#### dateFormat (Date Display Mask)

The element specifies the display [format](format.docx) which shall be used to [format](format.docx) any date entered into the parent structured document [tag](tag.docx) in full DateTime [format](format.docx) [Example: Through a user interface (a date picker), or through custom [XML](XML.docx) data associated with this structured document [tag](tag.docx) via the [dataBinding](dataBinding.docx) element (§). end example] before displaying it in the structured document tag's run content.

If this element is omitted, then the date shall be formatted using the standard date display mask for the language ID specified on the [lid](lid.docx) element (§) if present, or the language ID of the run contents otherwise.

The date display mask specified in the val attribute shall be interpreted using the semantics specified in § of this Office Open [XML](XML.docx) Standard.

[Example: Consider the following structured document [tag](tag.docx) properties:

<w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>
 <w:date w:fullDate="01-01-2006T06:30:00Z">
 <w:dateFormat w:val="MM-YYYY"/>
 </w:date>
</w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>

The full [XML](XML.docx) Schema DateTime [format](format.docx) for the current structured document [tag](tag.docx) is specified via the fullDate attribute value as 01-01-2006T06:30:00Z, and the date display mask is MM-YYYY, therefore the resulting date displayed in the document shall be 01-2006 (the month and long year from the full date value, respectively). end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| date (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (String Value) | Specifies that its contents will contain a string.The contents of this string are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment:<w:[pPr](pPr.docx)> <w:[pStyle](pStyle.docx) w:val="heading1" /> </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>The value of the val attribute is the ID of the associated paragraph style's styleId. However, consider the following fragment:<w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)> <w:[alias](alias.docx) w:val="SDT Title Example" /> ...</w:[sdtPr](sdtPr.docx)>In this case, the decimal number in the val attribute is the [caption](caption.docx) of the parent structured document tag. In each case, the value is interpreted in the context of the parent element. end example]The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_String](ST_String.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>