

A Warning About Notepad and Other Issues

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Change to ALL Types

Notepad is used on the Windows platform to create html code. BUT Notepad assumes that you are wanting to create text (.txt) documents. You do NOT want to create .txt documents. THEREFORE when saving documents you MUST change the document type to ALL and you must name your document ending it with .html

This is also true when opening a Notepad document. You MUST NOT click on it to open it. If you do, and it is properly named, it will open in a browser (usually Explorer), not as a Notepad document which you saved (and will save) as an .html document. INSTEAD, open Notepad. Then File-Open-All Types-Your Document. If you do not change the type to ALL you will NOT see your document even if it is in your folder on your pen drive.

Keep Browser and Notepad Open

Keep a browser (preferably Firefox) and Notepad open. Do NOT close them when you move back and forth writing or viewing your .html page.

Use Firefox

You can spot errors in your code if you use Firefox. Views Source. Errors will cause some elements to be in red. You may not be able to immediately identify the error, but you will know you have one which must be corrected.

If you do not have Firefox on your personal computer, download it at <http://www.firefox.com>. It is free. there are versions for both Mac and Windows platforms. It have many advantages over Explorer!