### destination (Merged Document Destination)

This element specifies what the [result](result.docx) which shall be generated when a mail merge is carried out on a given WordprocessingML source document. In other words, this element is used to specify what is to be done with the merged documents that [result](result.docx) from populating the fields within a given merged WordprocessingML document with data from the specified external data source.

If this element is omitted, then the default destination of merged documents shall be assumed to be of [type](type.docx) newDocument.

[Note: The aspects of the mail merge outside of connecting to an external data source and populating the fields within a given merged document with external data from the specified external data source are not specified by this Office Open [XML](XML.docx) Standard.

For example, if a given merged WordprocessingML document contains a destination element with its val attribute equal to email, the hosting application may surface a user interface specific to creating emails with the data resulting from populating fields within a given merged WordprocessingML document with external data from the specified external data source. WordprocessingML only provides a flag (via the destination element) to tell the hosting application to surface this user interface. end note]

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML source document containing the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[mailMerge](mailMerge.docx)>  
 <w:destination w:val="newDocument" />  
 …  
</w:[mailMerge](mailMerge.docx)>

The destination element's val attribute is set to newDocument, specifying that when the mail merge is carried out, the source document shall be used to generate a specified number of new documents, which may be handled as appropriate. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Mail Merge Merged Document Type) | Specifies the [type](type.docx) of merged documents which shall be the [result](result.docx) of carrying out a mail merge on a given source WordprocessingML document.  [Example: Consider the WordprocessingML mail merge data specified as follows:  <w:destination w:val="email" />  This specifies that a given merged WordprocessingML document will be used by the hosting application to generate e-mails containing the static contents of the merged document as well as external data populated into mapped fields. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_MailMergeDest](ST_MailMergeDest.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>