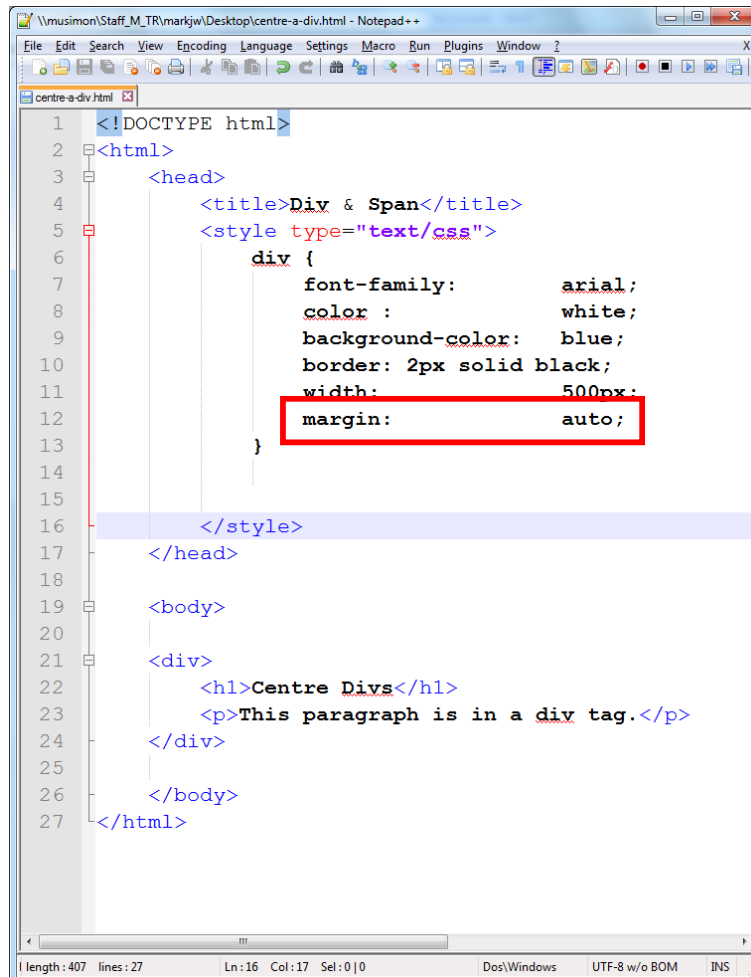


## How Do I Centre Elements Using CSS?

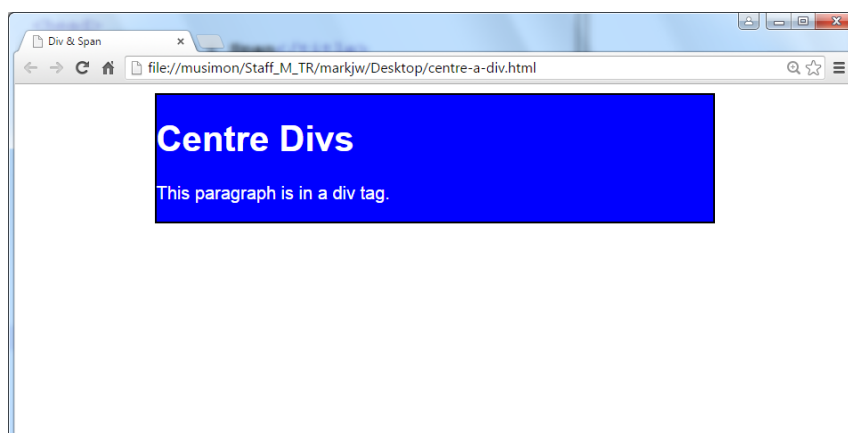
### How to Centre a Div Element

When placing a div in the centre of a web page, you need to use the `margin` CSS property inside the div (or class) selector that you want to centre:



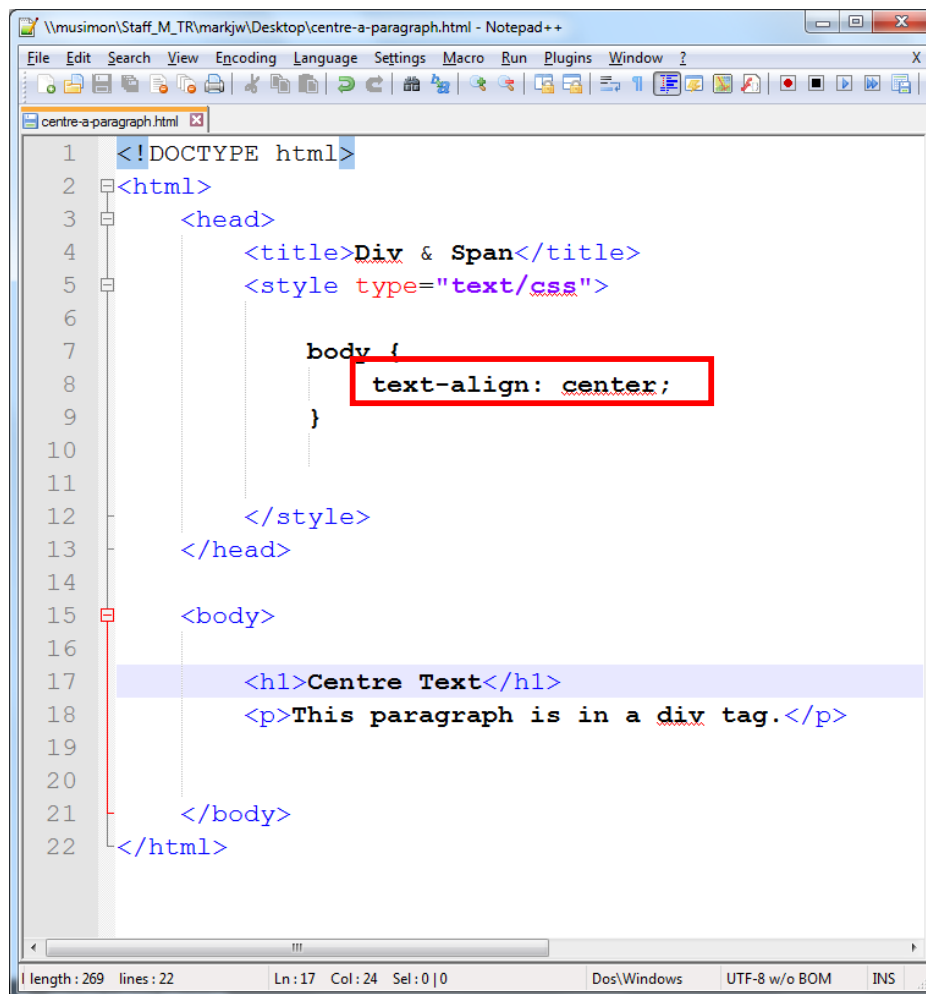
```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>Div & Span</title>
5     <style type="text/css">
6       div {
7         font-family:    arial;
8         color :         white;
9         background-color: blue;
10        border: 2px solid black;
11        width:          500px;
12        margin:          auto;
13      }
14    </style>
15  </head>
16  <body>
17    <div>
18      <h1>Centre Dirs</h1>
19      <p>This paragraph is in a div tag.</p>
20    </div>
21  </body>
22 </html>
```

The screenshot shows a Notepad++ window with the file name "centre-a-div.html". The code is an HTML document with a CSS style block. The CSS rule for the `div` selector is highlighted with a red box, showing `margin: auto;` which is used to center the div. The HTML body contains a `div` with a blue background, a black border, and white text. The status bar at the bottom indicates the file length is 407, lines are 27, and the current cursor position is Ln:16, Col:17.



## How to Centre a Paragraph

When aligning text in a paragraph you will need to use the `text-align` CSS property inside the body selector (don't forget to use the American spelling of **center**):



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3   <head>
4     <title>Div & Span</title>
5     <style type="text/css">
6
7       body {
8         text-align: center;
9       }
10
11     </style>
12   </head>
13
14   <body>
15
16     <h1>Centre Text</h1>
17     <p>This paragraph is in a div tag.</p>
18
19   </body>
20 </html>
```

The screenshot shows a Notepad++ window with the file 'centre-a-paragraph.html'. The code is an HTML document with a CSS style block in the head. The style block contains a body selector with the property `text-align: center;` highlighted by a red rectangle. The body contains an 

# Centre Text

 and a paragraph 

This paragraph is in a div tag.

