Work with HTML documents in TextEdit or [TextMate](#) on Mac*

You can use TextEdit or TextMate to edit or display HTML documents as you'd see them in a browser (images may not appear), or in code-editing mode.
Note: By default, curly quotes and em dashes (—) are substituted for straight quotes and hyphens when editing HTML as formatted text. (Code-editing mode uses straight quotes and hyphens.) To learn how to change this preference, see New Document options.

Create an HTML file

1. In the TextEdit app on your Mac, choose File > New, then choose Format > Make Plain Text.

2. Enter the HTML code.

3. Choose File > Save, type a name followed by the extension .html (for example, enter index.html), then click Save.

4. When prompted about the extension to use, click "Use .html."

View an HTML document

1. In the TextEdit app on your Mac, choose File > Open, then select the document.

2. Click Options at the bottom of the TextEdit dialog, then select "Ignore rich text commands."

3. Click Open.

Always open HTML files in code-editing mode

1. In the TextEdit app on your Mac, choose TextEdit > Preferences, then click Open and Save.

Change how HTML files are saved

Set preferences that affect how HTML files are saved in TextEdit.

1. In the TextEdit app on your Mac, choose TextEdit > Preferences, then click Open and Save.

2. Below HTML Saving Options, choose a document type, a style setting for CSS, and an encoding.

3. Select "Preserve white space" to include code that preserves blank areas in documents.

If you open an HTML file and don't see the code, TextEdit is displaying the file the same way a browser would (as formatted text).