#### autoFormatOverride (Allow Automatic Formatting to Override Formatting Protection Settings)

This element specifies whether formatting automatically applied by an application (i.e. not explicitly applied by a use or an application) shall be allowed to override formatting protection [enabled](enabled.docx) via the formatting attribute on the [documentProtection](documentProtection.docx) element (§) when those formatting operations would add formatting which has been explicitly disabled. [Example: Automatically adding superscript to the st in the string 1st. end example]

If this element is omitted, then no automatic formatting rule(s) shall be allowed to override the formatting restrictions [enabled](enabled.docx) for the document.

[Example Consider a WordprocessingML document which has been protected such that a user shall not be able to directly [format](format.docx) text within the document. Consider also that the hosting application has been constructed such that if a user enters a ampersand, then one or more alphabetical characters, then another ampersand, that the alphabetical characters are to take on italicized formatting.

If the autoFormatOverride element is omitted or set to false and document protection is [enabled](enabled.docx), the aforementioned series of events will not cause the English alphabetical characters to be italicized as the document protection preventing formatting of the document in question will supersede the formatting to take place after these events. If this operation should not be prevented when [active](active.docx) formatting restrictions are used, this would be specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:autoFormatOverride w:val="true"/>

The autoFormatOverride element's val attribute is equal to on specifying that the automatic formatting [behavior](behavior.docx) shall be applied regardless of the formatting restrictions in place. End Example]

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| Parent Elements |
| settings (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (On/Off Value) | Specifies a binary value for the property defined by the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.A value of on, 1, or true specifies that the property shall be explicitly applied. This is the default value for this attribute, and is implied when the parent element is present, but this attribute is omitted. A value of off, 0, or false specifies that the property shall be explicitly turned off.[Example: For example, consider the following on/off property:<w:… w:val="off"/>The val attribute explicitly declares that the property is turned off. end example]The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

 <attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx)"/>

</complexType>