#### [tab](tab.docx) (Custom Tab Stop)

This element specifies a single custom [tab](tab.docx) stop within a set of custom [tab](tab.docx) stops applied as part of a set of customized paragraph properties in a document.

[Example: Consider a custom [tab](tab.docx) stops at 1.5" in a WordprocessingML document. This [tab](tab.docx) stop would be contained within a [tab](tab.docx) element defining the [tab](tab.docx) stop as follows:

<w:[tab](tab.docx) w:val="[left](left.docx)" w:[pos](pos.docx)="2160" />

The [tab](tab.docx) element specifies all of the properties for the customized [tab](tab.docx) stop for the current paragraph property set. end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| leader (Tab Leader Character) | Specifies the character which shall be used to fill in the space created by a [tab](tab.docx) which ends at this custom [tab](tab.docx) stop. This character shall be repeated as required to completely fill the [tab](tab.docx) [spacing](spacing.docx) generated by the [tab](tab.docx) character.  If this attribute is omitted, then no [tab](tab.docx) leader character shall be used.  [Example: Consider a [tab](tab.docx) stop which should be preceded by a sequence of underscore characters, as follows:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Text at the [tab](tab.docx) stop  This [tab](tab.docx) stop would have a leader attribute value of underscore, indicating that the [tab](tab.docx) stop shall be preceded by underscore characters as needed to fill the [tab](tab.docx) spacing. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TabTlc](ST_TabTlc.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| [pos](pos.docx) (Tab Stop Position) | Specifies the [position](position.docx) of the current custom [tab](tab.docx) stop with respect to the current page margins.  Negative values are valid and move the [tab](tab.docx) stop into the current page margin the specified amount.  [Example: Consider a custom [tab](tab.docx) stops at 1.5" in a WordprocessingML document. This [tab](tab.docx) stop would be contained within a [tab](tab.docx) element defining the [tab](tab.docx) stop as follows:  <w:[tab](tab.docx) w:val="[left](left.docx)" w:[pos](pos.docx)="2160" />  The [pos](pos.docx) attribute specifies that this custom [tab](tab.docx) stop shall be located 2160 points (1.5 inches) inside the starting text margin. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_SignedTwipsMeasure](ST_SignedTwipsMeasure.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| val (Tab Stop Type) | Specifies the [type](type.docx) of custom [tab](tab.docx) stop, which determines the [behavior](behavior.docx) of the [tab](tab.docx) stop and the alignment which shall be applied to text entered at the current custom [tab](tab.docx) stop.  The value of clear is unique and specifies that this [tab](tab.docx) stop shall be removed when the document is [next](next.docx) edited by a consumer which supports rendering the document contents.  [Example: Consider a custom [tab](tab.docx) stops at 1.5" in a WordprocessingML document. This [tab](tab.docx) stop would be contained within a [tab](tab.docx) element defining the [tab](tab.docx) stop as follows:  <w:[tab](tab.docx) w:val="[left](left.docx)" w:[pos](pos.docx)="2160" />  The val attribute specifies that this custom [tab](tab.docx) stop shall align all text entered at its location to its left. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TabJc](ST_TabJc.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="leader" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_TabTlc](ST_TabTlc.docx)" use="optional"/>

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[pos](pos.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_SignedTwipsMeasure](ST_SignedTwipsMeasure.docx)" use="required"/>

</complexType>