

Preface

SciTE is not an ideal Editor for HTML, but that is true for all multipurpose-editors. They all have their shortcomings when it comes to embedding and particularly modifying links or images.

For changing textual content, however, a lean editor such as SciTE is just right – provided it has a spell checker. That's why I wrote Orthospell.

Apart from that, there are a couple of things that make life easier for HTML-Programmers.

Tag completion

Open the **html.properties** file and enable or set auto completion:

```
xml.auto.close.tags=1
```

UTF-8 encoding

utf-8 has become the standard for web pages. As SciTE is not capable of identifying utf-8, you have to switch it yourself via File → Encoding.

In order to avoid this cumbersome way I came up with two solutions:

Context entry for switching between default cp and utf-8

Enter the following settings into your **SciTEUser.properties** file:

```
user.context.menu=\
||\
Codepage|IDM_ENCODING_DEFAULT|\
UTF-8|IDM_ENCODING_UCOOKIE|\
```

If you right-click inside the text-window you will now find two new options at the bottom of the context menu:

```
Codepage
UTF-8
```

Automatic utf-8 detection and switching

The script **html-utf8.lua** looks for the string 'utf-8' within the first 500 characters of a HTML file and, if found, switches to 'UTF-8 without BOM'.

The script must be placed into the directory **scite_lua** and extman.lua must be present in SciTE's home directory.

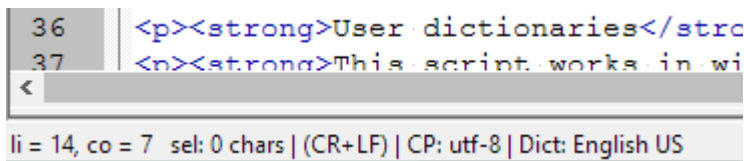
Displaying the code page in the status bar

Find the status bar settings in your **SciTEGlobal.properties** file and add the **red part** of the definition in the box below to your setting. Make sure you have set: `statusbar.visible=1`

```
statusbar.text.1=\
li = $(LineNumber), co = $(ColumnNumber) sel: $(SelLength) chars | $(EOLMode)) | CP:  
$(doc.cp) | Dict: $(spell.dictlang)
```

Note: You can add the [blue part](#) for having the selected language dictionary displayed as well (Orthospell must be installed)

Your status bar will now look as in the picture below:



Important note: Changing the code page manually will not update the status line!

Context entry for turning word wrap on / off

Although HTML ignores line breaks it is better not to use them just to avoid horizontal scrolling; use word wrapping instead. Here too a context entry to switch it on or off comes in handy.

Add the following to your [SciTEUser.properties](#) file:

```
user.context.menu=\  
||\  
Wrap |IDM_WRAP|
```

If you defined the code page options from above, just add the red part.