### left (Table Cell Left Margin Exception)

This element specifies the amount of space which shall be left [between](between.docx) the left extent of the current cell contents and the left border of a specific individual [table](table.docx) cell within a table. This setting shall override the [table](table.docx) cell bottom margin definition specified by the left element contained within the [table](table.docx) properties (§).

This value is specified in the units applied via its [type](type.docx) attribute. Any width value of [type](type.docx) pct or auto for this element shall be ignored.

If omitted, then this [table](table.docx) cell shall use the bottom cell margins defined in the left element contained within the [table](table.docx) properties (§).

[Example: Consider a two row, two column [table](table.docx) in which the first [table](table.docx) cell in the second row has a left margin which is specified via an exception to be 0.5 inches, causing the text to be [position](position.docx) 0.5" inside the cell, as follows:

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| R1C1 | R1C2 |
| R2C1 | R2C2 |

The exception on this cell would be specified using the following WordprocessingML:

<w:[tc](tc.docx)>  
 <w:[tcPr](tcPr.docx)>  
 <w:[tcMar](tcMar.docx)>  
 <w:left w:[w](w.docx)="720" w:[type](type.docx)="dxa" />  
 </w:[tcMar](tcMar.docx)>  
 </w:[tcPr](tcPr.docx)>  
</w:[tc](tc.docx)>

The R2C1 cell in this [table](table.docx) has an exception applied to the [table](table.docx) cell left cell margin setting it to 720 twentieths of a point (0.5 inches). end example]

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

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| Attributes | Description |
| [type](type.docx) (Table Width Type) | Specifies the units of the width property being defined by the parent element’s [w](w.docx) attribute. This property is used to define various properties of a [table](table.docx), including: cell [spacing](spacing.docx), preferred width, and [table](table.docx) margins.  If this attribute is omitted, then its value shall be assumed to be dxa (twentieths of a point).  [Example: Consider a [table](table.docx) with a [table](table.docx) cell bottom cell [spacing](spacing.docx) with a [type](type.docx) of dxa, as follows:  <w:[bottom](bottom.docx) ... w:[type](type.docx)="dxa" />  This [type](type.docx) shall therefore be used to interpret the width specified in the [w](w.docx) attribute as a value in twentieths of a point. end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_TblWidth](ST_TblWidth.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |
| [w](w.docx) (Table Width Value) | Specifies the value of the width property being defined by the parent element. This property is used to define various properties of a [table](table.docx), including: cell [spacing](spacing.docx), preferred widths, and [table](table.docx) margins.  If this attribute is omitted, then its value shall be assumed to be 0.  [Example: Consider a [table](table.docx) with a bottom margin with a width of 302, as follows:  <w:[bottom](bottom.docx) w:[w](w.docx)="302" w:[type](type.docx)="dxa" />  The value in the [w](w.docx) attribute shall therefore be used to determine the width being specified in the context of the units specified in the [type](type.docx) attribute. In this case, the [type](type.docx) is twentieths of a point (dxa), so the width is 302 twentieths of a point (.2097 inches). end example]  The possible values for this attribute are defined by the [ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx) simple [type](type.docx) (§). |

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

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

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[w](w.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_DecimalNumber](ST_DecimalNumber.docx)"/>

<attribute [name](name.docx)="[type](type.docx)" [type](type.docx)="[ST\_TblWidth](ST_TblWidth.docx)"/>

</complexType>