

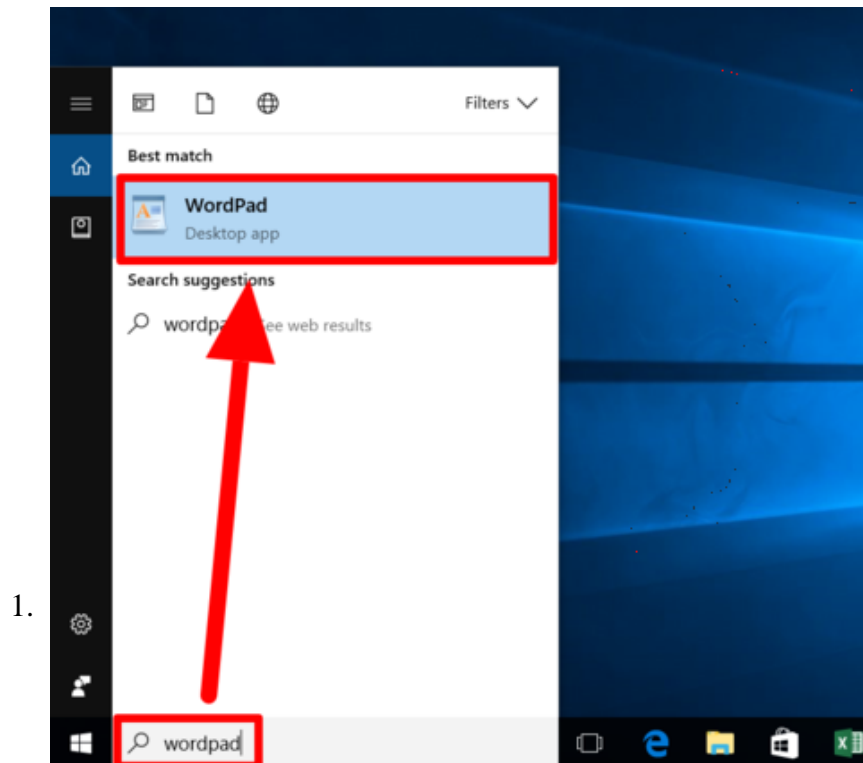
# How to Open WordPad in Windows 10

WordPad is a free and simple word processing application that was introduced in Windows 95 and is still around in Windows 10. It is not as simple as Notepad nor advanced as Microsoft Word, and it is somewhat limited.[https://en.wikipedia....](https://en.wikipedia...)

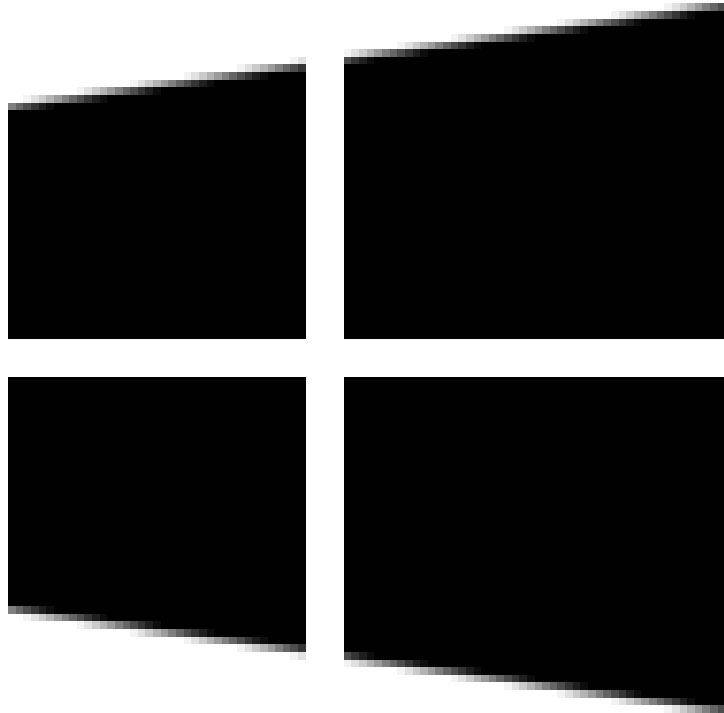
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## Using Windows Search

This is the quickest method.



**Click the search bar/icon on the taskbar.** If it's missing, then click on the Start



button.

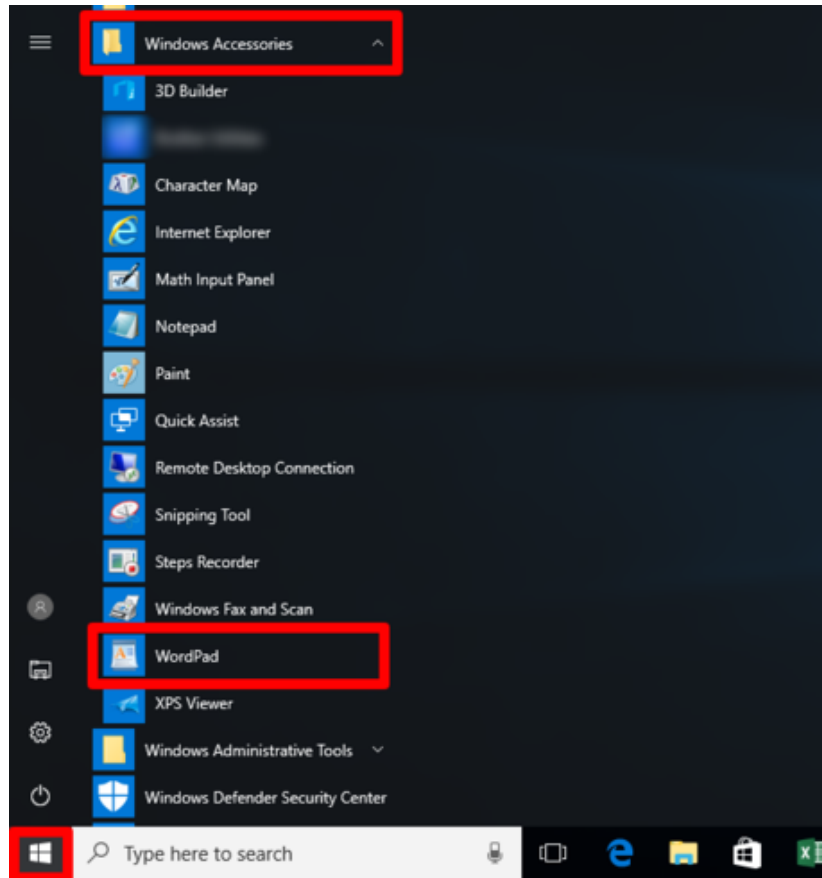
2. Type **wordpad** .
3. **Hit the ? Enter** key or select the matching result.

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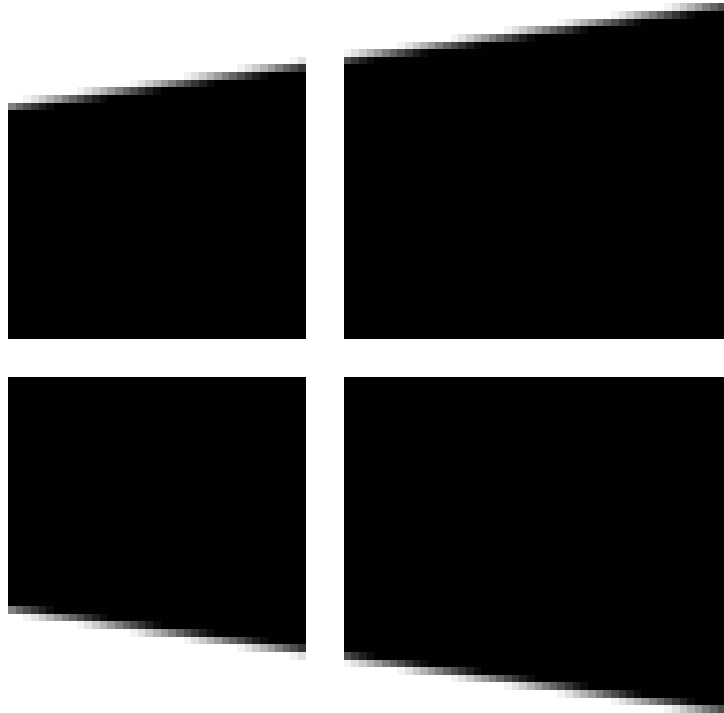
### **Accessing through "All Apps" List in the Start Menu**

The Start menu contains a list of all software installed on your PC. WordPad is hidden under the "Windows Accessories" folder of the list.

1.



**Click on the Start**



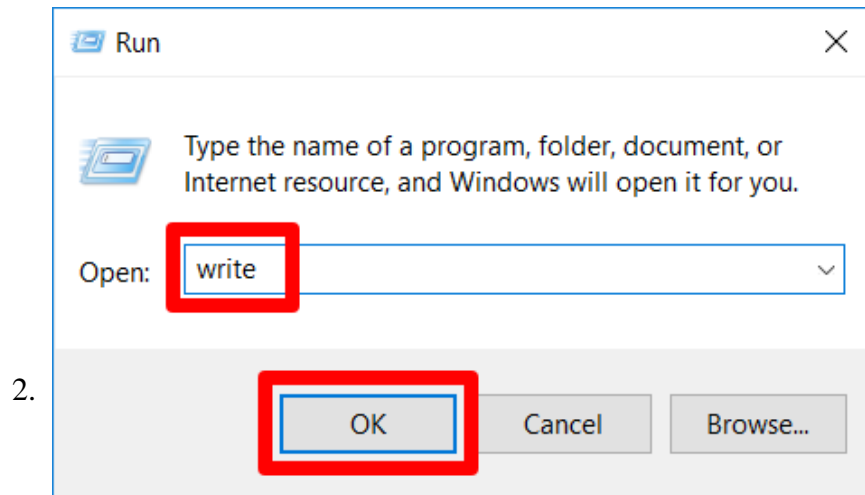
**button.**

2. **Open the All apps list from the left of the Start menu.** You can also scroll if you've configured it to show on the tiles page.
3. **Click the "Windows Accessories" folder.**
4. **Choose "WordPad".**

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### **Running through the Dialog Window**

1. **Press the `Win + R` keyboard keys at the same time.**



Type `write` , `wordpad` , or `%SystemDrive%/Program Files/Windows NT/Accessories/WordPad.exe` .

3. Hit the `Enter` key or click **OK** .

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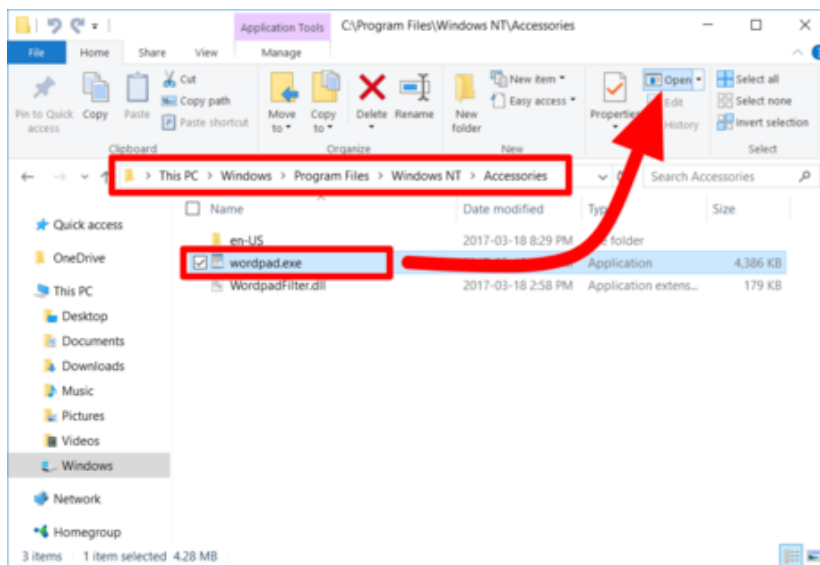
## Searching with File Explorer


This is the built-in file management app that also stores system files, including WordPad.

1. **Open File Explorer.** You can do this quickly by clicking the taskbar icon



or pressing ? Win + E .



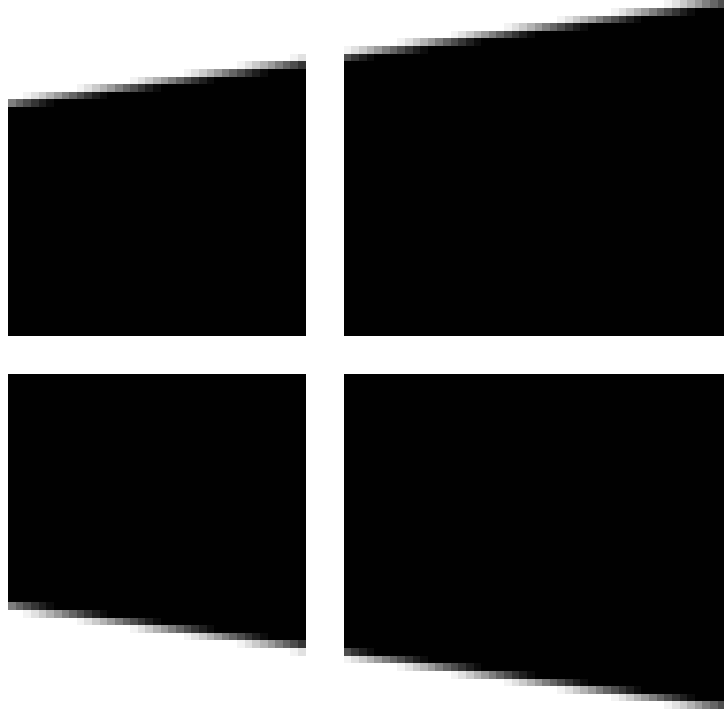
Type `%SystemDrive%/Program Files/Windows NT/Accessories` .Hit ? Enter or click the right arrow .

1. You can also manually navigate to the folder, replacing "%SystemDrive%" with your drive letter (usually C : ).
3. **Open the "wordpad" executable file.** It might have ".exe" at the end of the name depending on your file viewing settings.

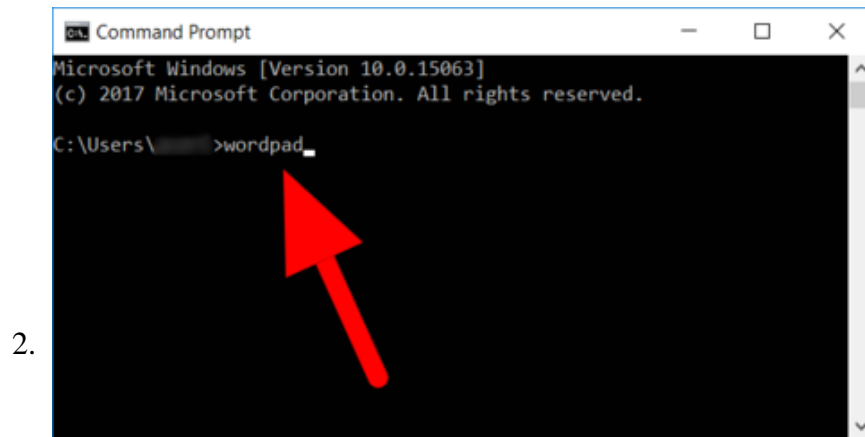
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## Using the Command Prompt

1. **Open the Command Prompt.** One way is to right-click the Start



button and click `Command Prompt`.<sup>[3]</sup>



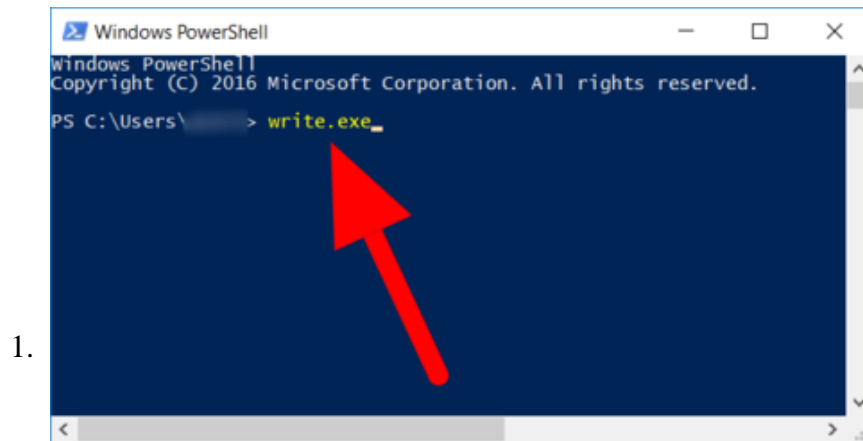
Type `write` or `wordpad.exe`.

3. Hit `Enter`.

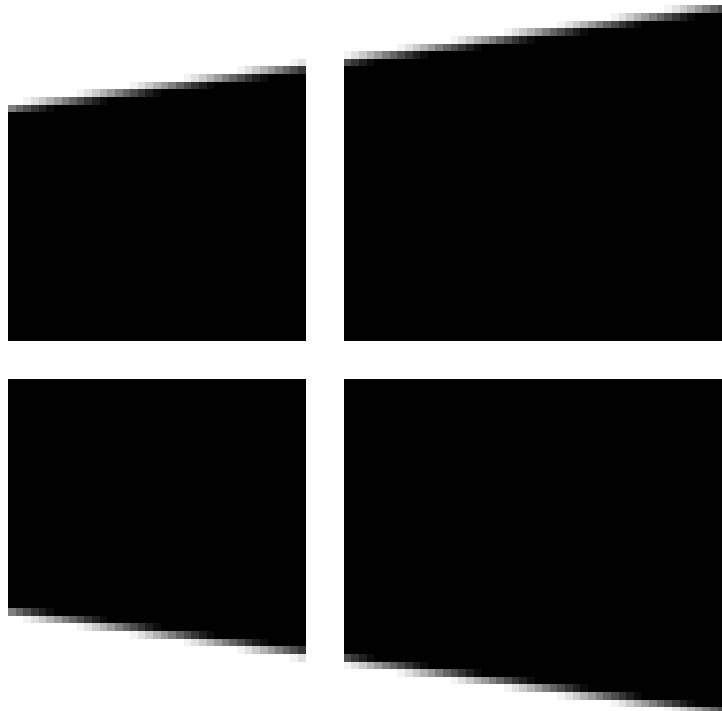
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## Opening with Windows PowerShell

WordPad can be opened through PowerShell, which is an alternative to Command Prompt.<sup>[4]</sup>



**Run Powershell.** Type `powershell` into the taskbar search bar (or launch the Start



menu and type if the bar is missing).

2. **Select "Windows PowerShell".** Ignore any advanced results that may appear (such as "PowerShell ISE" and "PowerShell (x86)").<sup>[5]</sup>
3. **Wait until you see the Microsoft copyright info at the top.** Depending on your computer, there might be a delay of up to 5 seconds until this appears.
4. **Type `write.exe`.**

## 5. Hit **Enter**.

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