### [type](type.docx) (Merge Field Mapping)

This element specifies if a given mail merge field has been mapped to a column in the given external data source or not.

If this element is omitted, then the field mapping shall be considered to be of [type](type.docx) null (i.e. not mapped).

[Example: Consider the WordprocessingML for a single field mapping within a mail merge source document:

<w:[odso](odso.docx)>  
 …  
 <w:[fieldMapData](fieldMapData.docx)>  
    <w:[type](type.docx) w:val="dbColumn" />  
    <w:name w:val="Country" />  
    <w:[mappedName](mappedName.docx) w:val="Country or Region" />  
    <w:column w:val="9" />  
    …  
  </w:[fieldMapData](fieldMapData.docx)>  
</w:[odso](odso.docx)>

In this example, the country column within the given external data source shall be mapped to the mail merge field Country or Region, as specified by the [type](type.docx) element's val attribute being equal to dbColumn. end example

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Merge Field Mapping Type) | Specifies if the given mail merge field has been mapped to a column in the given external data source (i.e. if the merge field mapping is valid or not).  [Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML fragment for a mail merge source or merged document:  <w:[type](type.docx) w:val="null" />  In this example, the given mail merge field shall not be mapped to a column in the given external data source, as specified by the [type](type.docx) element's val attribute being equal to null. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_MailMergeOdsoFMDFieldType](ST_MailMergeOdsoFMDFieldType.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>