#### forgetLastTabAlignment (Ignore Width of Last Tab Stop When Aligning Paragraph If It Is Not Left Aligned)

This element specifies how applications should handle the final [tab](tab.docx) stop on a line when aligning the contents of a paragraph as specified by the [jc](jc.docx) element (§) in the paragraph's properties.

Typically, aligning the contents of a paragraph involves the following:

* Determining the layout of that line before the alignment (including all [tab](tab.docx) stops)
* Aligning the resulting contents of the line

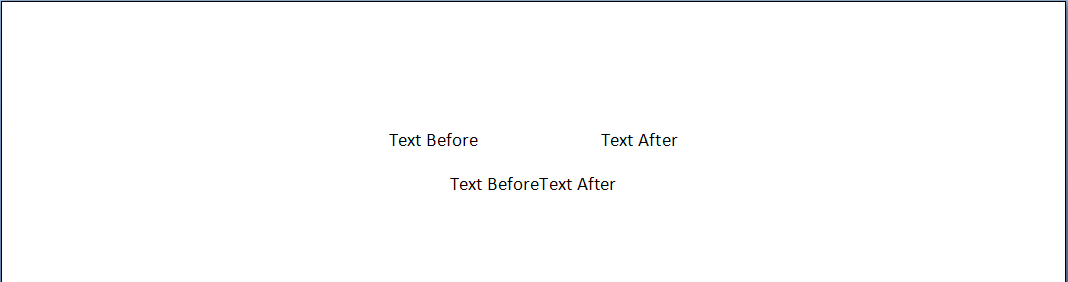
This is done to ensure that [tab](tab.docx) stops on a line do not change when the contents of the paragraph are aligned (i.e. the [tab](tab.docx) stops should not have to take into account the paragraph alignment).

This element, when present with a val attribute value of true (or equivalent), specifies that applications shall ignore the additional line width generated by the last [tab](tab.docx) stop (and only the last [tab](tab.docx) stop) when the alignment of the [tab](tab.docx) stop as defined by the val attribute on the [tab](tab.docx) element (§) is not left (or [bar](bar.docx), which as defined by this Office Open [XML](XML.docx) Standard, is not a [tab](tab.docx) stop per se) when determining the width of the line. The resulting full line shall then be aligned at the [position](position.docx) where the line would have been aligned without that [tab](tab.docx) stop.

[Example: Consider a WordprocessingML document with two center aligned paragraphs of text - the first also containing a centered [tab](tab.docx) stop positioned at 2":

<w:[p](p.docx)>  
 <w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
 <w:[tabs](tabs.docx)>  
 <w:[tab](tab.docx) w:val="center" w:[pos](pos.docx)="2880" />  
 </w:[tabs](tabs.docx)>  
 <w:[jc](jc.docx) w:val="center" />  
 </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
 <w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[t](t.docx)>Text Before</w:[t](t.docx)>  
 <w:[tab](tab.docx)/>  
 <w:[t](t.docx)>Text After</w:[t](t.docx)>  
 </w:[r](r.docx)>  
</w:[p](p.docx)>  
<w:[p](p.docx)>  
 <w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
 <w:[jc](jc.docx) w:val="center" />  
 </w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>  
 <w:[r](r.docx)>  
 <w:[t](t.docx)>Text BeforeText After</w:[t](t.docx)>  
 </w:[r](r.docx)>  
</w:[p](p.docx)>

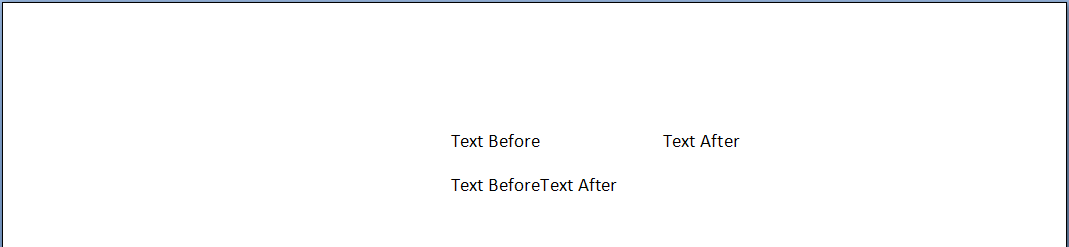
The default presentation would determine the full width of each line including the [tab](tab.docx) stops, finally aligning the resulting text to the center [position](position.docx) as requested by the [jc](jc.docx) element:



However, if this compatibility setting is turned on:

<w:[compat](compat.docx)>  
 <w:forgetLastTabAlignment />  
</w:[compat](compat.docx)>

Then the width added to the line by the last [tab](tab.docx) is ignored when centering the paragraph because that [tab](tab.docx) is a center aligned [tab](tab.docx) stop, resulting in the following output:



In the resulting output, the starting location of both lines is at the same place on the page, as the resulting width of both lines is identical when the [tab](tab.docx) stop is removed from the line width calculation. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| val (On/Off Value) | Specifies a binary value for the property defined by the parent [XML](XML.docx) element.  A value of on, 1, or true specifies that the property shall be explicitly applied. This is the default value for this attribute, and is implied when the parent element is present, but this attribute is omitted.  A value of off, 0, or false specifies that the property shall be explicitly turned off.  [Example: For example, consider the following on/off property:  <w:… w:val="off"/>  The val attribute explicitly declares that the property is turned off. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_OnOff](ST_OnOff.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

</complexType>