# Creating your Web page as a Text file:

When you create your Web page, you **MUST** create it as a PLAIN TEXT FILE. If the file is save in any other format, there will most likely be special characters that the browser does not know how to interpret. So you must create and save your file as a plain text file.

You have a few options for creating plain text files. You can use:

- Notepad++ (for Microsoft)
- BBEdit (for Mac)
- Brackets (available for both the Mac and the PC)

## Notepad++ (for PC):

- Download from http://notepad-plus-plus.org/download/v5.9.8.html

**Saving the file :**

- Choose Save as type: Hypertext Markup Language

## BBEdit (for Mac):

- Download from https://www.barebones.com/products/bbedit/download.html

**Saving the file:**

- Go to File > Save As. The "Save As" window will open.
- In the "Save As" field, type *filenam*e.html. (the important part here is the .html extension)
- Click on the Save button.

## Brackets

- Download from http://brackets.io

**Saving the file:**

- You must save Brackets files to a different directory than the default directory.
  - So on your laptop, create a folder.
  - Use the Save As option
  - Navigate to the folder you created and save the file in that folder.
- Note with bracket – at some point during the semester it will tell you your free trial is about to expire. Ignore that. It's just trying to trick you into giving them money.


**Note** that even though the file you are creating is in plain text, *you must add a .html extension*. Browsers won't read the text file as html code unless it has .html stuck on the end of the filename.