#### semiHidden (Hide Style From Main User Interface)

This element specifies whether this style shall be [hidden](hidden.docx) from the main user interface when this document is loaded by an application. If this element is set, then this style may be used to [format](format.docx) content (i.e. any content which references this style shall have its properties as normal), but the style shall be [hidden](hidden.docx) from the main user interface associated with that application.

[Note: The interpretation of a "main" user interface shall not be dictated by this Office Open [XML](XML.docx) Standard, and may be defined by an application as appropriate.

This setting is intended to define a style property which allows [styles](styles.docx) to be seen and modified in an advanced user interface, without exposing the style in a less advanced setting, for example, the style which is used to [format](format.docx) the contents of a [comment](comment.docx) should typically not be shown in a simple user interface (as it is uncommon to want to modify it), but would be inappropriate to hide completely using the [hidden](hidden.docx) element (§), as very advanced users may want to change its appearance. end note]

If this element is omitted, then the style shall not be required to be [hidden](hidden.docx) from the main user interface.

[Example: Consider a style with a primary name of Comment Style that should not be displayed in the main user interface. This requirement would be specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:style … w:styleId="CStyle">  
 <w:name w:val="Comment Style"/>  
 <w:semiHidden/>  
 …  
</w:style>

The semiHidden element specifies that this style definition should not be displayed in any main user interface associated with an application which processes this document. end example]

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| Parent Elements |
| style (§) |

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (On/Off Value) | Specifies a binary value for the property defined by the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  A value of on, 1, or true specifies that the property shall be explicitly applied. This is the default value for this attribute, and is implied when the parent element is present, but this attribute is omitted.  A value of off, 0, or false specifies that the property shall be explicitly turned off.  [Example: For example, consider the following on/off property:  <w:… w:val="off"/>  The val attribute explicitly declares that the property is turned off. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="val" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx)"/>

</complexType>