### col (Single Column Definition)

This element specifies the properties for a single column of text within this section.

[Example: Consider a single column with a width of two inches, which also has a one-inch space after the column, resulting in the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[cols](cols.docx) … >  
 <w:col w:[w](w.docx)="2880" w:space="1440"/>

…  
</w:[cols](cols.docx)>

The resulting column specifies its width of 2,880 twentieths of a point and space following of 1,440 twentieths of a point. end example]

The contents of the col element are only used to calculate the number and size of columns if the fixedWidth attribute is set to false or omitted.

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| space (Space Before Following Column) | Specifies the [spacing](spacing.docx) (in twentieths of a point) [between](between.docx) the current column and the [next](next.docx) column.  [Example: Consider a text column that is to have a one-inch space after it. This text column [spacing](spacing.docx) would therefore be 1x72=144 points wide, which translates to 1,440 twentieths of a point. The resulting WordprocessingML specifies that [spacing](spacing.docx) width in twentieths of a point:  <w:col … w:space="1440"/>  end example]  For the last text column in the section, no [spacing](spacing.docx) is allowed after the column, and, if present, any space value is ignored.  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TwipsMeasure](ST_TwipsMeasure.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| [w](w.docx) (Column Width) | Specifies the width (in twentieths of a point) of this text column.  [Example: Consider a text column, which is to be two inches wide. This text column would therefore be 2x72=144 points wide, which translates to 2,880 twentieths of a point. The resulting WordprocessingML specifies that column width in twentieths of a point:  <w:col … w:[w](w.docx)="2880"/>  end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TwipsMeasure](ST_TwipsMeasure.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[w](w.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_TwipsMeasure](ST_TwipsMeasure.docx)" use="optional"/>

<attribute [name](name.docx)="space" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_TwipsMeasure](ST_TwipsMeasure.docx)" use="optional"/>

</complexType>