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`\hidewidth`

This command tells TeX to ignore the width of the next column entry in a horizontal alignment. It's useful when you have an entry that is longer than most of the others in the same column, and you'd rather have that entry stick out of the column than make all the entries in the column wider. If the `\hidewidth` is at the left of the entry, the entry sticks out to the left; if the `\hidewidth` is at the right of the entry, the entry sticks out to the right.

Example:

```
\tabskip = 25pt\halign{%
    \hfil\it#\hfil&\hfil#\hfil&#&\hfil\$#\cr
    United States&\hidewidth Washington&
       dollar&1.00\cr
    France&Paris&franc&0.174\cr
    Israel&Jerusalem&shekel&0.507\cr
    Japan&Tokyo&yen&0.0829\cr}
```

produces:

United States	Washington	dollar	$1.00
France	Paris	franc	$0.174
Israel	Jerusalem	shekel	$0.507
Japan	Tokyo	yen	$0.0829