Subject: How to set tab to 4 spaces?  
Posted by cewrobel on Tue, 24 Jan 2017 17:46:03 GMT  
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I've noticed that in the code Dr. Lusth posts, his tabs are set to 4 spaces. How do we set ours to do that? I'm using VIM in Bash on Windows.

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Subject: Re: How to set tab to 4 spaces?  
Posted by bmbaker1 on Tue, 24 Jan 2017 18:20:09 GMT  
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In your .vimrc file, usually located at ~/.vimrc, add the following:

```
filetype plugin indent on
" show existing tab with 4 spaces width
set tabstop=4
" when indenting with '>', use 4 spaces width
set shiftwidth=4
" On pressing tab, insert 4 spaces
set expandtab
```

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Subject: Re: How to set tab to 4 spaces?  
Posted by lusth on Thu, 26 Jan 2017 12:15:25 GMT  
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^ This is correct, but will break your makefile lines that must start with a tab. To fix that, add the line:

```
autocmd FileType make setlocal noexpandtab
```

You can get my .vimrc (put it in your login directory):

```
wget beastie.cs.ua.edu/.vimrc
```

Vim is an incredibly powerful editor; you should learn to use it well.

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Subject: Re: How to set tab to 4 spaces?  
Posted by cewrobel on Thu, 26 Jan 2017 18:44:07 GMT  
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It worked, thanks!

Subject: Re: How to set tab to 4 spaces?
Posted by jarobinson3 on Thu, 26 Jan 2017 22:39:57 GMT

You can also do ctrl + v + tab to insert a tab.