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MacDraw does not support a true tab function.

When the tab key is pressed in MacDraw, a representation of the character is displayed. For example, the Courier tab character has a width, whereas the Helvetica tab character does not -- so Courier moves the insertion point over the width of the tab character.

This is not really the tab function that is written into many other applications, which inserts a defined amount of space when a tab (ASCII code 9, horizontal tab) is received. With a tab function, it's not the character width being displayed, but the code being interpreted by the application, which inserts the defined amount of space.

There is no correlation between a space or tabs in MacDraw. The tab differs, different depending on the font selected and whether the tab character has been given a character width.

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