#### callout (Callout)

This element specifies the automatic behavior and layout parameters of callout shapes. Callout shapes are standard [VML](VML.docx) shapes that behave as callouts, providing an additional callout object which can be used to point at another location:

[Example: Consider the following [VML](VML.docx) shape:

If this shape is made a callout shape by adding the callout element to its shape definition, then the shape will have a callout object, for example:

end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [arc](arc.docx) (§); [background](background.docx) (§); [curve](curve.docx) (§); [group](group.docx) (§); hdrShapeDefaults (§); [image](image.docx) (§); [line](line.docx) (§); object (§); [oval](oval.docx) (§); pict (§); pict (§); [polyline](polyline.docx) (§); [rect](rect.docx) (§); [roundrect](roundrect.docx) (§); shape (§); [shapedefaults](shapedefaults.docx) (§); shapeDefaults (§); [shapetype](shapetype.docx) (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| accentbar (Callout accent bar toggle) | Specifies whether an accent bar will be used with the callout. [Default](Default.docx) is false.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| angle (Callout angle) | Specifies the angle that the callout makes with respect to the bounding box of the shape. [Default](Default.docx) is no value.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_Angle](ST_Angle.docx) simple type (§). |
| distance (Callout drop distance) | Specifies the drop distance of a callout. The drop distance of a callout is measured from the edge of the shape where the pointer [line](line.docx) starts and continues the absolute length of the distance value. If specified with no units, EMUs are assumed. [Default](Default.docx) is no value.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the XML Schema string datatype. |
| drop (Callout drop position) | Specifies where the drop of a callout will be placed.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_CalloutDrop](ST_CalloutDrop.docx) simple type (§). |
| dropauto (Callout automatic drop toggle) | Specifies whether the callout has an automatic drop.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| ext (VML Extension Handling Behavior)Namespace: urn:schemas-microsoft-com:vml | Specifies an optional value that indicates how applications that implement [VML](VML.docx) should interpret extensions not defined as part of the original specification of core VML. [Rationale: This part of the original [VML](VML.docx) specification is included to assist applications that leverage existing [VML](VML.docx) support in implementing the Office Open XML Format. end rationale]The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_Ext](ST_Ext.docx) simple type (§). |
| gap (Callout gap) | Specifies the distance of the callout [line](line.docx) from the bounding rectangle of the callout. [Default](Default.docx) value is one-twelfth of an inch, in EMUs (76200).The possible values for this attribute are defined by the XML Schema string datatype. |
| length (Callout length) | Specifies the length of the first part of a multi-segmented callout line. If specified with no units, EMUs are assumed. [Default](Default.docx) is 0.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the XML Schema string datatype. |
| lengthspecified (Callout length toggle) | Specifies whether the length attribute will be used for the callout. [Default](Default.docx) is false. If true, the length attribute is used. If false, a best fit is used.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| minusx (Callout flip x) | Specifies whether the callout flips to the other side of the drop tip along the x-axis when moved or resized. [Default](Default.docx) is false.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| minusy (Callout flip y) | Specifies whether the callout flips to the other side of the drop tip along the y-axis when moved or resized. [Default](Default.docx) is false.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| on (Callout toggle) | Specifies whether a shape is a callout. [Default](Default.docx) is false.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| textborder (Callout text border toggle) | Specifies whether a callout has a text border. [Default](Default.docx) is true.The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx) simple type (§). |
| type (Callout type) | Specifies the type of callout. [Default](Default.docx) is rectangle. Allowed values are:* rectangle
* roundedrectangle
* [oval](oval.docx)
* cloud

The possible values for this attribute are defined by the XML Schema string datatype. |

The following XML Schema fragment defines the contents of this element:

<complexType name="CT\_Callout">

 <attributeGroup ref="v:AG\_Ext"/>

 <attribute name="on" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="type" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="gap" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="angle" type="[ST\_Angle](ST_Angle.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="dropauto" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="drop" type="[ST\_CalloutDrop](ST_CalloutDrop.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="distance" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="lengthspecified" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" default="[f](f.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="length" type="xsd:string" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="accentbar" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="textborder" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="minusx" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" use="optional"/>

 <attribute name="minusy" type="[ST\_TrueFalse](ST_TrueFalse.docx)" use="optional"/>

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