

Relative, the default: each tabulation steps the pen on by 7.5% of the column from where it stands, so the rows do not line up.

Reference	Category	Quantity	Unit price
A-1180	Binding	12	18.50
B-2050	Cover	4	7.05
C-9004	Paper	120	1 250.00

Typewriter: each tabulation lands on the next multiple of 96 points, so the rows line up on that grid.

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A-1180	Binding	12	18.50
B-2050	Cover	4	7.05
C-9004	Paper	120	1 250.00

Ruler: a stop of its own for each tabulation, the second centred on it and the third lined up on its decimal point, the heading, which carries none, ending on the stop.

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A ruler stop at the far edge, the run ending on it and the leader filling the room the tabulation opened.

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