#### [tab](tab.docx) (Tab Character)

This element specifies that a [tab](tab.docx) character shall be placed at the current location in the run content. An [tab](tab.docx) is a character which is used to advance the [position](position.docx) on the current line of text when displaying this WordprocessingML content, using the following logic:

* When there are one or more custom [tab](tab.docx) stops defined using the [tabs](tabs.docx) element (§) , then the [tab](tab.docx) character shall advance to the [next](next.docx) custom [tab](tab.docx) stop location which is further along than the starting location of the [tab](tab.docx)
* When there are no custom [tab](tab.docx) stops which are further than the current [position](position.docx) in the line, the [tab](tab.docx) character shall advance to the nearest multiple of the [defaultTabStop](defaultTabStop.docx) element (§) width value.

[Example: Consider a paragraph which contains two custom [tab](tab.docx) stops at 1.5" and 3.5", respectively. These two [tab](tab.docx) stops would be contained within a [tabs](tabs.docx) element defining the set of [tab](tab.docx) stops of the paragraph as follows:

<w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>

<w:[tabs](tabs.docx)>

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

<w:[tab](tab.docx) w:val="left" w:[pos](pos.docx)="5040" />

</w:[tabs](tabs.docx)>

</w:[pPr](pPr.docx)>

If a [tab](tab.docx) character was added to a run in this paragraph and appeared 1.4” along the line after all preceding content was laid out, then this [tab](tab.docx) would move the [position](position.docx) to 1.5”. If the [tab](tab.docx) character appeared 1.6” along the line after all preceding content was laid out, then this [tab](tab.docx) would move the [position](position.docx) to 3.5”. In both cases, the [tab](tab.docx) advanced to the [next](next.docx) custom [tab](tab.docx) stop. end example]

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

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

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