 version in a future storage area when saving to a [format](format.docx) that the V1 version can open. The V1 version may be able to open the file, but won't necessarily be able to understand data that is stored in a future storage area. So the V1 version may ignore this data, but still round trip it in the file [format](format.docx) so that V2 and V1 [users](users.docx) can collaborate on the same spreadsheet.

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

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| Child Elements | Subclause |
| [bk](bk.docx) (Future [Metadata](Metadata.docx) Block) | § |
| [extLst](extLst.docx) (Future Feature Data Storage Area) | § |

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| Attributes | Description |
| count (Future [Metadata](Metadata.docx) Block Count) | Number of future [metadata](metadata.docx) blocks.  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the XML [Schema](Schema.docx) unsignedInt datatype. |
| [name](name.docx) (Metadata Type Name) | [Metadata](Metadata.docx) type name.  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_Xstring](ST_Xstring.docx) simple type (§). |

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

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

<sequence>

<element name="[bk](bk.docx)" type="CT\_FutureMetadataBlock" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="unbounded"/>

<element name="[extLst](extLst.docx)" minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" type="CT\_ExtensionList"/>

</sequence>

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[name](name.docx)" type="[ST\_Xstring](ST_Xstring.docx)" use="required"/>

<attribute name="count" type="xsd:unsignedInt" use="optional" default="0"/>

</complexType>