### left (Table Cell Left Margin Default)

This element specifies the amount of space which shall be left [between](between.docx) the left extent of the cell contents and the left border of all [table](table.docx) cells within the parent [table](table.docx) (or [table](table.docx) row). This setting may be overridden by the [table](table.docx) cell bottom margin definition specified by the left element contained within the [table](table.docx) cell's properties (§).

This value is specified in the units applied via its [type](type.docx) attribute. Any width value of [type](type.docx) pct or auto for this element shall be ignored.

If this element is omitted, then it shall inherit the [table](table.docx) cell margin from the associated [table](table.docx) style. If a left margin is never specified in the style hierarchy, this [table](table.docx) shall have 115 twentieths of a point (0.08 inches) left cell padding by default (excepting individual cell overrides).

[Example: Consider a two by two [table](table.docx) in which the default [table](table.docx) cell left margin is specified to be exactly 0.25 inches, as follows (marked with an arrow in the first [table](table.docx) cell below):

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This [table](table.docx) property is specified using the following WordprocessingML markup:

<w:[tbl](tbl.docx)>  
 <w:[tblPr](tblPr.docx)>  
 <w:[tblCellMar](tblCellMar.docx)>  
 <w:left w:[w](w.docx)="360" w:[type](type.docx)="dxa"/>  
 </w:[tblCellMar](tblCellMar.docx)>  
 </w:[tblPr](tblPr.docx)>  
 …  
</w:[tbl](tbl.docx)>

Every cell in the [table](table.docx) has a default left cell margin setting it to 360 twentieths of a point. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| [type](type.docx) (Table Width Type) | Specifies the units of the width property being defined by the parent element’s [w](w.docx) attribute. This property is used to define various properties of a [table](table.docx), including: cell [spacing](spacing.docx), preferred width, and [table](table.docx) margins.  If this attribute is omitted, then its value shall be assumed to be dxa (twentieths of a point).  [Example: Consider a [table](table.docx) with a [table](table.docx) cell bottom cell [spacing](spacing.docx) with a [type](type.docx) of dxa, as follows:  <w:[bottom](bottom.docx) ... w:[type](type.docx)="dxa" />  This [type](type.docx) shall therefore be used to interpret the width specified in the [w](w.docx) attribute as a value in twentieths of a point. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TblWidth](ST_TblWidth.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| [w](w.docx) (Table Width Value) | Specifies the value of the width property being defined by the parent element. This property is used to define various properties of a [table](table.docx), including: cell [spacing](spacing.docx), preferred widths, and [table](table.docx) margins.  If this attribute is omitted, then its value shall be assumed to be 0.  [Example: Consider a [table](table.docx) with a bottom margin with a width of 302, as follows:  <w:[bottom](bottom.docx) w:[w](w.docx)="302" w:[type](type.docx)="dxa" />  The value in the [w](w.docx) attribute shall therefore be used to determine the width being specified in the context of the units specified in the [type](type.docx) attribute. In this case, the [type](type.docx) is twentieths of a point (dxa), so the width is 302 twentieths of a point (.2097 inches). end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[w](w.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx)"/>

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[type](type.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_TblWidth](ST_TblWidth.docx)"/>

</complexType>