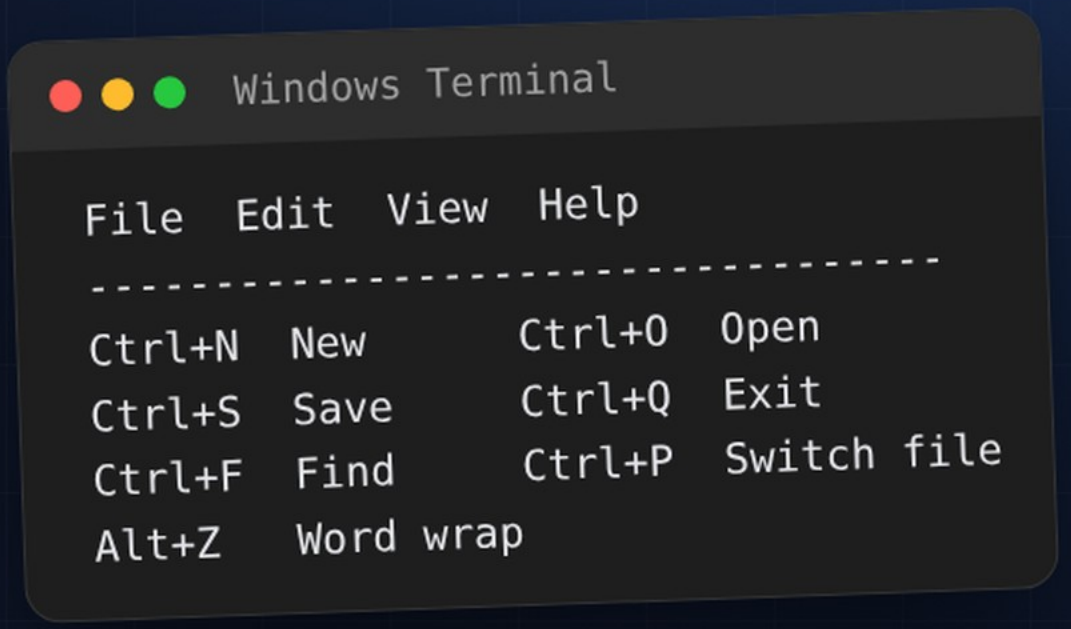
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edit & Notepad

Built Into Windows



LESSON 1

edit & Notepad: Windows Built-In Text Editors

`edit · notepad`

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edit: Back in Windows 11

1. New Microsoft Edit, open source
2. Included in Windows 11, version 25H2
3. Older builds: winget install Microsoft.Edit

Windows PowerShell

```
PS> winget install Microsoft.Edit
PS> edit notes.txt
C:\> edit C:\scripts\backup.ps1
```

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Using edit

1. Menus and mouse support
2. Ctrl+S save · Ctrl+Q exit
3. Ctrl+F find & replace · Ctrl+P files

Windows Terminal

```
File  Edit  View  Help
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Ctrl+N  New      Ctrl+O  Open
Ctrl+S  Save     Ctrl+Q  Exit
Ctrl+F  Find     Ctrl+P  Switch file
Alt+Z   Word wrap
```

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Notepad: Plain Text

1. Plain text: .txt .bat .ps1 .ini
2. From any terminal: notepad file
3. Tabs, dark mode, session restore

Windows PowerShell

```
PS> notepad hosts.txt
PS> notepad $PROFILE
C:\> notepad %USERPROFILE%\todo.txt
```

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Notepad Tips

1. F5: insert date and time
2. Ctrl+H find & replace · Ctrl+G go to line
3. Watch the encoding: UTF-8

Windows Terminal

```
F5              insert date and time
Ctrl+H          find and replace
Ctrl+G          go to line
Status bar:     UTF-8 | Windows (CRLF)
```

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Edit a System File Safely

1. Open Terminal as administrator
2. Back up the file first
3. Edit with notepad or edit

Windows PowerShell

```
# Terminal (Admin)
PS> cd C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc
PS> copy hosts hosts.bak
PS> edit hosts
    127.0.0.1   myapp.local
```

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