### ST\_PTabAlignment (Absolute Position Tab Alignment)

This simple [type](type.docx) specifies the alignment of an absolutely positioned [tab](tab.docx) character in a document. This alignment value determines the [position](position.docx) on the line to which this absolute [tab](tab.docx) shall advance, as well as the alignment of the text entered after the alignment [tab](tab.docx) character position.

[Example: Consider a positional [tab](tab.docx) stop in a WordprocessingML document who shall move to the left edge of the text margins and whose subsequent text should be left aligned. This positional [tab](tab.docx) stop would be defined as follows:

<w:[ptab](ptab.docx) w:alignment="left" w:relativeTo=”margin” … />

The alignment attribute has a value of left, which specifies that this custom [tab](tab.docx) stop shall align on the left edge of the line relative to the text margin. end example]

This simple type's contents are a restriction of the [XML](XML.docx) Schema string datatype.

The following are possible enumeration values for this type:

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| Enumeration Value | Description |
| center (Center) | Specifies that the positional [tab](tab.docx) should be center aligned on the line relative to the specified base (the text margins with or without indents), and that the text at that location shall be center aligned. |
| [left](left.docx) (Left) | Specifies that the positional [tab](tab.docx) should be left aligned on the line relative to the specified base (the text margins with or without indents), and that the text at that location shall be left aligned. |
| [right](right.docx) (Right) | Specifies that the positional [tab](tab.docx) should be right aligned on the line relative to the specified base (the text margins with or without indents), and that the text at that location shall be right aligned. |

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| Referenced By |
| ptab@alignment (§) |

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

<simpleType [name](name.docx)="ST\_PTabAlignment">

 <restriction base="xsd:string">

 <enumeration value="[left](left.docx)"/>

 <enumeration value="center"/>

 <enumeration value="[right](right.docx)"/>

 </restriction>

</simpleType>