Test a TAB header with an empty and a long player value

A header that looks clean for one account can wrap badly for a long rank or show an awkward gap for an empty value. Test realistic boundary values before adjusting the whole layout.

Prepare the test

Record which server owns TAB before changing its files. A proxy deployment can use different permission checks and command names from a backend deployment; edit the instance players actually see.

Make the change

1. Copy the header and list its dynamic fields. Choose harmless test accounts that represent a short value, a long value and a missing optional value without altering production player records.
2. Check each expression through its supported parser and record the actual returned text. Distinguish missing data from a raw unresolved token before deciding how the header should handle it.
3. Open the copied header on ordinary clients with different screen or interface sizes. Check both header and footer spacing while keeping colour and animation changes out of the first comparison.
4. Use the documented conditional or formatting features when the design needs an optional line. Test a reconnect and a later data change so the empty-state handling does not depend only on login.

Check the result

All test accounts should see a readable header without raw tokens, clipped essentials or accidental disclosure of private metadata. Keep a screenshot of the longest accepted value for future edits.

If the test fails

Restore the previous layout if the new header breaks at a boundary. Shorten the field or use a supported conditional design rather than editing the provider’s stored player names to fit a label.

Collect a direct parse result beside each visual example. It helps separate text-layout problems from a provider that returned unexpected content.

References and related help

Check the official TAB documentation against your installed release before using a command or setting from another version.

- Configure a Minecraft TAB list and scoreboard
- Find Minecraft logs and send useful troubleshooting details

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