### ST\_Lang (Language Reference)

This simple [type](type.docx) specifies that its contents will contain one of the following:

* A hexadecimal language code ([ST\_LangCode](ST_LangCode.docx))
* An ISO 639-1 letter code plus a dash plus an ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 letter code ([ST\_String](ST_String.docx))

The contents of this language are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.

[Example: Consider a language code defined as follows :

<w:[lang](lang.docx) w:val=”en-CA” />

This language is therefore specified as English (en) and Canada (CA), resulting in use of the English (Canada) language setting. end example]

This simple [type](type.docx) is defined as a union of the following types:

* The[ST\_LangCode](ST_LangCode.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§).
* The[ST\_String](ST_String.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§).

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| Referenced By |
| activeWritingStyle@lang (§); lang@bidi (§); lang@eastAsia (§); lang@val (§); lid@val (§); lid@val (§); lid@val (§); noLineBreaksAfter@lang (§); noLineBreaksBefore@lang (§); themeFontLang@bidi (§); themeFontLang@eastAsia (§); themeFontLang@val (§) |

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

<simpleType [name](name.docx)="ST\_Lang">

 <union memberTypes="[ST\_LangCode](ST_LangCode.docx) [ST\_String](ST_String.docx)"/>

</simpleType>