#### br (Break)

This element specifies that a break shall be placed at the current location in the run content. A break is a special character which is used to override the normal line breaking that would be performed based on the normal layout of the document’s contents. [Example: Normal breaking for English would occur only after a breaking space or optional hyphen character. end example]

The [behavior](behavior.docx) of this break character (the location where text shall be restarted after this break) shall be determined by its [type](type.docx) and clear attribute values, described below.

[Example: Consider the following sentence in a WordprocessingML document:

This is a simple sentence.

Normally, just as shown above, this sentence would be displayed on a single line as it is not long enough to require line breaking (given the width of the current page). However, if a text wrapping break character (a typical line break) were inserted after the word is, as follows:

<w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[t](t.docx)>This is</w:[t](t.docx)>  
 <w:br/>  
 <w:[t](t.docx) xml:space="preserve"> a simple sentence.</w:[t](t.docx)>  
</w:[r](r.docx)>

This would imply that this break shall be treated as a simple line break, and break the line after that word:

This is  
 a simple sentence.

The break character forced the following text to be restarted on the [next](next.docx) available line in the document. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| clear (Restart Location For Text Wrapping Break) | Specifies the location which shall be used as the [next](next.docx) available line when the break’s [type](type.docx) attribute has a value of textWrapping. This property only affects the restart location when the current run is being displayed on a line which does not span the full text extents due to the presence of a floating [object](object.docx) (see possible values for details).  If this break is not of [type](type.docx) textWrapping, then this attribute shall be ignored. If this attribute is omitted, then its value shall be assumed to be none if needed.  [Example: Consider a text wrapping break character which should force the restart location to the [next](next.docx) line which spans the full width of the text extents of the page (there are no floating objects which interrupt the line).  This line break is of [type](type.docx) textWrapping, since it shall only advance to the [next](next.docx) line, but the clear value shall specify that this restart location shall ignore all lines which are not of the full line width by specifying a value of all, as follows:  <w:br w:[type](type.docx)="textWrapping" w:clear="all" />  This break shall therefore not use the [next](next.docx) available line, but rather the [next](next.docx) available line ignoring all lines which do not span the full text width. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_BrClear](ST_BrClear.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| [type](type.docx) (Break Type) | Specifies the [type](type.docx) of the current break. The break [type](type.docx) determines the [next](next.docx) location where text shall be placed after this manual break is applied to the text contents (see possible values for details).  If this attribute is omitted, then it shall be assumed to be of [type](type.docx) textWrapping.  [Example: Consider a manual break which shall advance the text to the [next](next.docx) text column in the document, rather than just the [next](next.docx) available line. This break would therefore be specified as follows:  <w:br w:[type](type.docx)=”column”/>  The [type](type.docx) attribute specifies a value of column, which means that the break shall force the [next](next.docx) character in the document to be restarted on the [next](next.docx) line in a new text column in the document. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_BrType](ST_BrType.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[type](type.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_BrType](ST_BrType.docx)" use="optional"/>

<attribute [name](name.docx)="clear" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_BrClear](ST_BrClear.docx)" use="optional"/>

</complexType>