### numId (Numbering Definition Instance Reference)

This element specifies the [numbering](numbering.docx) definition instance which shall be used for the given parent numbered paragraph in the WordprocessingML document.

A value of 0 for the val attribute shall never be used to point to a [numbering](numbering.docx) definition instance, and shall instead only be used to designate the removal of [numbering](numbering.docx) properties at a particular level in the style hierarchy (typically via direct formatting).

[Example: Consider the WordprocessingML below for an example numbered paragraph:

<w:[p](p.docx)>  
 <w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
 <w:[numPr](numPr.docx)>  
 <w:[ilvl](ilvl.docx) w:val="0" />  
 <w:numId w:val="5" />  
 </w:[numPr](numPr.docx)>  
 </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>

…

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

This paragraph references a [numbering](numbering.docx) definition instance with a numId attribute of 5, as follows:

<w:[num](num.docx) w:numId="5">  
 <w:[abstractNumId](abstractNumId.docx) w:val="4" />

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

The [numbering](numbering.docx) definition instance reference specifies the given [numbering](numbering.docx) definition instance to be applied to the given paragraph, which itself inherits its properties from abstract [numbering](numbering.docx) definition with [abstractNumId](abstractNumId.docx) of 4. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Decimal Number Value) | Specifies that the contents of this attribute will contain a decimal number.  The contents of this decimal number are interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  [Example: Consider the following numeric WordprocessingML property of [type](type.docx) [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx):  <w:… w:val="1512645511" />  The value of the val attribute is a decimal number whose value must be interpreted in the context of the parent element. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>