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.

In your .vimrc file, usually located at ~/.vimrc, add the following:

```vim
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
```


This is correct, but will break your makefile lines that must start with a tab. To fix that, add the line:

```vim
autocmd FileType make setlocal noexpandtab
```

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

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

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