### [type](type.docx) (Section Type)

This element specifies the [type](type.docx) of the current section. The section [type](type.docx) specifies how the contents of the current section shall be placed relative to the previous section.

WordprocessingML supports five distinct types of section breaks:

* Next page section breaks (the default if [type](type.docx) is not specified), which begin the new section on the following page.
* Odd page section breaks, which begin the new section on the [next](next.docx) odd-numbered page.
* Even page section breaks, which begin the new section on the [next](next.docx) even-numbered page.
* Continuous section breaks, which begin the new section on the following paragraph. This means that continuous section breaks might not specify certain page-level section properties, since they must be inherited from the following section. These breaks, however, can specify other section properties, such as line [numbering](numbering.docx) and [footnote](footnote.docx)/[endnote](endnote.docx) settings.
* Column section breaks, which begin the new section on the [next](next.docx) column on the page.

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Section Type Setting) | Specifies the [type](type.docx) of the current section. [Example: Consider a section that shall [start](start.docx) on the [next](next.docx) page in the document. The WordprocessingML specifying this would look like:<w:[sectPr](sectPr.docx)> … <w:[type](type.docx) w:val="nextPage"/></w:[sectPr](sectPr.docx)>The nextPage value specifies that this section starts on the [next](next.docx) page. end example]The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_SectionMark](ST_SectionMark.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>