TECHFUTURE GIRLS

How2 download Notepad++

What is Notepad++

Notepad++ is a great piece of free software for writing and then publishing code.

It is open source software, which means that the clever developers who produced it have made it freely available to everyone – you don't need to pay to download it or buy a licence.

Notepad++ is a 'source code editor' which means it is used to write and edit source code. Source code is the code that tells a computer to run a website or an app. An example of source code is HTML which tells a computer to structure and lay out a website.

You can download Notepad++ at home so you can continue to learn HTML at home as well as at school.

Downloading Notepad++

- Go to the download page for Notepad++. You will find it here.

- At time of writing, the version of Notepad++ that is best to use is version 7.4.2. These numbers tell you how many times this piece of software has been updated and revised.

- **Click on the Start Download button on the right of the screen.** Or you can select the green button under the brown parcel on the left of the screen. That will choose the best package for you and automatically download it.

- The download package appears at the bottom of your screen. When it looks like it has downloaded fully, double click on it. This is a .exe file and it will install the editor. It's only a small file so it shouldn't take long.

- Once it has downloaded, make sure you choose English as the language, and then allow it to install. If you could like a shortcut on your desktop, which makes it easier to find, click this option on the third installation window.

- Then open up Notepad++! The first window looks a bit odd – this is telling some of the experienced developers a bit more about what is included and what has been updated. You can ignore this! TO open up your first project, click on File and New. A blank window will open up and you're ready to start writing code!

- Now check out our **How2 write HTML in Notepad++** to start building your first web page!