

# Tabbed Interfaces

As databases become larger it is impossible to show all the data on the one data entry screen. To overcome this problem fields can be placed in hidden regions on a layout and those regions opened by clicking on a tab. It is call a **TABBED INTERFACE**. The tabs act like buttons.

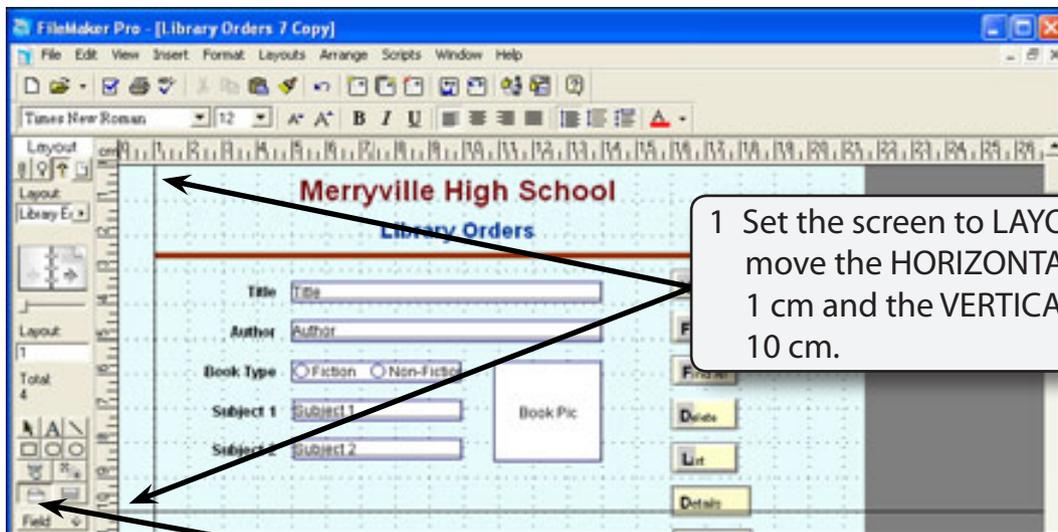
In this case we will add simplified tabbed sections to the bottom of the current layout.

- 1 Load FileMaker Pro, click on **OPEN AN EXISTING FILE** and select **OK**. Or close the current file and select **OPEN** from the **FILE** menu.
- 2 Access your **FMP8 FILES** folder and open:

Library Orders 7 Copy

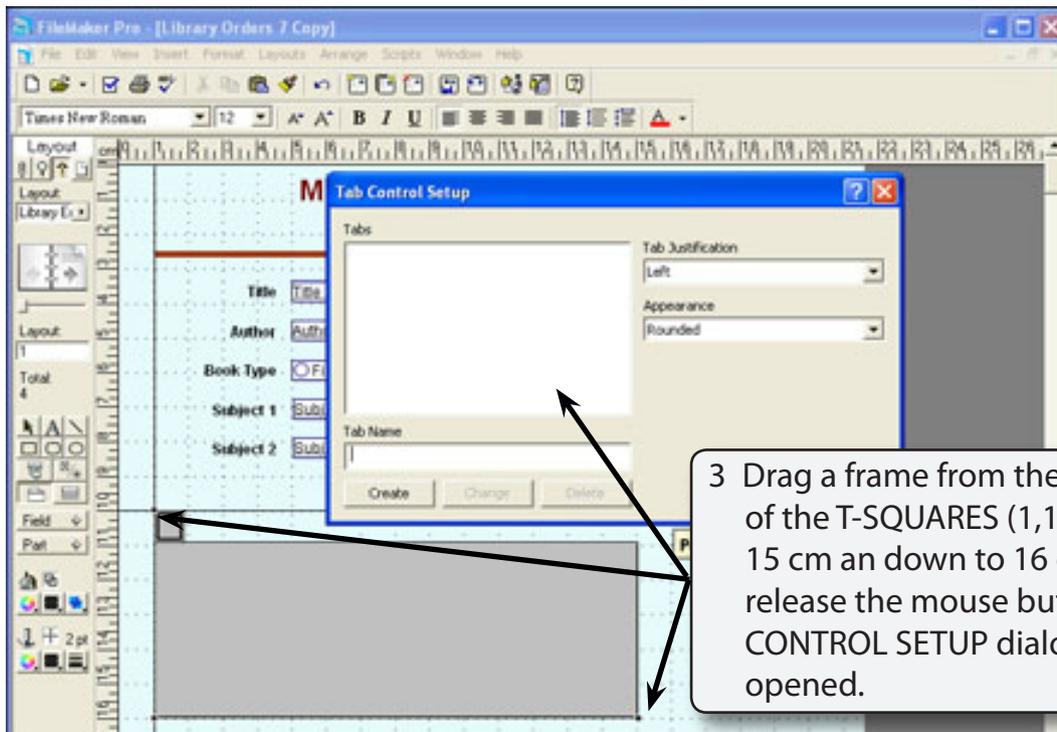
## Inserting the Tab Control

The **TAB CONTROL** tool from the **DRAWING TOOLS** is used to create the **TAB INTERFACE**.



1 Set the screen to **LAYOUT MODE** and move the **HORIZONTAL T-SQUARE** to 1 cm and the **VERTICAL T-SQUARE** to 10 cm.

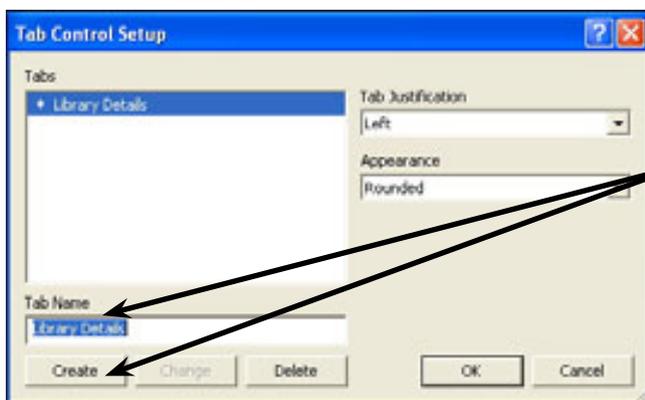
2 Select the **TAB CONTROL** tool in the **DRAWING TOOLS**.



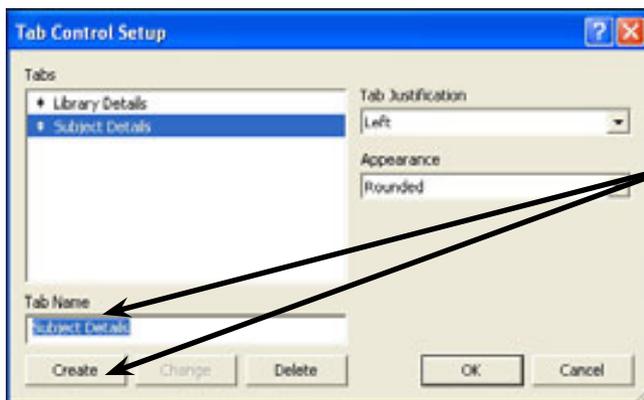
3 Drag a frame from the intersection of the T-SQUARES (1,10) across to 15 cm and down to 16 cm. When you release the mouse button the TAB CONTROL SETUP dialogue box is opened.

## Defining the Tab Sections

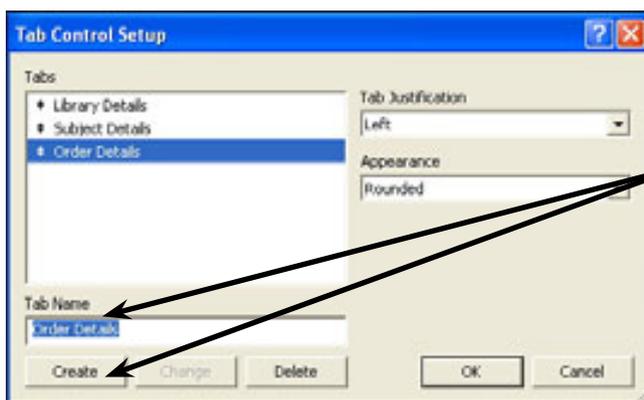
All the sections of the TABBED INTERFACE are entered in the TAB CONTROL SETUP dialogue box.



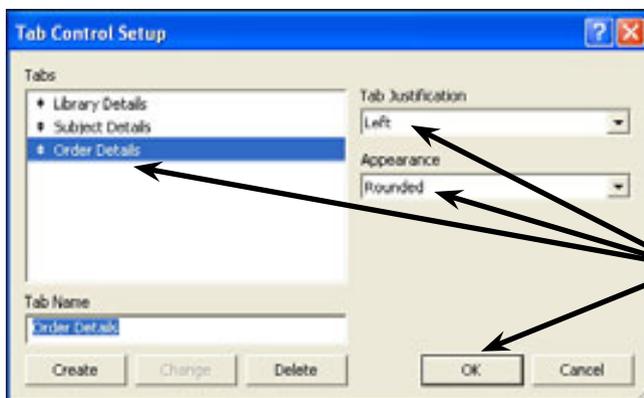
1 In the TAB NAME box enter:  
Library Details  
and click on CREATE.



2 In the TAB NAME box enter:  
Subject Details  
and click on CREATE.

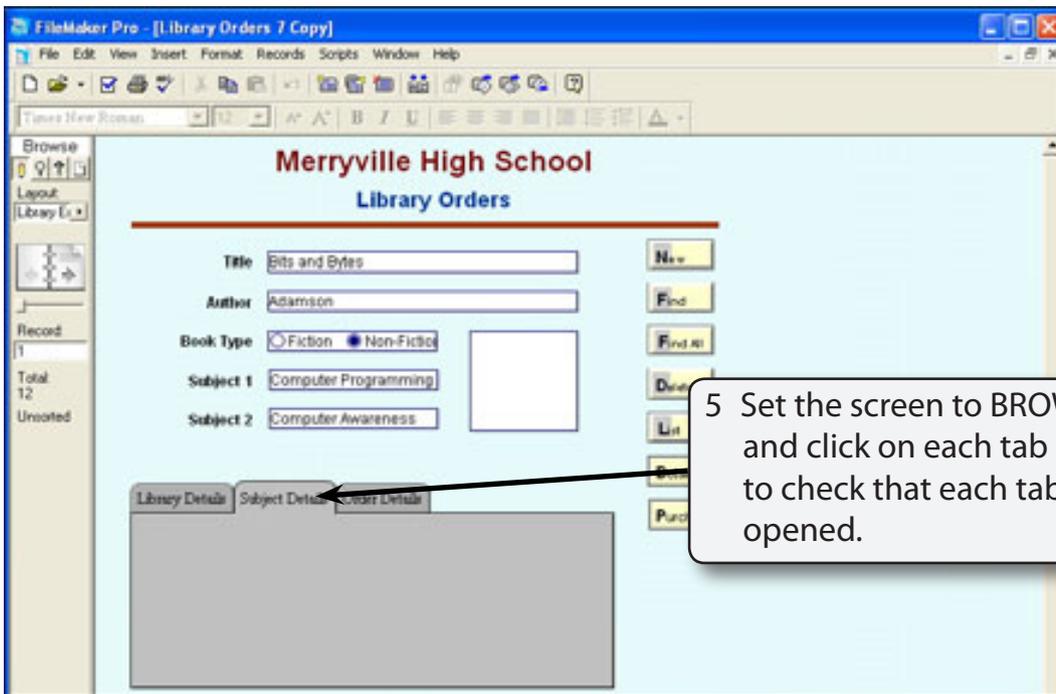


3 In the TAB NAME box enter:  
Order Details  
and click on CREATE.



4 The TAB labels are displayed in the TAB frame. Leave TAB JUSTIFICATION as LEFT and APPEARANCE as ROUNDED then select OK.

- NOTE:**
- i The TAB LABELS can be set to be centred, right or fill justified.
  - ii The appearance of the tabs can be set to rounded or straight.
  - iii The arrows next to the tab labels in the TABS frame can be used to change the order of the tabs.



## Completing the Library Details Tab

### A Inserting the Fields

Fields will now be added to Library Details tab region.

