How to use Notepad++

What is Notepad++ : Notepad++ is a text editor and source code editor for use with Microsoft Windows. Unlike Microsoft Notepad, the built-in Windows text editor, it supports tabbed editing, which allows working with multiple open files in a single window.

Why to use Notepad++ : We use Notepad++ for editing , comparing php, javascript , jquery , html etc files.

Prerequisites: Notepad ++ Software which we can download from below url:

https://notepad-plus-plus.org/download/v7.6.2.html

Process :

Notepad++ is easy to use text editor preloaded with all necessary functions that we often use in development.

Simple steps to use Notepad++ :

1. So as use Notepad++ we first have to install it.
2. After successful installation you can open this app by either clicking on shortcut icon created on desktop.
3. To open any file with notepad++ , Goto File -> Open (Ctrl + O) and select your file to open.
4. Take a look at below url for some quick shortcuts for using this tool,

http://www.keyxl.com/aaacd5a/43/Notepad-Plus-text-editor-softwar e-keyboard-shortcuts.htm

How To Use Compare Option in Notepad++:

1. Install Compare Plugin:

Notepad++ also allow us to compare our two files simultaneously. To use this functionality you first have to add 'Compare' plugin into your Notepad++ . to do this follow below steps.

1. Goto Plugins-> Plugin Manager-> Show Plugin Manager
2. Search for 'Compare' plugin from the list and check it.
3. After selecting your plugin simply hit install button which will ask you for confirmation prompt allow this option this will restart your Notapad++ app.

B) How to use Compare plugin for Comparing two versions of a file

1) Firstly open two versions of your file inside Notepad++.

2) Then goto Plugins-> Compare -> Compare (Alt + D).

3) This will divide your two files into two windows within which it will show your file comparisons. Eg. suppose your file A has an extra line of Codes that file B then that extra part will be shown with Green Part and if some part is missing from file B to file A then this will show that part in Red color.

Likewise you can compare your code in between two files.

4) To clear your results goto Plugins-> Compare -> Clear Results .

One can also refer below tutorial video for more help.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl82JFZvrX8

What Can go wrong :

While using Notepad++ it's always recommended to save your save your file first if you are creating new file so as to use it's auto code detection functionality. As Notepad++ recognises each file differently according to its extension.