#### listSeparator (List Separator for Field Code Evaluation)

This element specifies the character that shall be interpreted as a list item [separator](separator.docx) when evaluating the contents of all fields in the current document.

[Rationale: When evaluating field instructions based on the contents of the current document, it is necessary to know the character which shall be treated as the list [separator](separator.docx) in order to prevent changes to the calculation of the same field instructions based on the current user's locale. This element stores the list [separator](separator.docx) which shall be used to evaluate fields in the contents of this document, irrespective of the locale of the application loading the file. end rationale]

If this element is omitted, the application shall use the default list [separator](separator.docx) of its current locale setting to evaluate field instructions. If this element's attribute value is more than a single character, then the document is non-conformant.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document which should use the semicolon character as the list [separator](separator.docx) for all field instructions. This requirement is specified using the following WordprocessingML in the document settings:

<w:listSeparator w:val=";" />

The listSeparator element's val attribute has a value of ; specifying that the semicolon character shall be interpreted as a list item separator.

For instance, the string 10;20,5 would be interpreted as having two values - 10 and 20,5. If the listSeparator was a comma, the same string would be interpreted as 10;20 and 5. end example]

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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>