Practice editing with Komodo Edit or Komodo IDE HTML Editors

Note that the steps for this exercise work in both Komodo Edit or Komodo IDE, but I will just say "Komodo Edit" in the steps below to simplify.

Summary: An HTML editor, like Komodo Edit, has a more efficient interface to use for HTML editing than, say, Notepad. For example, you can edit, save and then preview the rendered web page in the same window. You can preview the rendered web page right inside the editor in an internal browser (Komodo Tab). You can work on more than one web page at a time, in different tabs, previewing each in a corresponding tab. All time savers!

1. If the **menu bar** is not showing, you can get it to show. Click on the hamburger menu in the top right and select View > Toolbars > Show Menubar.

2. Try this. **Open a web page** file in Komodo Edit in 3 different ways. Open the web page file called **chap2.htm**. Find it in the location, *Komodo editor/Basics of Komodo exerc*. (That is, find it in the folder *Komodo editor*, in the subfolder *Basics of Komodo exerc*.)
    a. Open Komodo Edit. Open the file **chap2.htm** from the File menu and select Open. Now close the file, not the program.

    b. With Komodo Edit still open, go into File Explorer (or into Finder on a Mac) to where file **chap2.htm** is located and drag the file into the Komodo Edit program window. That is, drag it from the File Explorer (or Finder) window onto the Komodo Edit program icon on the taskbar. Hover it over the taskbar program icon until the program window opens and drop it into the window. Then again, close the file, but not the program.

    c. In File Explorer, right click on the file name, **chap2.htm,** and select Open with… ActiveState Komodo Edit. (This method does not always work.)

To preview a page (#3 and 4) **The "View in Browser" button** **has two parts: a picture of a globe and a drop down arrow.** In Komodo Edit this button is located on the top toolbar but in Komodo IDE it is located on the side toolbar.

3. Try this. **To preview** how **chap2.htm** renders as a web page within Komodo Edit – within an *internal* browser, do as follows. If necessary, open **chap2.htm** in Komodo Edit. Make the **chap2.htm** page active by clicking anywhere in its code. Then click on the picture part of the "View in Browser" button. A window opens up. Click in the box named "Preview using" and select "In a Komodo tab". Click the Preview button in lower right. (Note: For a new file, the preview button may not show up until you have saved the file first.)

4. <u>Try this</u>. Another way to preview the web page **chap2.htm** is to do the following. Click the dropdown arrow of the "View in Browser" [icon] button and select one of the browsers listed. Select the external browser Chrome, for example. The page will open in Chrome. Then minimize or close the browser window to return to Komodo Edit.

5. Practice playing with "**Split View**". Currently you *are* in Split View. Observe how you have **chap2.htm** open and its code is on one side and a preview of its rendered page on the other. You can move any page by dragging it <u>by its tab</u> to the opposite side and dropping it in the tabs area. If you drag *all* the pages from the right of the Split View to the left, the 2-pane Split View goes away. To get it back again, click on the View menu and select either "Move to Split View (M)" or "Split View". The usual practice is to have the Split View open so that your code appears in a tab on the left, and your previewed page (opened "In a Komodo Tab") opens on the other side. (Question: Can you determine the difference between the 2 options ,"Split View" and "Move to Split View (M)"?)

    <u>Try this</u>. Drag the page on the right, by its tab, to the other side. Observe that you have just one window and 2 page tabs in it. Then return to the Split View from View menu options. Drag some more if necessary, so that you have the code on the left side and the rendered page on the right.

6. <u>Try this</u>. Click on View > **Rotate Split View**. Return the view back to side by side, with the same sequence.

7. <u>Try this</u>. Do the following **to open and save a new blank HTML5 document**.
    Click File > New > File from Template, and then select (double click on) "HTML5".
    Save this new file to your desired location. Click File > Save as. Be sure it is saving with an .htm or .html extension.

8. As you edit and type tags (elements) and their attributes, **drop-down lists appear with suggestions** from which you can select to speed up your work. To select the option, highlight it and press ENTER.

    <u>Try this</u>. In Komodo Edit, in between the opening tag <body> and its closing tag </body> of a blank HTML5 page, type in the code appearing in the box below. But as you do so, notice the help you are given. For instance, as you type the first several characters of <address>, you will immediately see a drop-down list. If you highlight and press ENTER on your choice on the list, the software will finish typing for you. Then after you close the right bracket ">" of <address> the software will auto-type the closing tag for you to result in: <address></ address>, leaving you to type the address in between the opening and closing address tags.

    ```
    <address>222 North Beach Avenue</address>
    <h1>Hello World</h1>
    <a href="http://www.ny.gov">New York</a>
    ```
    Do not forget to *test your link* to www.ny.gov the code above.