

`\tabskip` [*glue* parameter]

This parameter specifies the amount of horizontal or vertical glue that T<sub>E</sub>X puts between the columns of a horizontal alignment or between the rows of a vertical alignment. T<sub>E</sub>X also puts the `\tabskip` glue to the left of the first column and to the right of the last column of a horizontal alignment, and above the first row and below the last row of a vertical alignment. You can change `\tabskip` within a template—the change will affect the glue associated with all the following `&`’s as well as the glue after the last row or column.

*Example:*

```
\halign to 3.5in{%
  \hfil\it#\tabskip = 2em plus 8pt
  \hfil&\hfil#\hfil&#\tabskip = 1em
  &\hfil\$\#\tabskip = 0em\cr
  United States&Washington&dollar&1.00\cr
  France&Paris&franc&0.174\cr
  Israel&Jerusalem&shekel&0.507\cr
  Japan&Tokyo&yen&0.0829\cr}
```

*produces:*

<i>United States</i>	Washington	dollar	\$1.00
<i>France</i>	Paris	franc	\$0.174
<i>Israel</i>	Jerusalem	shekel	\$0.507
<i>Japan</i>	Tokyo	yen	\$0.0829

*Example:*

```
{\hsize = 1in \parindent=0pt \tabskip=5pt
\valign{#\strut&#\strut\tabskip = 3pt
  &#\strut&#\strut\cr
  bernaise&curry&hoisin&hollandaise\cr
  ketchup&marinara&mayonnaise&mustard\cr
  rarebit&tartar\cr}}
```

*produces:*

bernaise	ketchup	rarebit
curry	marinara	tartar
hoisin	mayonnaise	
hollandaise	mustard	