### checkErrors (Mail Merge Error Reporting Setting)

This element specifies the [type](type.docx) of error reporting which shall be conducted by an application when performing a mail merge against the specified source data.

The [type](type.docx) of error reporting implied by this element shall be defined as follows:

* Simulate the population of fields with mapped external data and report errors in a new document if the val attribute is equal to 1.
* While populating fields with mapped external data, pausing to report each error as it occurs if the val attribute is equal to 2.
* Populate fields with mapped external data and report errors in a new document if the val attribute is equal to 3.
* Application-defined [behaviors](behaviors.docx) may be used if the val attribute is equal to any other value.

If this element is omitted, or its value is set to a value outside of those specified below that is not understood by the hosting application, then its value shall be assumed to be 2.

[Example: Consider a mail merge whose WordprocessingML definition includes the following:

<w:checkErrors w:val="3" />

The presence of a checkErrors element with a val attribute of 3 indicates that the hosting application shall conduct the [type](type.docx) of error reporting specified above, performing the mail merge, populating fields with mapped external data and reporting errors in a new document . end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Decimal Number Value) | Specifies that the contents of this attribute will contain a decimal number.The contents of this decimal number are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.[Example: Consider the following numeric WordprocessingML property of [type](type.docx) [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx):<w:… w:val="1512645511" />The value of the val attribute is a decimal number whose value must be interpreted in the context of the parent element. end example]The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

 <attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx)" use="required"/>

</complexType>