

Tools Required

To begin building websites there is only really a few things needed.

And you don't have to spend any money as there are lots of great software out there which is free.

Text Editor

The first is a text editor. I will be using a free program called Brackets for this course.

You can download for free at <http://brackets.io>
(available for Windows, OS X, Linux)

You can build a website using a plain text editor such as notepad, but there are many benefits of using a text editor dedicated to coding websites such as:

Color coded syntax

Auto completion and code suggestions

Error highlighting

Live Preview

There is lots of great text editors available for all platforms, some popular ones are:

Sublime Text (Windows, Mac OS X, Linux) - <http://www.sublimetext.com/>

Notepad ++ (Windows) - <http://notepad-plus-plus.org/>

Text wrangler/BBEEdit (Mac OS X) - <http://www.barebones.com/>

Coda (Mac OS X) - <https://panic.com/coda/>

Bluefish - (Windows, Mac OS X, Linux) <http://bluefish.openoffice.nl/>

Web Browser

You will need a web browser to view your website as you build.

As a web designer/developer we need to test how our websites look on various web browsers.

The main web browsers are:

Google Chrome (used for this course)

Mozilla Firefox

Internet Explorer

Opera

Safari

So download a text editor of
your choice and at least 1
web browser and lets start
building websites!