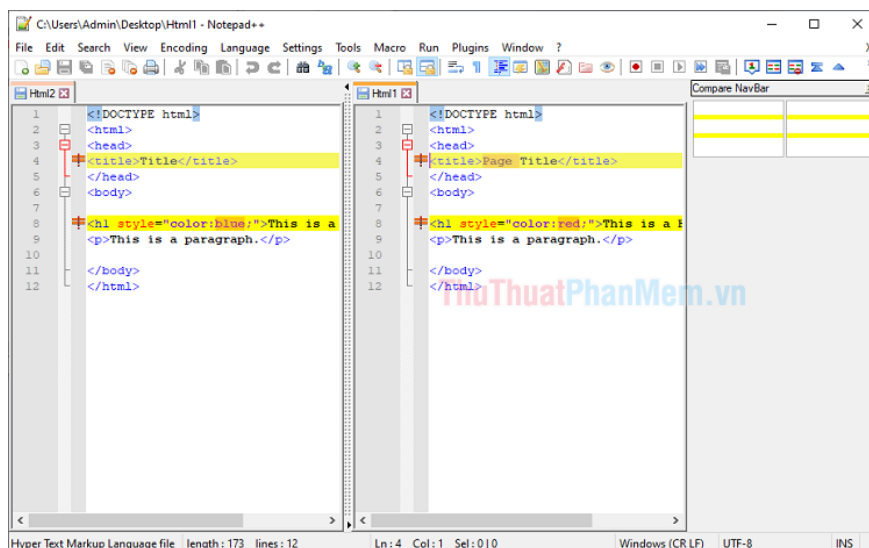


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## Download and install Notepad ++

Notepad ++ is a free source code editor and an alternative to regular Notepad. Besides IDE software, Notepad ++ is also an indispensable editor in the programmer's computer because of its convenience and versatility, even many non-programmers use the software. this.

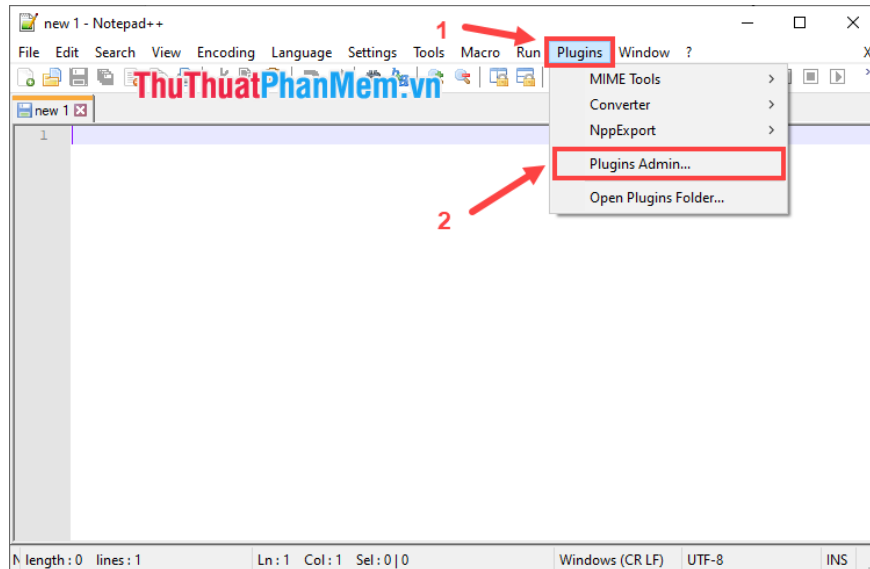
You can download Notepad ++ here: [Download Notepad ++](#) (note the correct version selected for your operating system).

After downloading, run the file and install it. The installation is very simple and fast, just click Next - Next is done, except for choosing the installation directory of your choice.

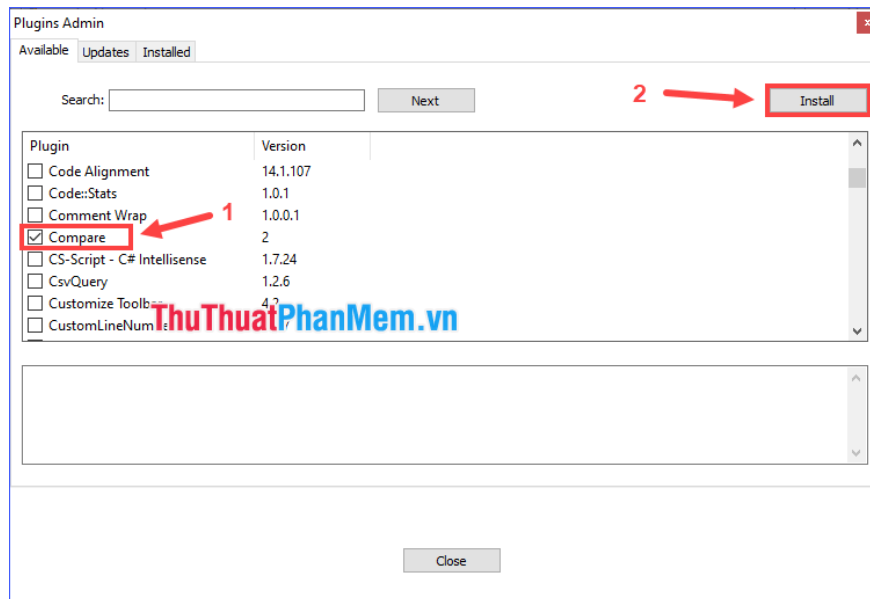
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OK, now let's get to the main point. To compare and compare 2 text files (text or source code) in Notepad ++, you manipulate as follows:

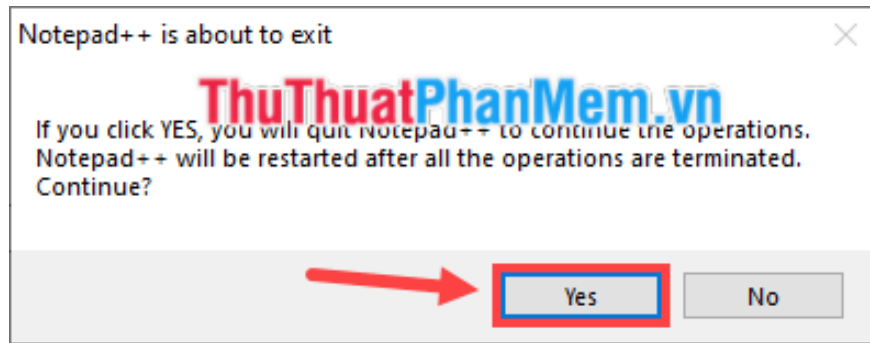
**Step 1:** Open Notepad ++. Click on **Plugins** on the Menu bar, select **Plugins Admin** .



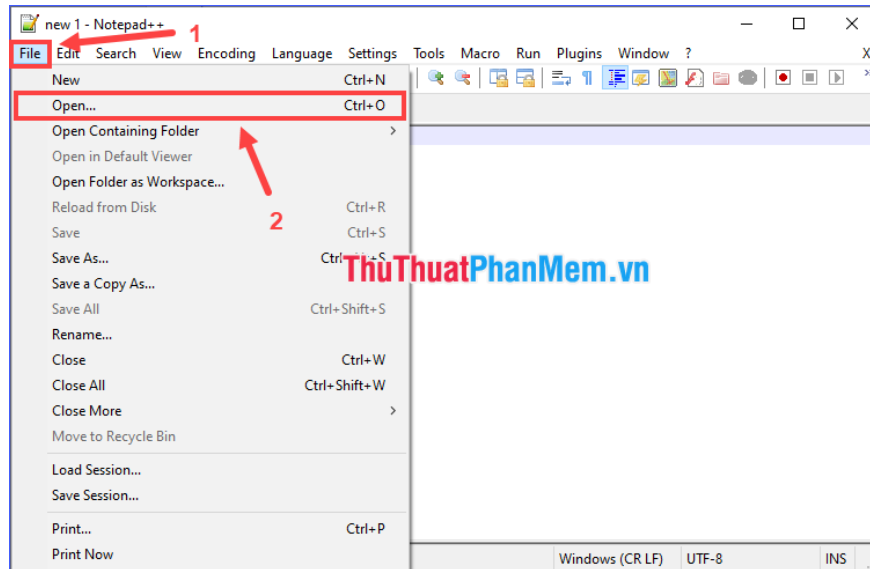
**Step 2:** Select **Compare** and then click **Install** to install.



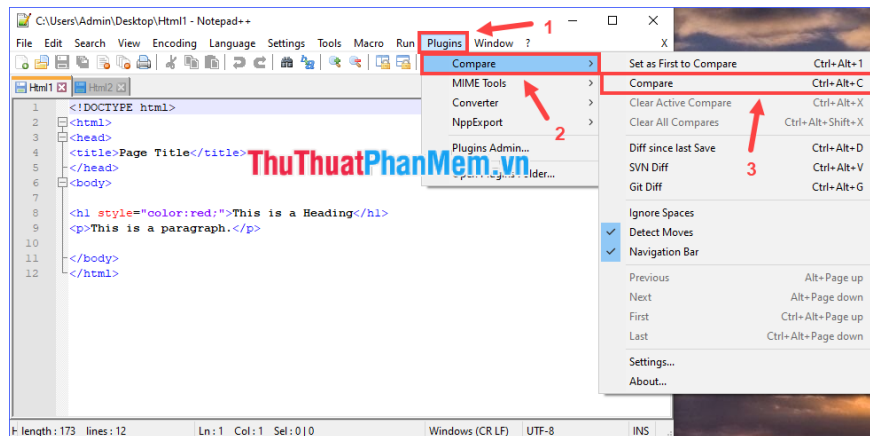
A confirmation message appears, select **Yes** .



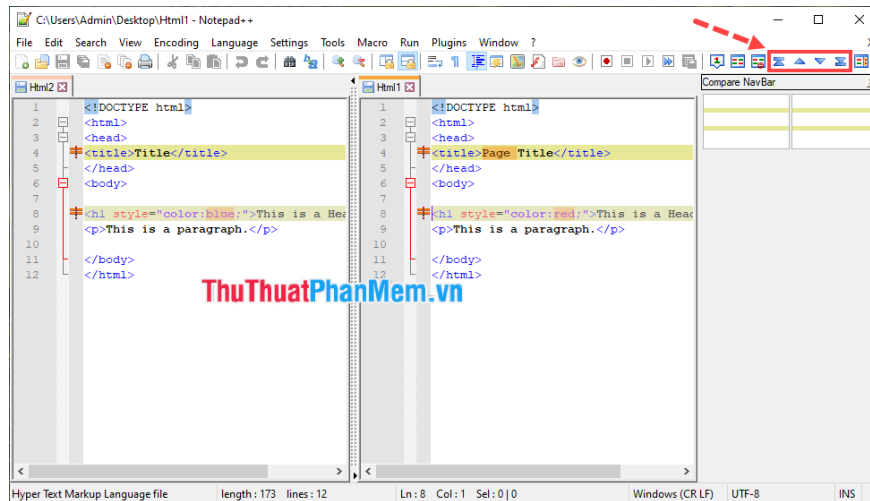
**Step 3:** The program will automatically restart. Then open 2 text files to compare with Notepad ++.



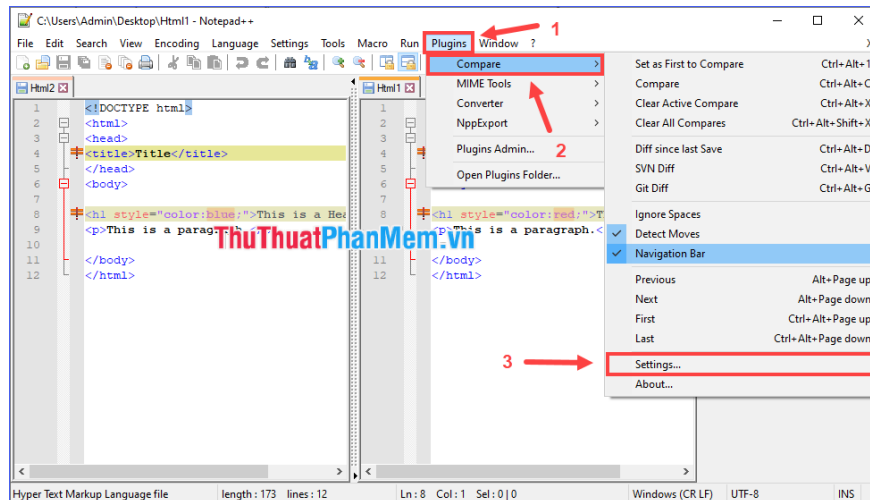
**Step 4:** Click **Plugins** on Menu bar, select **Compare > Compare** .

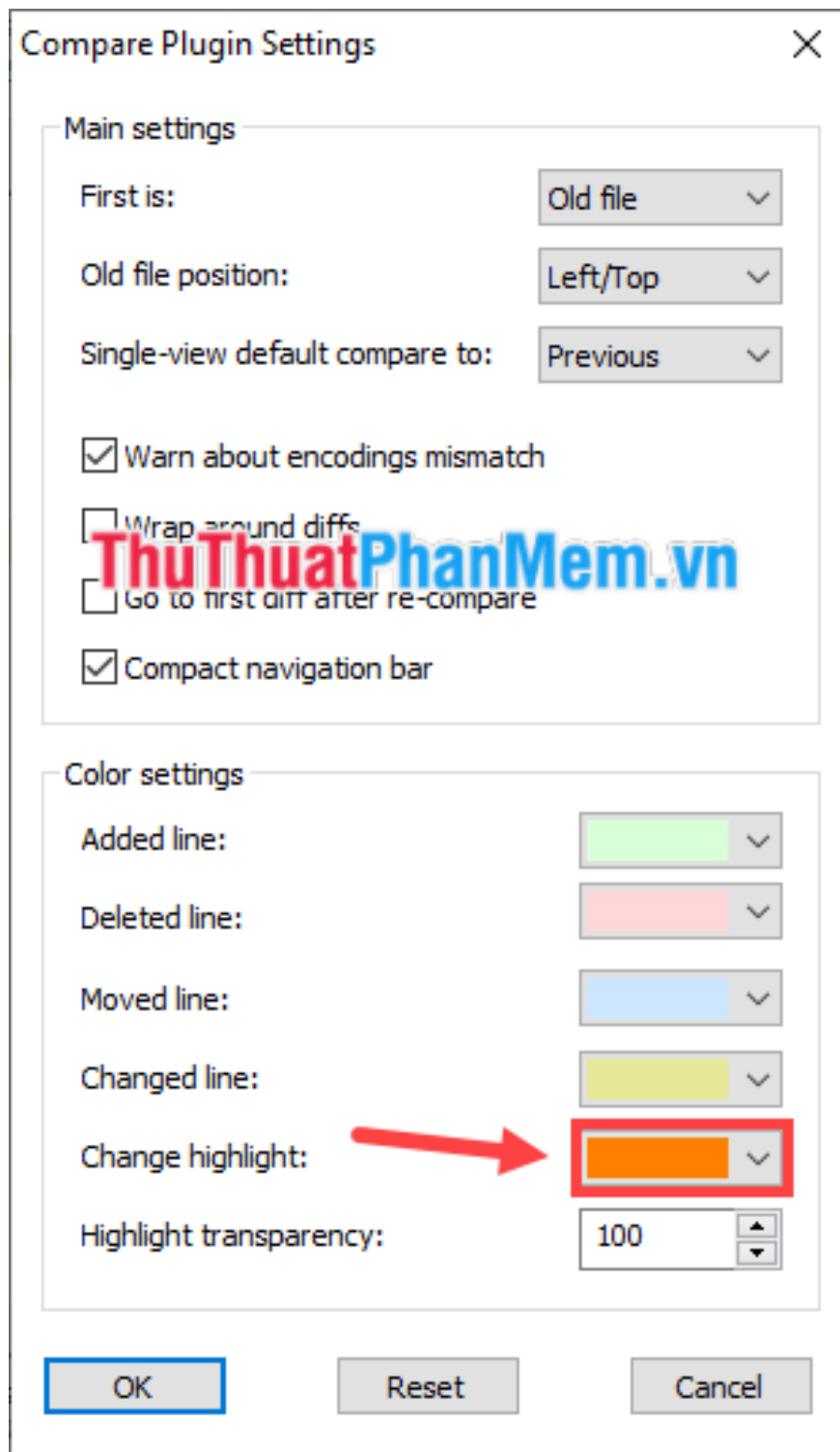


At this point, both text files will be displayed next to each other and the lines with differences will be colored to highlight. The scroll bars are also synchronized, so you can easily compare them. In addition, you can quickly navigate between differences with the arrow buttons on the toolbar.



\* *Tip:* You can customize the color to highlight the differences by clicking **Plugins > Compare > Settings .** , then change the color in the section **Change highlight** (mark the difference) or **Changed line** (mark the difference) then press **OK** .





It is done! I have detailed instructions for you to compare the content of 2 text files with Notepad ++. I wish you successful implementation!

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