

Requirements

A photograph of a computer workstation. In the foreground, a silver and blue computer mouse with a red light is on a wooden desk. Behind it is a white keyboard. In the background, a computer monitor is visible, and to the right, a black speaker with a green light. A clear pen lies on the desk next to the mouse.

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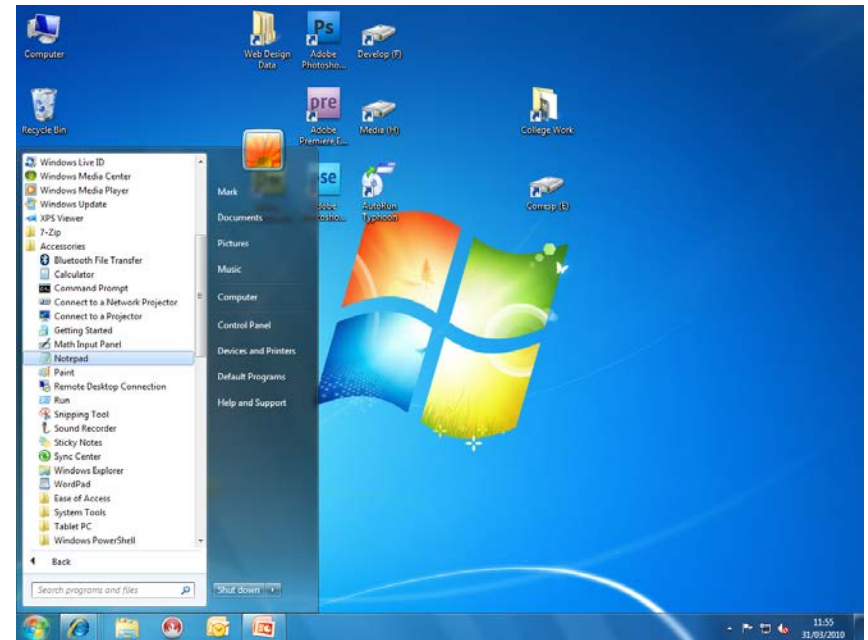
Necessaries

- Computer
- Time
- Internet Connection
- Web Browser, for example: Microsoft Internet Explorer (FREE)
- Notepad or any other simple text editor to create and/or edit web pages (FREE)
- Knowledge (I will try to help)
- FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client software to upload web pages (available FREE)
- Web Hosting company
(some are FREE – to be discussed later)
- Determination to succeed



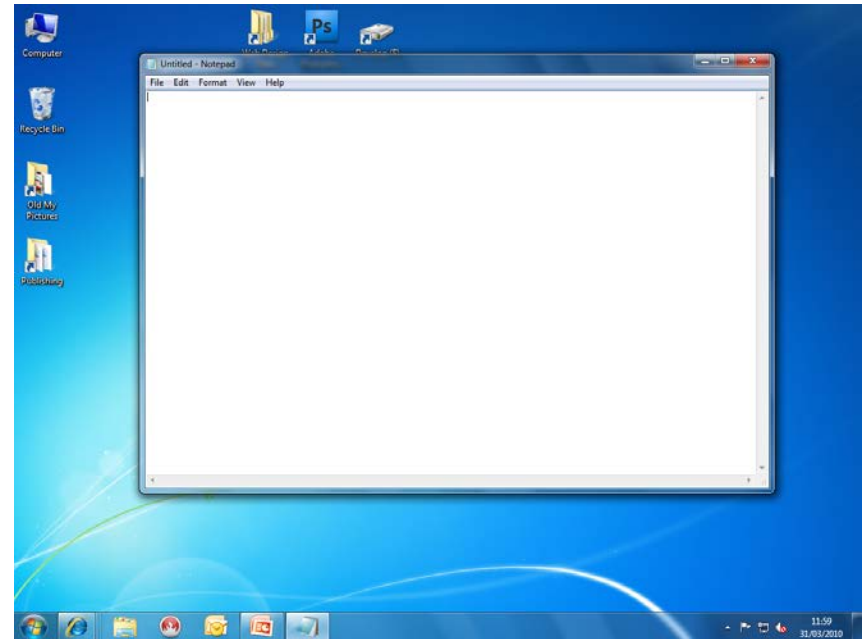
Notepad

- Notepad is available FREE with Microsoft Windows
- Notepad can be located within the Accessories menu
- Any plain text editor can be used



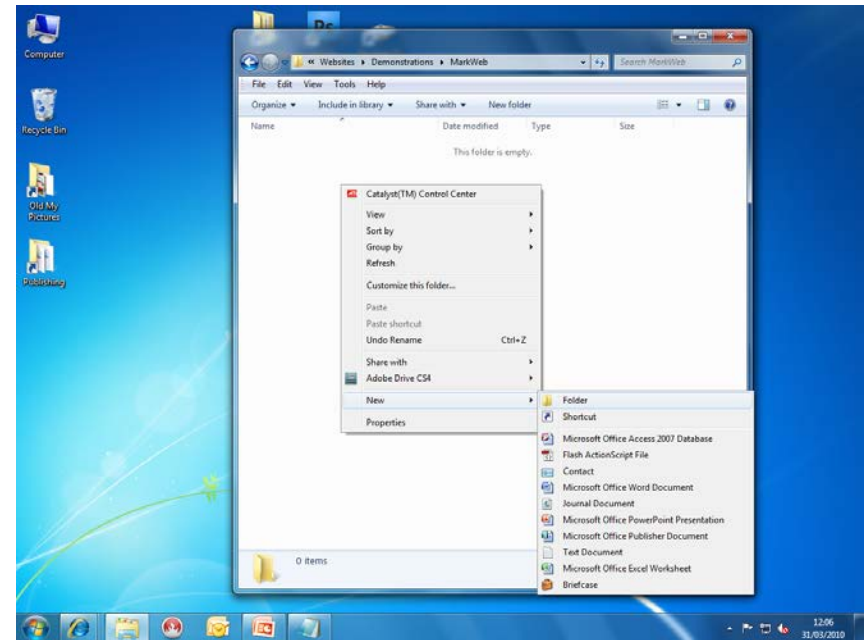
Plain Text Editor - Notepad

- Plain text editors are ideal for coding web pages
- No distractions from automatic formatting of text
- Coding HTML provides formatting of web pages
- Saving the file as .html tells the computer to generate a web page – no worries!



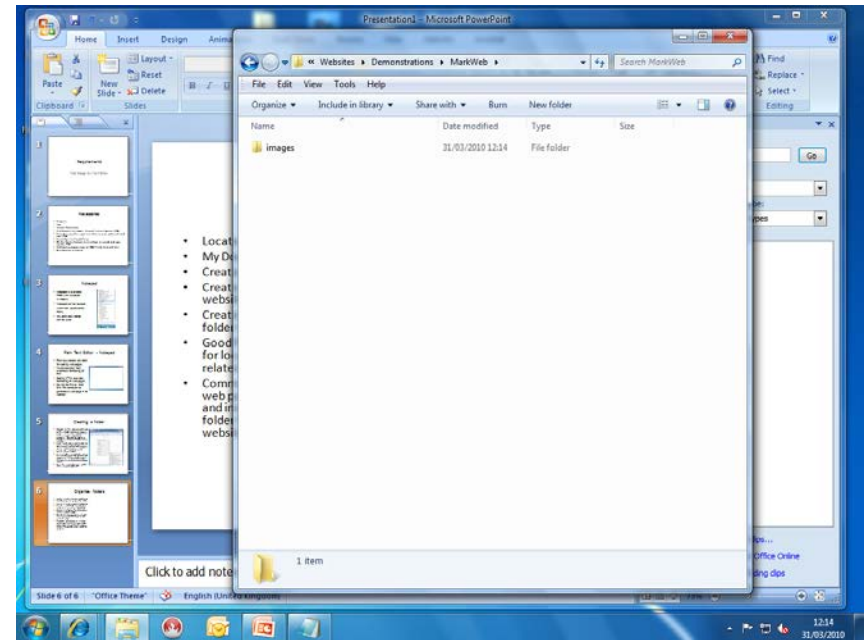
Creating a folder

- Navigate to the place you wish a new folder (double clicking will open a drive / folder). Accessing any drive / folder on your computer, for example: 'Documents' folder or Computer drives and double click on a folder
- Right hand mouse click for short cut menu or File > New Folder or use a 'New Folder' button. The example shows right hand mouse click
- Select: New > Folder
- A new folder is created and is waiting for a folder name. No need to click anywhere, the new folder name is already selected and waiting for your input
- Type the new folder name and hit enter on your keyboard



Organise folders

- Locate a folder for your web design
- My Documents or any other folder
- Create a folder named:
YourName_WebDesign
(Everything is to be within this folder)
- Create a folder named: Coursework
- Create a sub-folder for individual websites, we will use: Learning
- Create a folder within the Learning folder named: images
- Good file management is essential for locating and editing files and related items
- Common good practice is to have web pages within the main folder and image files within the images folder for possible re-use across the website



Summary

- You probably have most things required to get started...
- Web Browser for viewing web pages (you will probably have used Microsoft Internet Explorer or Firefox already)
- Internet connection to download web pages, test your own web page design, upload your website to go live and to view online
- Notepad
- File Management preparation



Exercise

- Confirmation of exercise:

Create a folder named: YourName_WebDesign

Create a sub folder named: Coursework

Create a sub folder of the Coursework folder named:
Learning

Create a sub folder of the Learning folder named: images

- The web pages we design will be saved into the Learning folder on the same level as the images folder. All images will be stored in the...you've guessed it...images folder

