#### defaultTabStop (Distance Between Automatic Tab Stops)

This element specifies the value which shall be used as the multiplier to generate automatic [tab](tab.docx) stops in this document. Automatic [tab](tab.docx) stops refer to the [tab](tab.docx) stop locations which occur after all custom [tab](tab.docx) stops in the current paragraph have been surpassed.

If this element is omitted, then automatic [tab](tab.docx) stops should be generated at 720 twentieths of a point (0.5") intervals across the displayed page.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document which should have automatic [tab](tab.docx) stops every 360 twentieths of a point (0.25 inches). This requirement is specified using the following WordprocessingML in the document settings:

<w:defaultTabStop w:val="360" />

The defaultTabStop element's val attribute has a value of 360 specifying that automatic [tab](tab.docx) stops shall occur every 1/4th of an inch across the page.

If a custom [tab](tab.docx) stop was located at 2.28", then the [next](next.docx) three automatic [tab](tab.docx) stops would be at 2.5", 2.75" and 3.0" (the [next](next.docx) three multiples of the default [tab](tab.docx) stop value). end example]

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (Measurement in Twentieths of a Point) | Specifies a positive measurement value, specified in twentieths of a point. This value is interpreted based on the context of the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  [Example: Consider the following WordprocessingML element with a val attribute containing a positive measurement in twentieths of a point:  <w:… w:val="720" />  The val attribute has a value of 720, specifying that this measurement value is 720 twentieths of a point (0.5"). This value is interpreted by the parent element as needed. 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\_TwipsMeasure">

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

</complexType>