

## Windows 11 Notepad - Automatically Save Session State

Starting with version 11.2307.22.0, Windows 11's Notepad has a new feature that automatically saves your session state. This means you can close Notepad without interrupting dialogs (like a quick restart) and then pick up where you left off when you return. Notepad will automatically restore previously open tabs and unsaved content and edits across those open tabs.

Importantly, your changes aren't automatically saved to the file, so you don't have to worry about inadvertently overwriting important data. Instead, Notepad retains the text and only writes the changes back to the file if you explicitly save it. Please note the saved session state applies to the current computer. Your changes are not synchronized across devices or other text editors you may have installed.

If you prefer the old behavior, the auto-save feature can be turned off in Notepad's settings <sup>123</sup>.

### To turn off Automatic Save

1. Open **Notepad**.
2. Click on the **Gear icon** to access **Settings**.
3. Under the setting called **When Notepad starts**, change the selection from Open content from the previous session to **Open a new window**.

**Note:** You can also use Settings to apply a theme, change the font, turn off Word wrap, and where your files are opened.

If you have questions, please contact the Help Desk at [helpdesk@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:helpdesk@cityofmesquite.com).

(1) Windows Notepad Is Adding Automatic File Saving - How-To Geek.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/windows-notepad-is-adding-automatic-file-saving/>.

(2) Turn On or Off Automatically Save Session State for Notepad in Windows.

<https://www.elevenforum.com/t/turn-on-or-off-automatically-save-session-state-for-notepad-in-windows-11.17595/>.

(3) Windows 11's Notepad is getting an auto-save feature.

<https://www.ghacks.net/2023/09/01/windows-11s-notepad-is-getting-an-auto-save-feature/>.