#### monthShort (Date Block - Short Month Format)

This element specifies the presence of a date block at the current location in the run content. A date block is a non-editable region of text which shall display the current date filtered through the specified date [picture](picture.docx) (see following paragraphs). [Note: The date block is a [legacy](legacy.docx) construct used for compatibility with older word processors, and should not be produced unless it was consumed while reading a document – it is recommended that the [DATE](DATE.docx) field is used in its place. end note]

A date block shall be displayed using the primary editing language of the host application, regardless of the languages specified in the parent run’s [lang](lang.docx) property (§).

The short month [format](format.docx) date block shall use a date [picture](picture.docx) of MM, retrieving the short month [format](format.docx) for the primary editing language.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML run with the following run content:

<w:[r](r.docx)>
 <w:[t](t.docx) xml:space="preserve">This is a short date: </w:[t](t.docx)>
 <w:monthShort />
</w:[r](r.docx)>

This run specifies that a short month [format](format.docx) date block shall be placed after the text string literal This is a short date: in the document. Assuming that the host application’s primary editing language is English (Canada) and today’s date is 04/12/2006 (a Wednesday), this run would be displayed as follows:

This is a short date: 04

end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| [r](r.docx) (§); [r](r.docx) (§) |

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

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