

Stash Tab Advice

- POE doesn't have a pay to cheat store
- However, item storage is not unlimited
- I think of the game as a free trial to level 75-80. Beyond that point, buying tabs is almost required
- There is a sale on tabs on a 3 weekly rotation with rare deviations from this cycle for league launches
- Frugal players should buy NOTHING until 75, then assess if the game is worth paying for, then buy tabs ONLY during sales

Store Points

- Like basically every MTX based game, POE does not sell stash tabs directly for money.
- This is partly done for payment processing fee reasons (merchant fees on \$0.50-\$2 purchases are really high) but also for psychological reasons.
- Tabs (and cosmetics) are sold for store points. Store points default to USD 0.1 per point
- At the time of recording, you can buy 50, 100 or 200 point packs with nothing else, OR 'Supporter Packs' which bundle points with cosmetics and at higher price points IRL items.

All Tabs Are Not Equal

- Some have more utility, and different price points
- Some are of ... questionable... value
- Best ones: Maps, Currency, Premium/Quad, Fragment
- Worst: Delirium, Blight, Metamorph, Unique (for most people)

Reason for Update

- I originally put out this guide in Synthesis league (2019)
- It's obsoleted because of three things
- First, new tabs have been added (although they are all 'bleh' at best)
- Second, bundles have changed a bit since then with the addition of \$90 packs
- Third, fossils now stack which decreases the utility of the Delve tab

Don't Buy These Ones

- The Delirium, Metamorph and Blight tabs store less than a default tab, and so are a bad value proposition for MOST players
- 'Normal' tabs are quite a bit worse than Premium tabs and so I'd recommend paying the extra
- Delve and Essence tabs are marginal choices, but 'less bad' than the ones mentioned earlier. I don't recommend AGAINST those tabs, but I won't make a recommendation FOR them either.
- Unique Tab holds one of each. It's for a niche - collectors only.

The Better Ones

- Next couple of slides aren't must haves but are OK

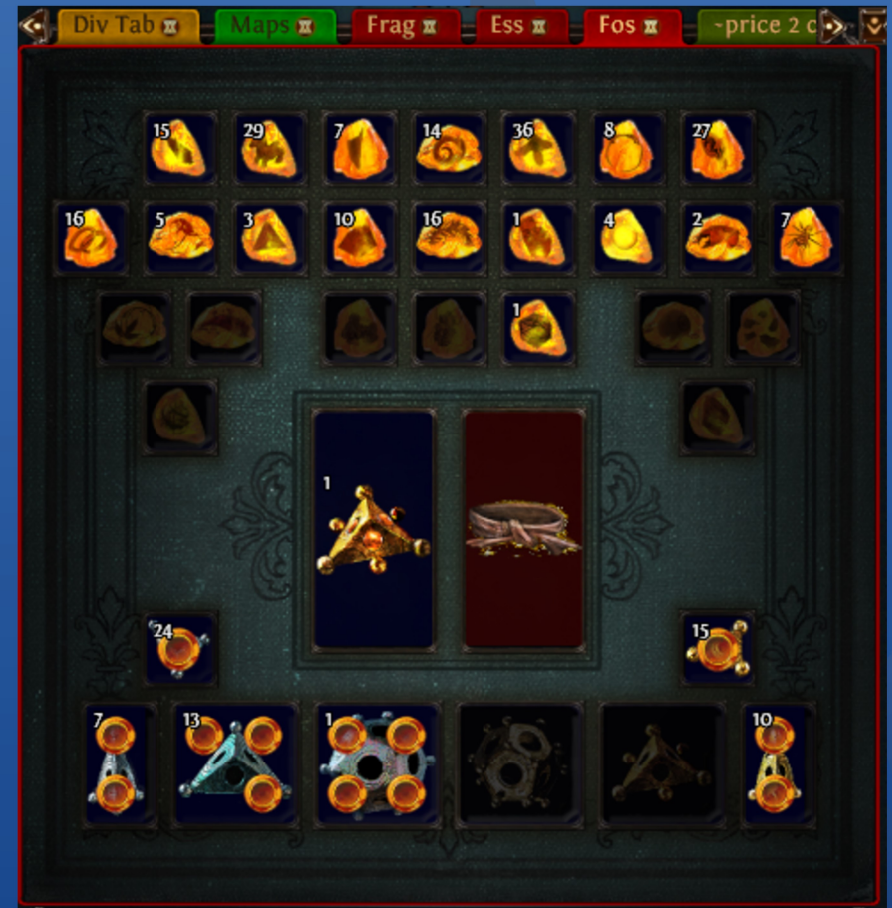
Essence Tab

- Neither a must have nor a terrible deal.
- Buy if and only if you want to execute an essence optimized mapping strategy.



Delve Tab – Not As Good As It Was

- Was a must-have once
- Isn't now due to fossil stacking
- Still an OK buy



Tabs to Buy

- Map tab is useless until level 62 or so, but quickly becomes the VERY BEST tab of all.
- Currency tab is great. Holds a lot of things you will have.
- Map tab even better as it holds SO MUCH and is reasonably well organised



Dump Tabs – Quad vs Premium

- Both are OK. Most veteran players prefer quad tabs but this is NOT a universal opinion. Similar value.
- ‘Dump Tab’ strategy
- Tab you see is listed at 40c per item. It was 55c and a few things sold, then I dropped it to 52, then 50, 48, 45, 42, 40
- Stuff sells slowly but you can drop price once per Conqueror without pricechecking
- Either premium OR quad can be used in this way.





Fragment Tab – Keeps Getting Better

- This was a bad buy on release
- It's now EXCELLENT
- Scarab and general tabs shown. These are most of the value, although having the breach tab is all upside even if it's not much of an upside
- Can be skipped until level 85. But very important at endgame proper.



Prices

- Quad: 120 (150)
- Map: 120 (150)
- Currency 60 (75)
- Delirium/Metamorph/Blight/Delve/Essence 30 (40)
- Unique 110 (140)
- Fragment 55 (75)
- Divination 40 (50)
- Premium 30 (40). 6 for 165 (180)

Suggested Bundles

- Very Frugal Option (USD 20):
First Blood supporter pack (200 points), map and currency tabs during a sale, spend rest on upgrading standard to premium
- Frugal Option (USD 30):
Buy a \$30 pack (250 points) with MTX you like. Map and currency tabs during a sale, divination tab, rest on standard to premium upgrades
- More expensive option (USD 60):
Buy a \$60 pack (550 points) with MTX you like. Map, currency, fragment, divination during sale (275 spent). 6x Premium in bundle offer. Upgrade normal tabs until 5 points left.

Higher spend options

- USD 90 packs have 900 points
- This allows more quad tabs and/or premium tabs as well as all essential tabs. Multiple quad tabs can be very useful.
- Obviously, don't spend this much on the game unless it's a good value proposition. Is it a better use of your money than other comparably expensive discretionary purchases like a concert ticket or a hiking daytrip? Only you know the answer to that.
- And even more obviously, don't spend this much unless you can afford it. If you have significant unsecured debts or no income, be very frugal with your entertainment money.
- Remember, players have hit level 100 in HC SSF with no paid tabs.