#### docVar (Single Document Variable)

This element specifies the parameters of a single document variable. A document variable is a storage location for arbitrary customer data in name/value pairs that will be persisted in a given WordprocessingML document. Specifically, this element specifies through its name and val attributes the name and value pair for a given document variable.

[Note: This mechanism is maintained for [legacy](legacy.docx) compatibility only, and should be avoided in favor of the custom [XML](XML.docx) data support defined in this Office Open [XML](XML.docx) Standard. end note]

[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment specifying a document variable named example and containing the value example value:

<w:[docVars](docVars.docx)>

 <w:docVar w:name="example" w:val="example value" />

</w:[docVars](docVars.docx)>

The docVar element defines a single document variable, named example using the name attribute, and assigned the value example value through the val attribute. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| [name](name.docx) (Document Variable Name) | Specifies the name of the parent document variable.[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment specifying a document variable:<w:[docVars](docVars.docx)> <w:docVar w:name="example name" w:val="example value" /></w:[docVars](docVars.docx)>The name attribute specifies that the name of the document variable is example name. end example]The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_String](ST_String.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| val (Document Variable Value) | Specifies the value of the parent document variable.[Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment specifying a document variable:<w:[docVars](docVars.docx)> <w:docVar w:name="example name" w:val="Tristan Davis" /></w:[docVars](docVars.docx)>The val attribute specifies that the value of the document variable is Tristan Davis. 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\_DocVar">

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

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

</complexType>