

How to Use Markdown and Rich Text Formatting in Windows 11 Notepad

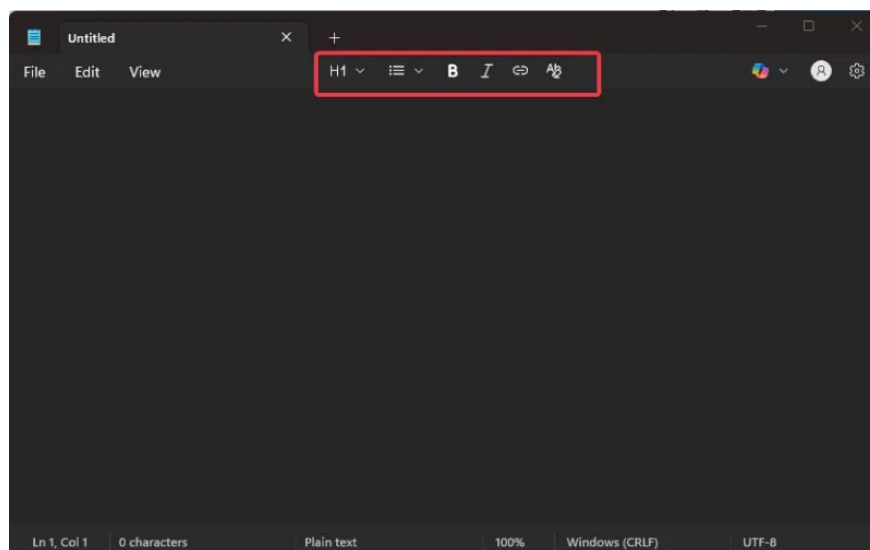
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Notepad on Windows 11 has just been significantly upgraded, it is no longer just a plain text editor. Although it is just a lightweight replacement for WordPad, it now supports markdown and interesting formatting options. This article will show you how to use markdown and the new Rich Text formatting options in Notepad on Windows 11 to make your notes stand out.

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Getting Started with Notepad's Formatting Toolbar

Accessing Rich Text formatting in Notepad on Windows 11 is easy. Open Notepad and you'll see a new toolbar at the top, right next to the **File**, **Edit**, and **View** menus.

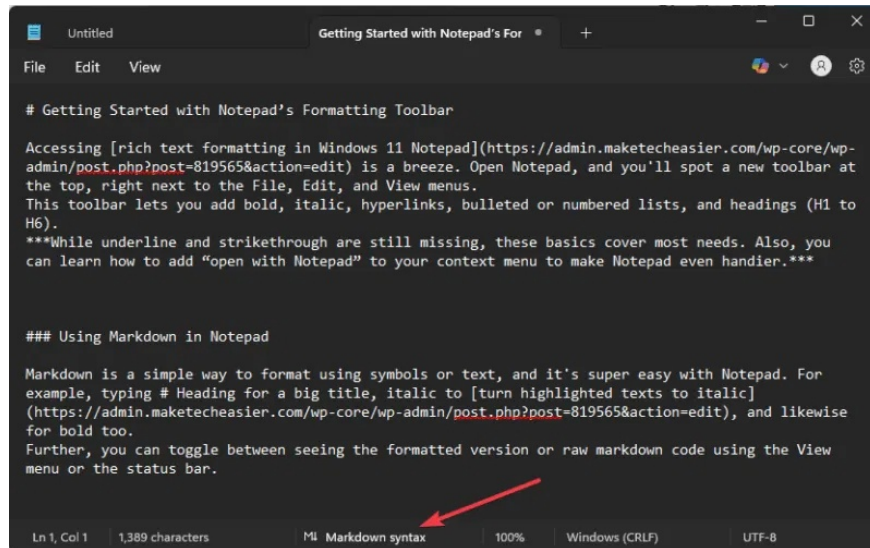


This toolbar lets you add bold, italic text, hyperlinks, bulleted or numbered lists, and headings (H1 through H6).

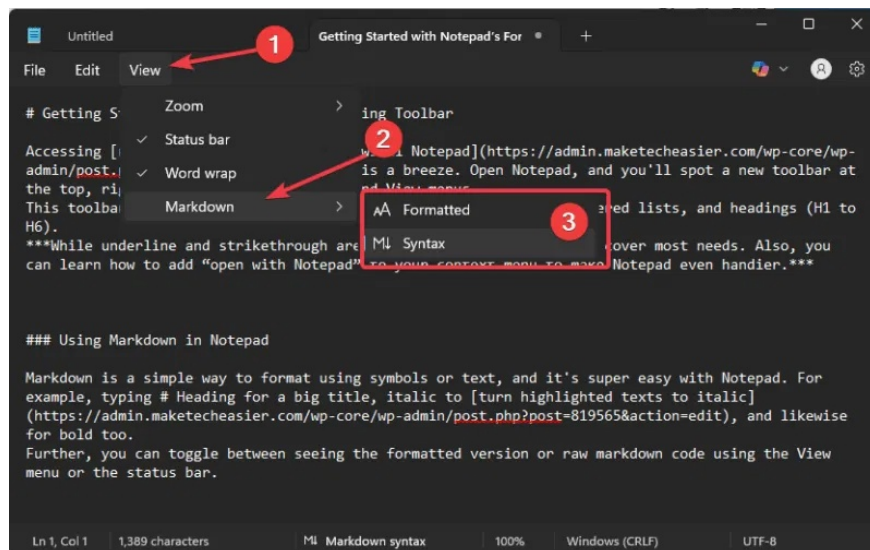
Although underlining and strikethrough are still missing, these basic features should cover most needs. Additionally, you can learn how to add an "Open with Notepad" option to the context menu to make Notepad even more convenient.

Using Markdown in Notepad

Markdown is a simple way to format text or symbols, and it's incredibly easy to do with Notepad. For example, type pound signs (#) for headings, use asterisks (*) for emphasis, close code with quotation marks, etc.



Additionally, you need to select **syntax** in **Markdown** in the **View** menu option or just click directly on it on the status bar below to use these symbols.

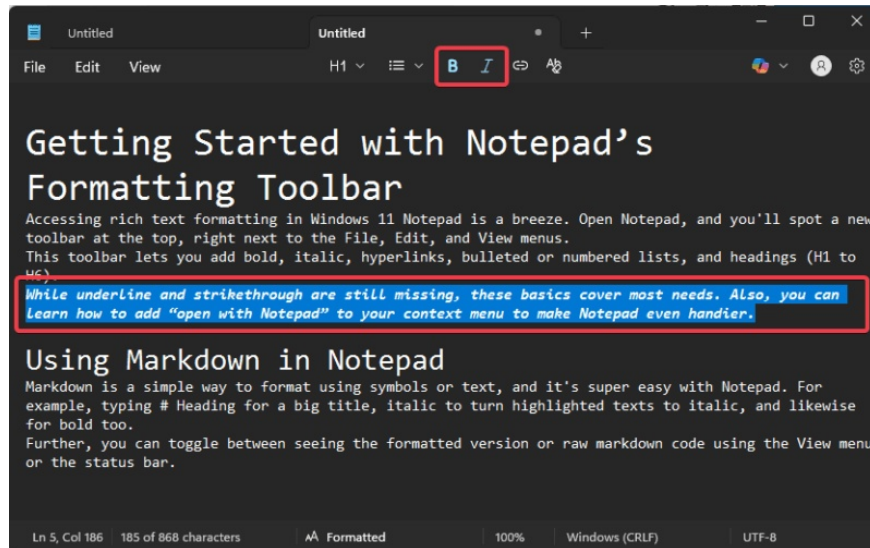


If you're a Markdown fan, you can save the file as .md for easy Markdown use. TipsMake.com also has a detailed guide to the best Markdown editors for Windows if you want to compare Notepad to other tools.

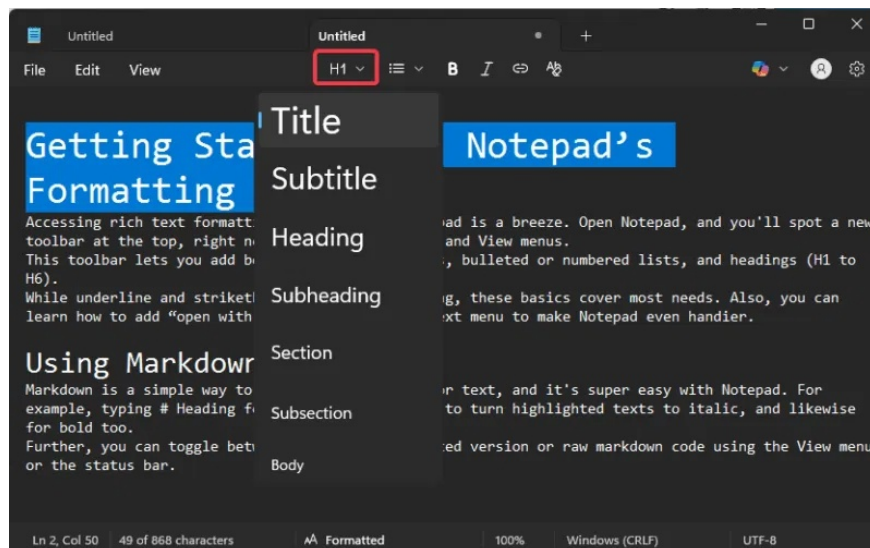
Apply Rich Text Formatting

To use Rich Text formatting in Windows 11 Notepad, highlight the text you want to format or place your cursor where you're typing.

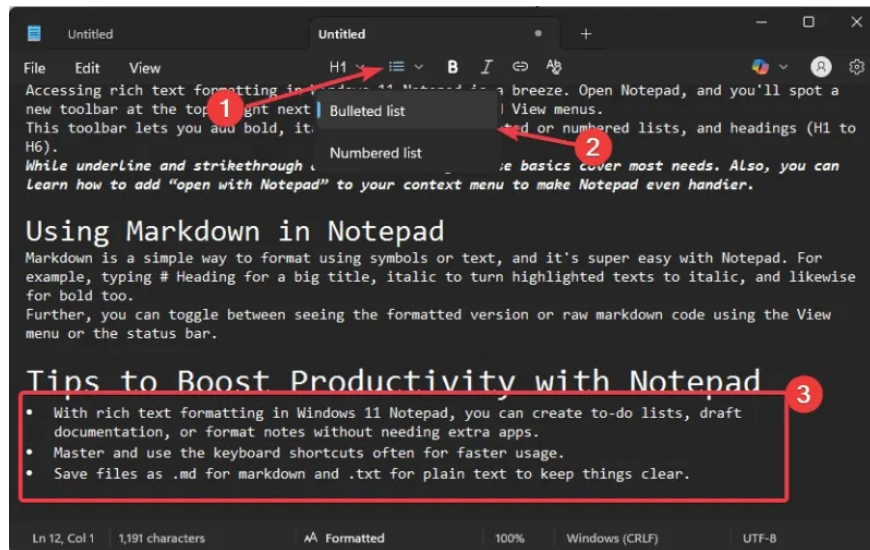
Select any formatting option on the toolbar (bold, italic, or hyperlink).



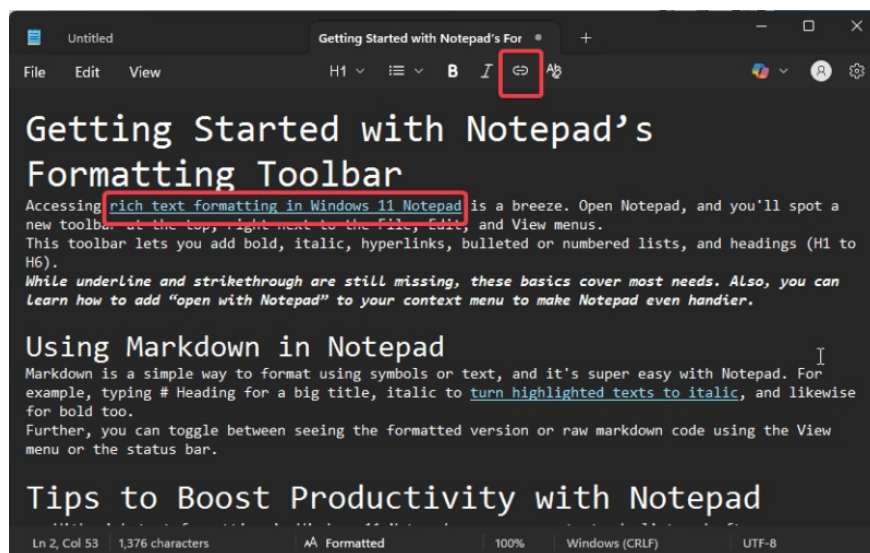
Alternatively, click on the **Headings** drop-down menu and select an option from **Title** to **Subsection (H1-H6)**.



Click on the list option and choose bulleted or numbered list depending on what you need to write.

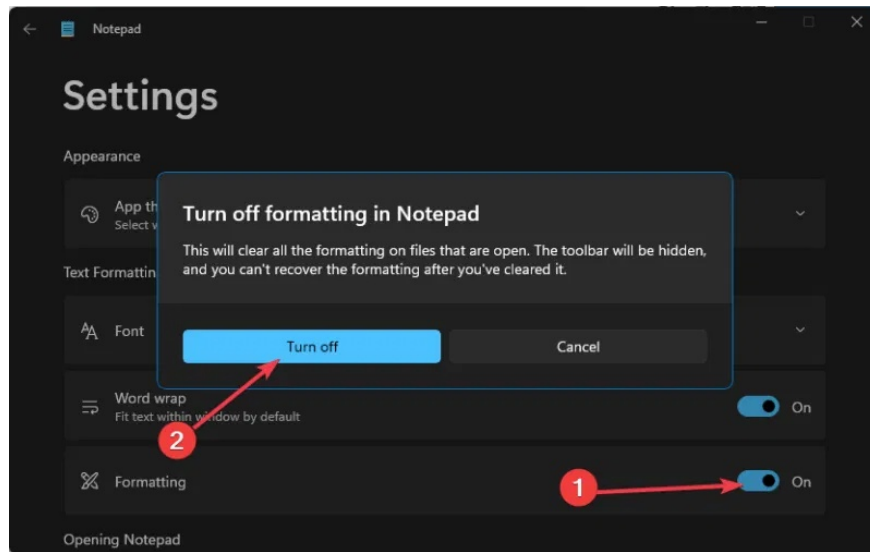


Additionally, some formatting options have keyboard shortcuts, such as **Ctrl + B** for bold and **Ctrl + I** for italic, or **Ctrl + K** for hyperlink, which make operations faster.



Customize Notepad settings

If you like the old-style plain text mode and don't like the markdown or Rich Text formatting in Windows 11 Notepad, go to **Settings** or the **Edit** menu to disable the formatting. Then confirm by clicking **Turn off**.



Alternatively, you can use classic notepad.exe to launch the old-style Notepad. Plus, Notepad still supports .txt files, so your existing notes won't get messed up.

Boost productivity with Notepad

1. With Rich Text formatting in Windows 11 Notepad, you can create to-do lists, compose documents, or format notes without needing additional apps.
2. Master and use keyboard shortcuts regularly for faster use.
3. Save the file as .md for markdown and .txt for plain text to keep things clean.

The new markdown and Rich Text formatting features in Notepad Windows 11 make it the perfect tool for anyone taking notes. Just update to the latest version via the Microsoft Store and enjoy!

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