#### defaultTableStyle (Default Table Style for Newly Inserted Tables)

This element specifies the [table](table.docx) style which shall automatically be applied to the [table](table.docx) properties of tables added to this document by an application. Note that it does not change the [table](table.docx) style applied to tables which do not reference a style, instead, it automatically applies the style to that [table](table.docx) via the [tblStyle](tblStyle.docx) element (§). This [link](link.docx) is made by referencing the styleId attribute value of the [table](table.docx) style which shall be used to [format](format.docx) newly inserted tables.

If this element is omitted, then no [table](table.docx) style shall automatically be applied to inserted tables (therefore inheriting the default [table](table.docx) style). If the referenced style is not present or not a [table](table.docx) style, then no [table](table.docx) style shall automatically be applied to inserted tables.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document which should use the LightShading-Accent3 style. This requirement is specified using the following WordprocessingML in the document settings:

<w:defaultTableStyle w:val="LightShading-Accent3" />

The corresponding [table](table.docx) style must therefore exist in the [styles](styles.docx) part:

<w:[style](style.docx) w:[type](type.docx)="[table](table.docx)" w:styleId="LightShading-Accent3">  
 …  
</w:[style](style.docx)>

The defaultTableStyle element's val attribute has a value of LightShading-Accent3 specifying that that style will be applied automatically to newly inserted tables. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
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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>