

How to Open a PHP File

This wikiHow teaches you how to open and edit a PHP programming file on your Windows or Mac computer. Download and install Notepad++. Notepad++ is a free, Windows-only text editor that can open PHP files. To install it, do the following:

Method 1 of 2:

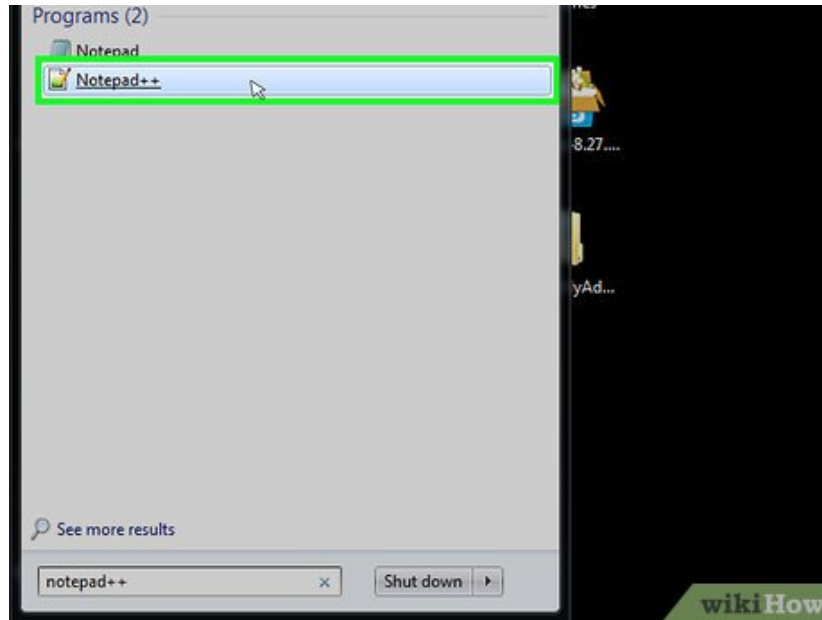
On Windows



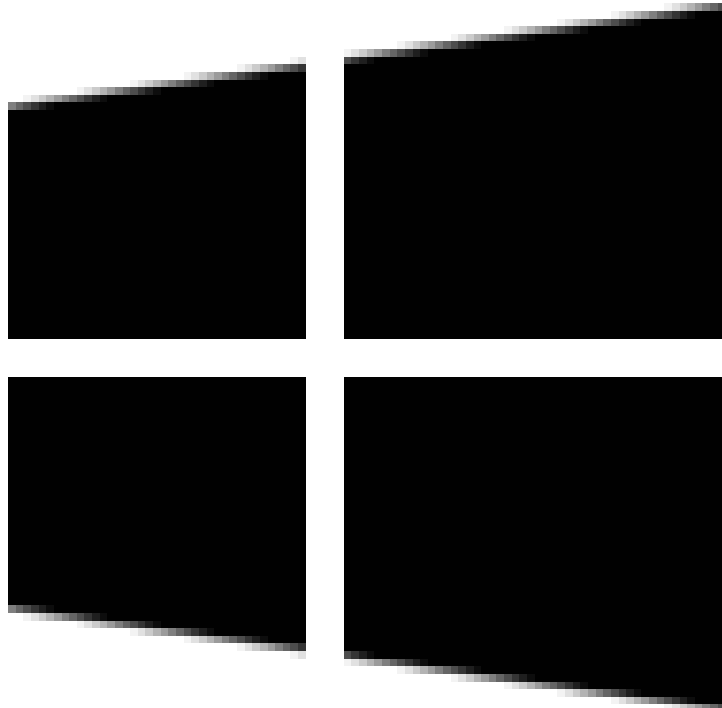
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1. Go to <https://notepad-plus-plus.org/download/v7.5.8.html> in your computer's web browser.
2. Click the green **DOWNLOAD** button.
3. Double-click the Notepad++ setup file.
4. Follow the installation prompts.

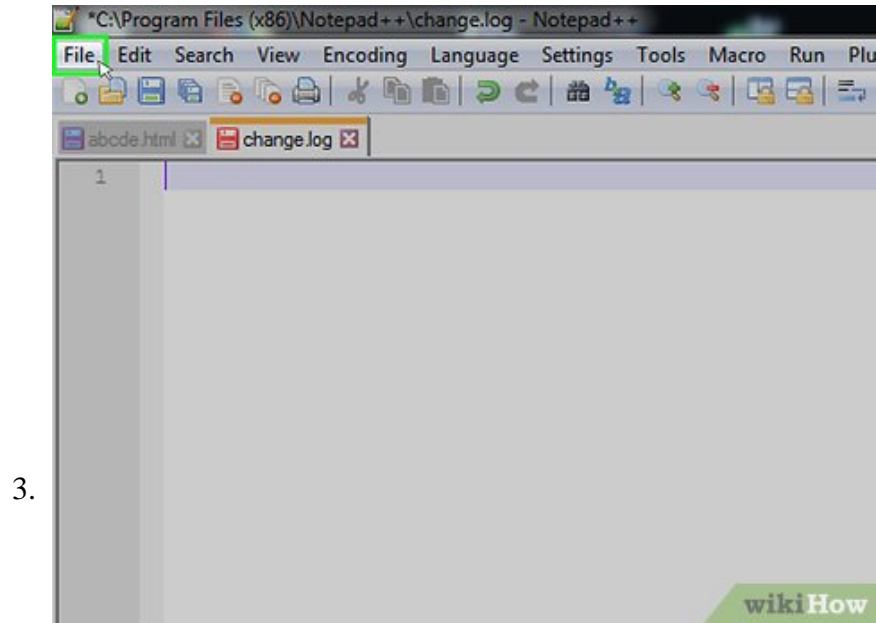
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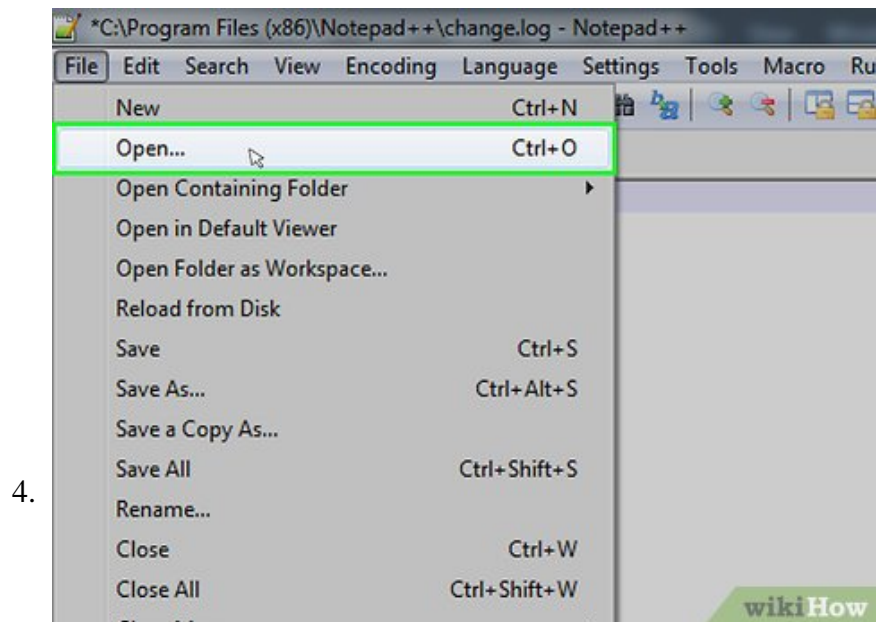
Open Notepad++. If Notepad++ doesn't automatically open after you finish installing it, open **Start**



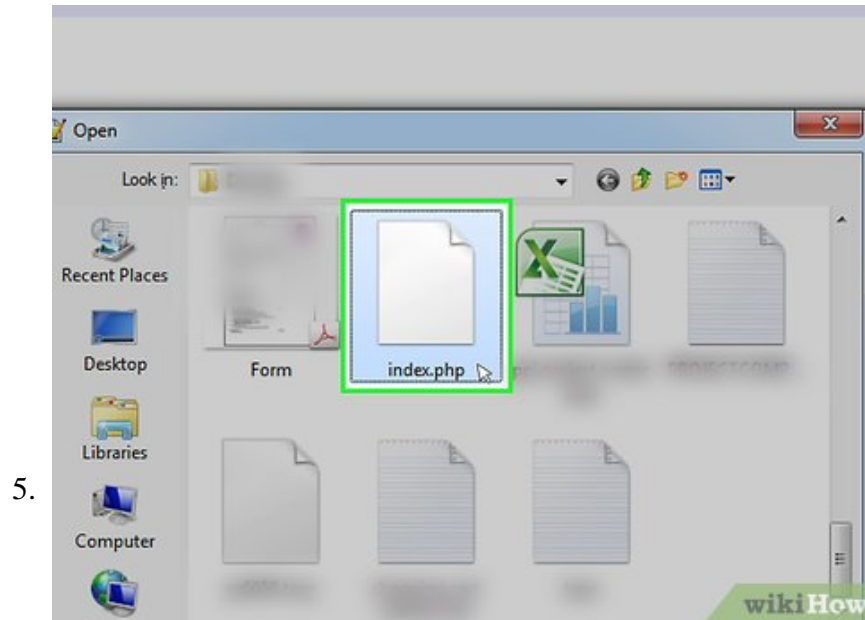
, type in `notepad++`, and click **Notepad++** at the top of the results.



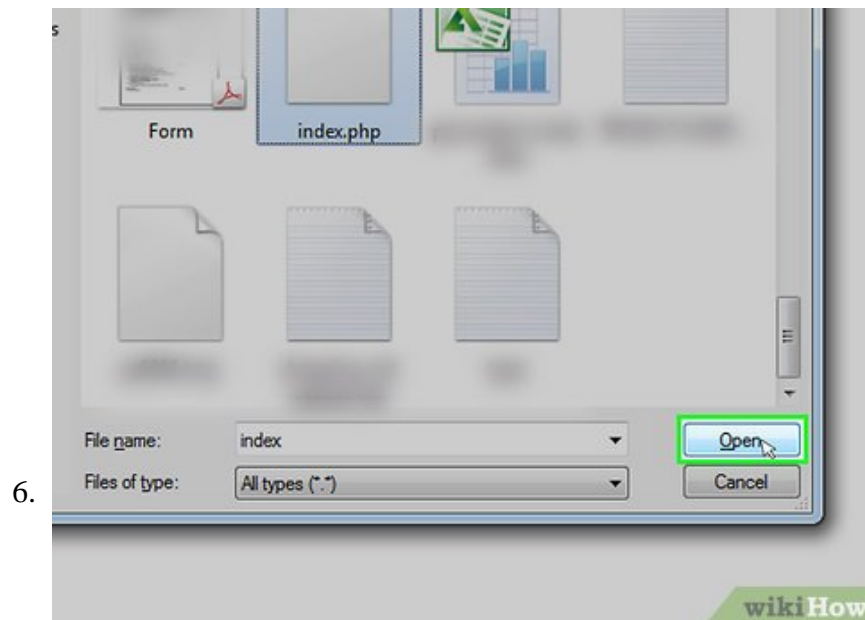
Click **File**. It's in the top-left corner of the Notepad++ window. A drop-down menu will appear.



Click **Open...**. This option is in the drop-down menu. Doing so brings up a File Explorer window.



Select your PHP file. Go to the location of your PHP file, then click the PHP file to select it.

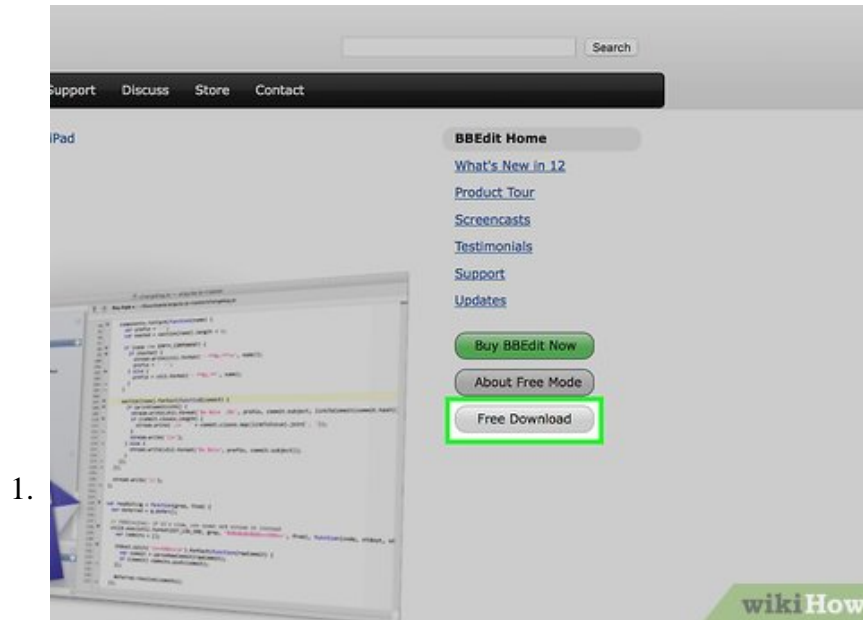


Click . It's in the bottom-right corner of the window. This will open the PHP file in Notepad++, allowing you to view the file's code and make any necessary edits.

1. If you do edit your PHP file, press **Ctrl + S** to save the changes before you exit Notepad++.

Method 2 of 2:

On Mac



Download and install BBEdit. This free program allows you to view and edit numerous different file types, PHP included. To install it, do the following:

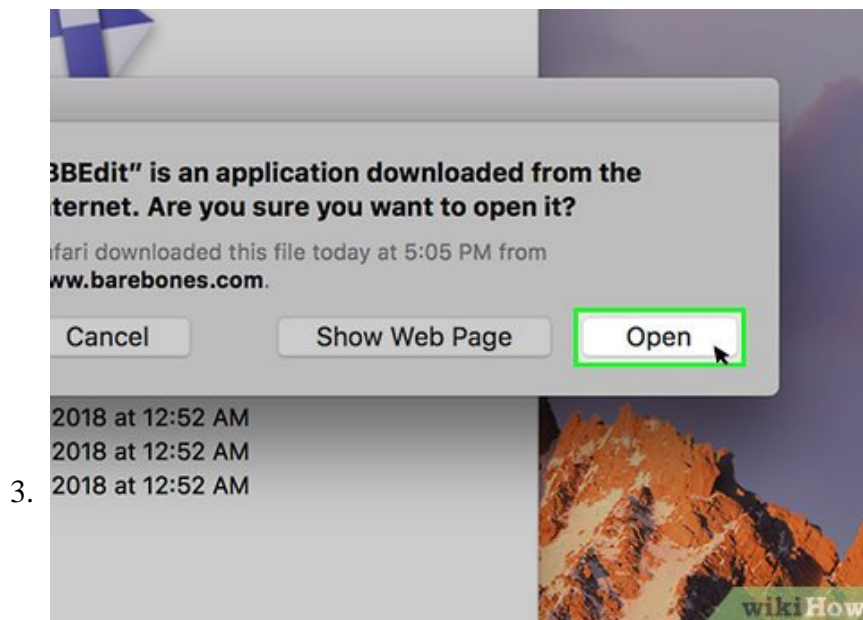
1. Go to <https://www.barebones.com/products/bbedit/> in your Mac's web browser.
2. Click **Free Download** in the upper-right side of the page.
3. Double-click the downloaded DMG file.
4. Verify the software if prompted.
5. Drag the BBEdit icon onto the "Applications" folder.
6. Follow any on-screen prompts.



Open Spotlight



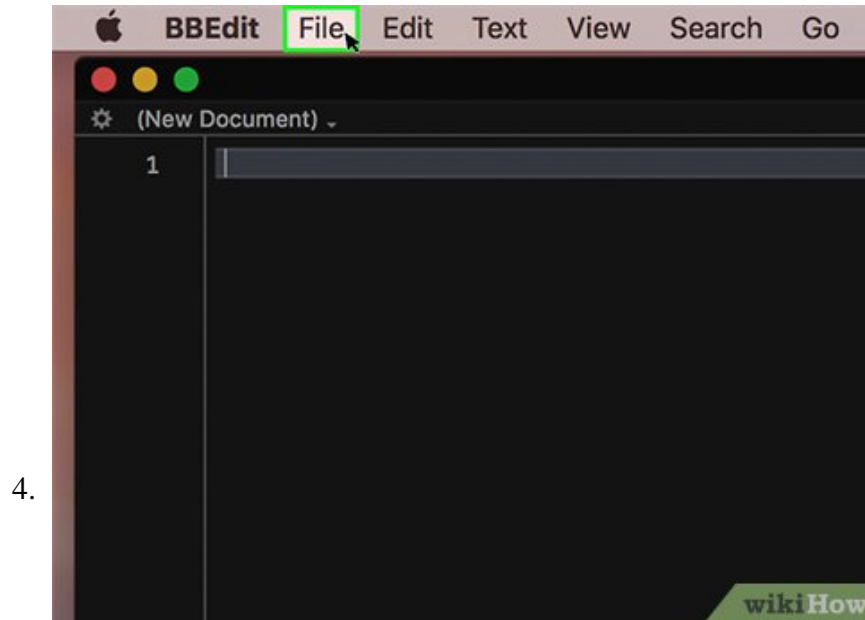
. Click the magnifying glass-shaped icon in the top-right corner of the screen to do so.



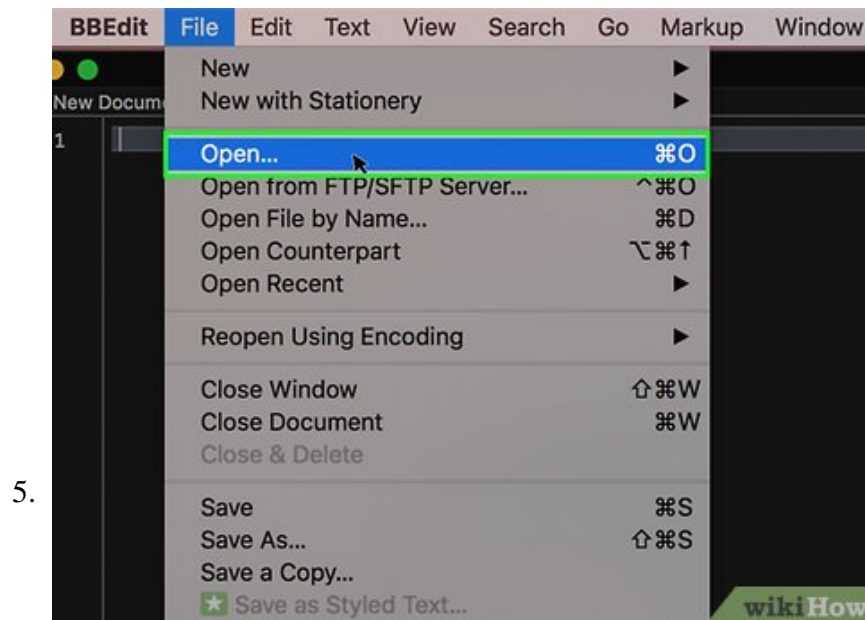
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Open BBEdit. Type in `bbedit` , then double-click **BBEdit** in the resulting drop-down menu.

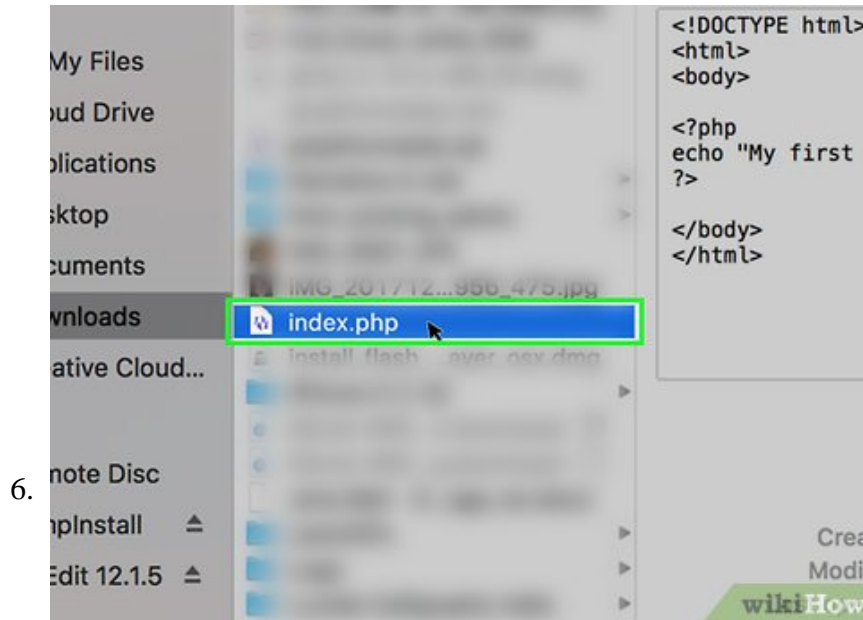
1. If this is your first time opening BBEdit after installing, click **Open** when prompted, then click **Continue** to continue with the 30 day trial.



Click **File**. It's in the top-left corner of the screen. A drop-down menu will appear.

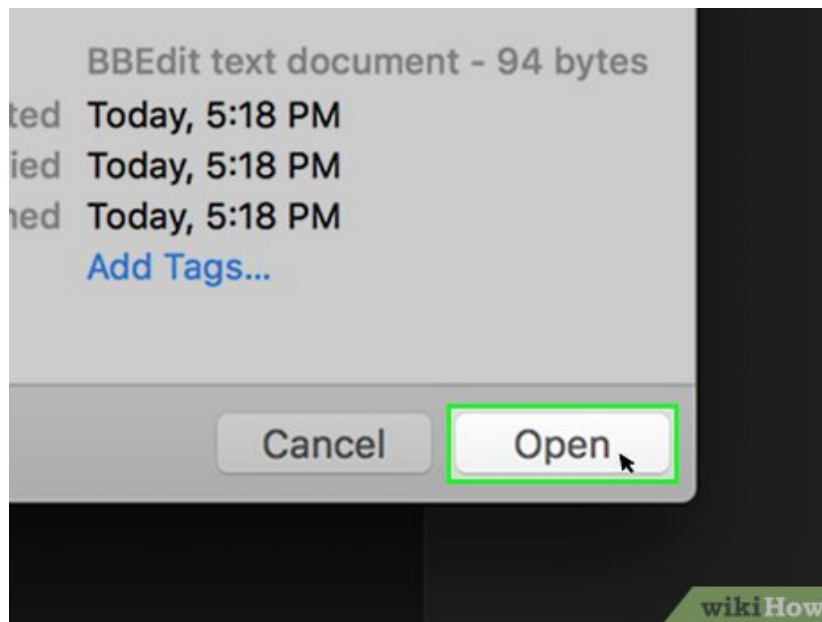


Click **Open...**. This is in the **File** drop-down menu. Doing so opens a Finder window.



6.

Select your PHP file. Go to the location in which your PHP file is stored, then click the PHP file to select it.



7.

Click . It's in the bottom-right corner of the window. Doing so opens the PHP file in BBEdit; you should now be able to see the PHP file's text.

1. You may instead click **Choose** here.
2. If you edit your PHP file, be sure to save it by pressing `Command + S`.

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