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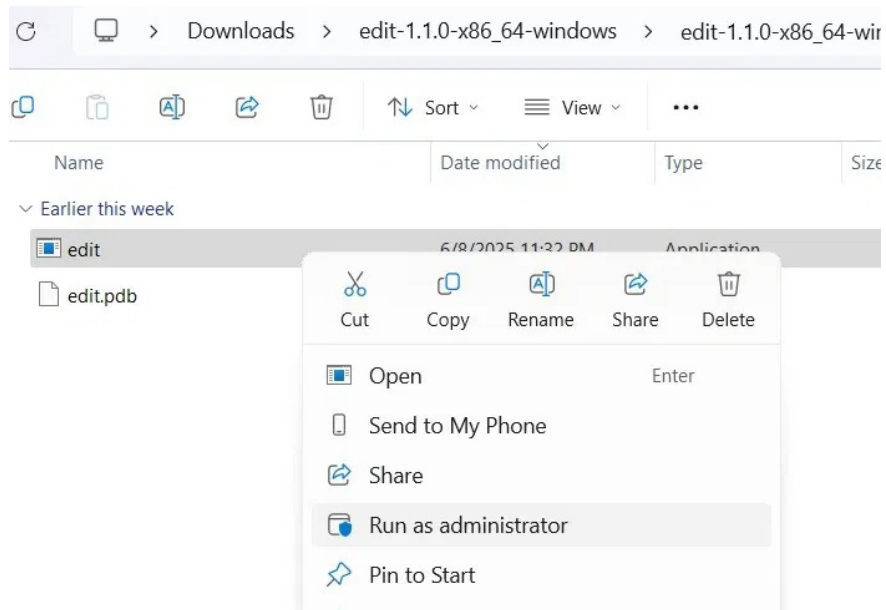
Install Microsoft Edit

There are two ways to install Microsoft Edit, using the Github source file or via winget in PowerShell. It supports both Windows 10 and Windows 11.

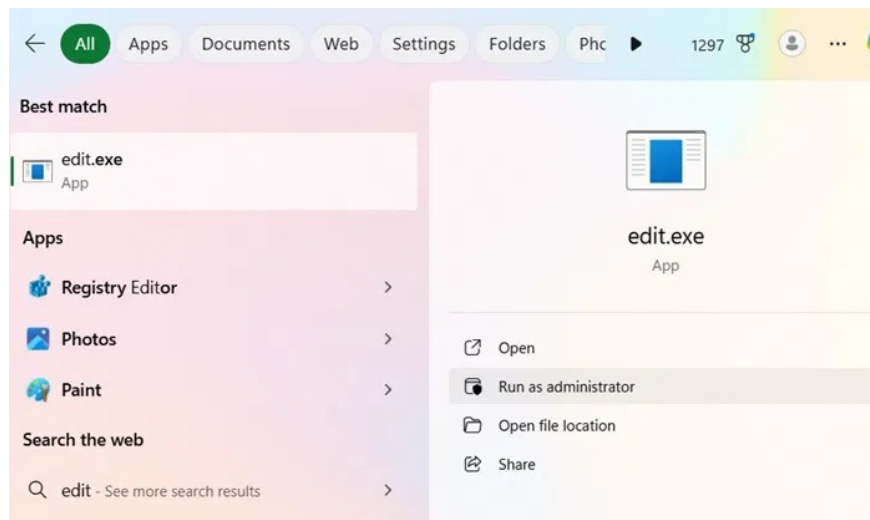
GitHub

Go to the official Microsoft Edit GitHub repository page . Download the ZIP file to your PC and extract its folders.

From the extracted inner folder, you can run the application with admin rights with just a right click.



You can also launch the Edit application, seen as "edit.exe" from the search menu. It's always better to choose **Run as administrator** .

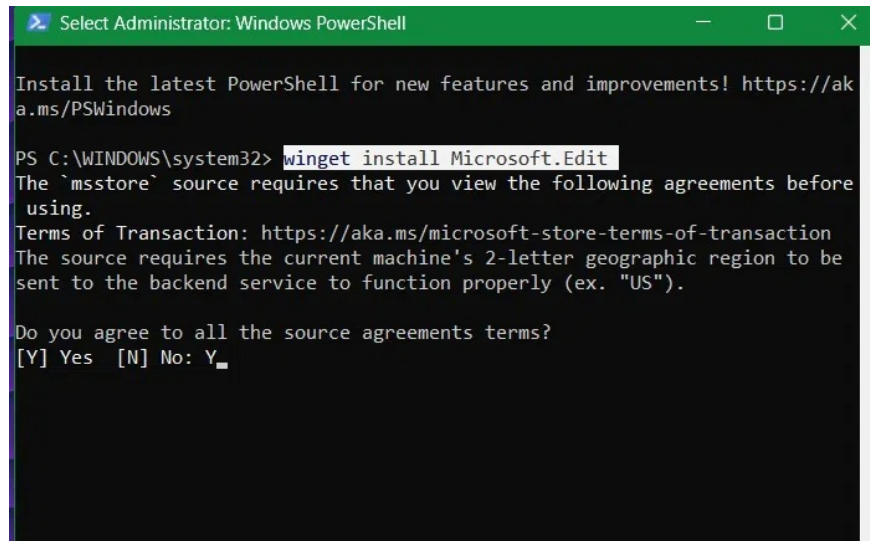


To get the full benefits of Edit's features, it's best to install the full application as shown below.

Winget

Open a PowerShell window in admin mode . Type the following command, then press **Y** to agree to all the terms of the source agreement.

```
winget install Microsoft.Edit
```

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell terminal window titled "Select Administrator: Windows PowerShell". The terminal displays the following text: "Install the latest PowerShell for new features and improvements! https://aka.ms/PSWindows", "PS C:\WINDOWS\system32> winget install Microsoft.Edit", "The 'msstore' source requires that you view the following agreements before using.", "Terms of Transaction: https://aka.ms/microsoft-store-terms-of-transaction", "The source requires the current machine's 2-letter geographic region to be sent to the backend service to function properly (ex. 'US').", "Do you agree to all the source agreements terms?", and "[Y] Yes [N] No: Y_".

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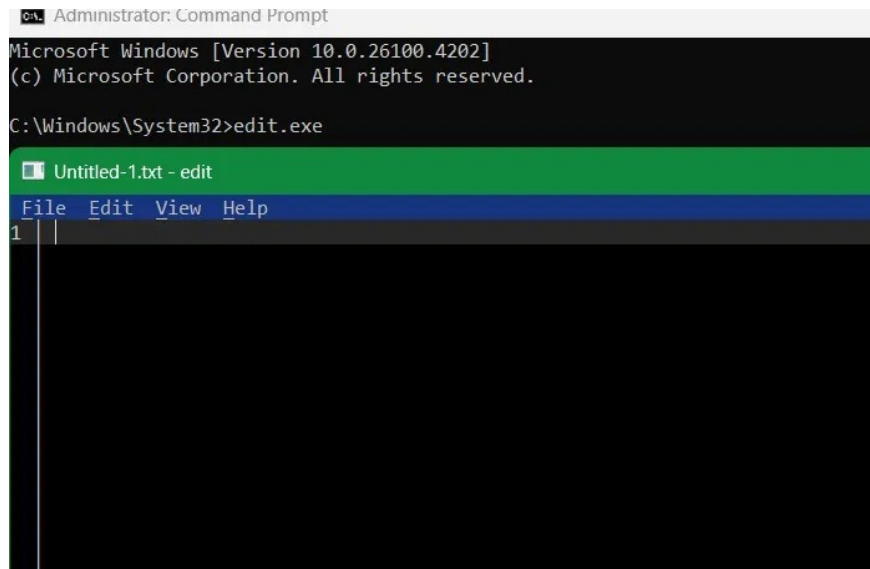
As you play around with Microsoft Edit, you'll discover many useful features and uses. Unlike the previous MS-DOS Editor, which only supported 16-bit applications, the new Edit is fully extensible with the future 64-bit Windows 11.

Extremely simple Windows command line editor

As a Windows developer, you will find Microsoft Edit to be an ideal tool for your needs. It strikes the perfect balance between simplicity and functionality, allowing you to modify the code behind software applications without having to memorize complex commands and steps.

Completely open source, Microsoft Edit has gained a lot of traction due to its overall simplicity with a clean green screen interface. Only 4 buttons represent its minimalist design, with File, Edit and View containing everything you need.

Like Notepad, the **Edit** button in this app supports all the common keyboard shortcuts, such as **Ctrl + S** to save a text file, along with shortcuts like **Ctrl + Z**, **Ctrl + Y**, **Ctrl + F** to find files, **Ctrl + R** to replace, and **Ctrl + A** to select all. Of course, cut, copy, and paste shortcuts are also available.



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Administrator: Command Prompt
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C:\Windows\System32>edit.exe

Untitled-1.txt - edit
File Edit View Help
1 |
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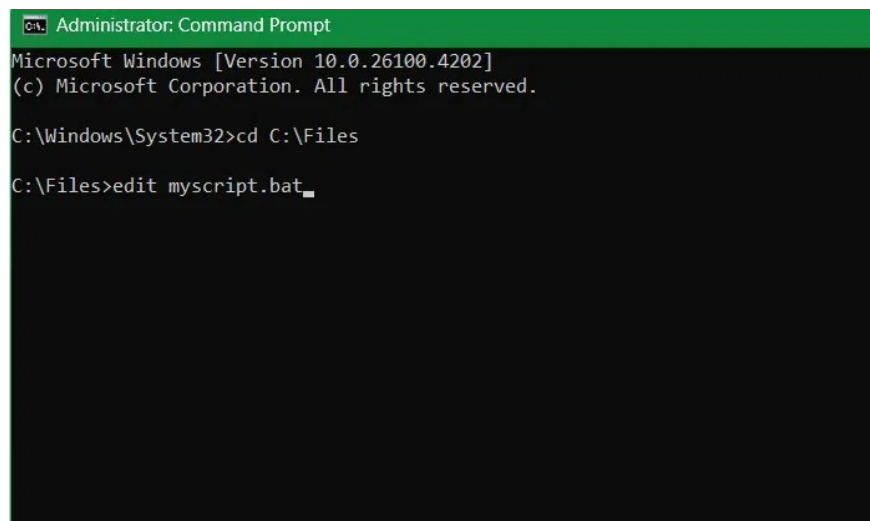
Note that Edit does not execute any commands by itself, so you cannot use it to run system commands like `ipconfig` . However, you can use it to write any PowerShell script, with PS1 files.

Create and edit batch files

Edit serves as a replacement for many of Notepad's text editing functions, most notably the ability to edit batch scripts, although it cannot create them.

Open Command Prompt and use `cd` to put yourself in the path of the file where you store some BAT scripts. Here, for example, there is a script named **"MyScript"** stored in the **C:Files** folder path . Now, all you have to do is use `cd` to go to the correct folder location and enter the following command:

```
edit "Batch file script name".bat
```

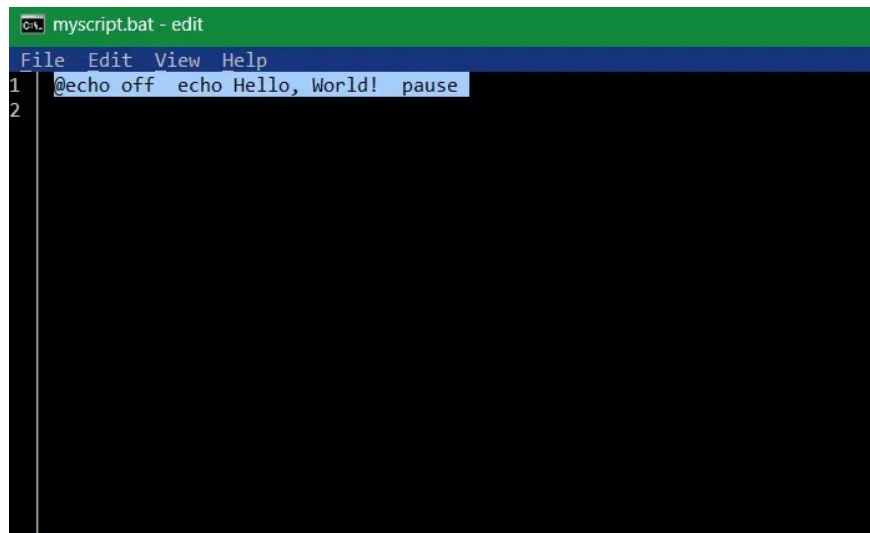


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C:\Windows\System32>cd C:\Files
C:\Files>edit myscript.bat
```

Before Microsoft Edit, editing batch scripts directly in a command-line interpreter like PowerShell or Command Prompt was cumbersome and challenging. You had to use a third-party editor like Vim or leave the interpreter

and open Notepad or Visual Studio Code . This frequent window switching disrupted the workflow of most developers.



```
myscript.bat - edit
File Edit View Help
1 @echo off echo Hello, World! pause
2
```

Manual file management is also a pain. Remember all that 'echo on' and 'echo off' just to move files around within your own system. All that is now a thing of the past, as the Edit app launches directly into the folder path of your choice.

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