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Overview:




iQ Notepad is a basic text editor like Microsoft's Notepad but with extended and special features unavailable in Microsoft Notepad. iQ Notepad maintains the basic functionality and integrity of Microsoft's version but adds enhancements like spell check, change case, importing rich text and Microsoft Word files, inserting and appending files, a recent files menu for quick loading of text documents, quick access to extended ASCII/ANSI symbols and characters, a toolbar and more. See the chapter **What's Different** for a complete listing of these new features.

The most common use for iQ Notepad is to view and edit text based files. In addition to the common text files (.txt) many file types are created and saved in the text format. Files like Windows initialization files (.ini), basic programming files (.bas, frm, vpb), batch files (.bat), log files (.log), data files (.dat, .csv) and many others. Many users also find iQ Notepad a simple but effective tool for creating Web pages using HTML (.html) coding. Because iQ Notepad supports only very basic formatting, you cannot accidentally save special formatting in documents that need to remain pure text.

iQ Notepad provides only the most basic text formatting. You can specify a font and insert tabs. The font applies to the whole document, not an individual paragraph or word, and it is not saved with the file. If someone else looks at the file on another computer, that person will see whatever font is set on their computer. Basic page setup is available with iQ Notepad. You can set margins and orient your documents to print vertically or horizontally and choose the appropriate document and size as well.



iQ WordPad

If you have a need for creating documents with full word processing formatting, including mixing font styles and colors, highlighting, tables, bullets, pictures, graphics and more then you should get  iQ WordPad. You can download the code at:

<http://www.planet-source-code.com/vb/scripts/ShowCode.asp?txtCodeId=69067&lngWId=1>



Q-Clips - A Windows Clipboard Extender

A terrific companion program for iQ NotePad and iQ WordPad is **Q-Clips**, a Windows clipboard extender featuring a Screen Capture utility with magnification window. Q-Clips enhances the native Windows clipboard functionality by remembering all items (text, graphic and files) that are copied to the clipboard and storing them in a collection for later pasting... even after you shut off your computer. With Q-Clips custom load and save option you have an unlimited amount of clips available to you with just a couple mouse clicks. The code is available at:

<http://www.planet-source-code.com/vb/scripts/ShowCode.asp?txtCodeId=69399&lngWId=1>

What's Different?

iQ NotePad vs MS Notepad

iQ Notepad is an enhanced text editor similar to Microsoft Notepad but with many advanced features. The differences between iQ Notepad and Microsoft Notepad are in two categories. The first is **New Features** that are not available in Microsoft Notepad. The second category is Enhancement and Changes. These are functions that exist in Microsoft Notepad but have been enhanced or are unsupported in iQ Notepad.

- **New Features:** These are features not available in Microsoft Notepad.
 1. **RTF2Text Conversion:** When choosing to open a rich text formatted file in iQ Notepad you will be asked if you wish to convert the file to pure text. If you choose to not to convert to text, all the RTF codes will be displayed (but not the actual formatting or graphics) along with the text portion of the file. If you choose to convert to text all formatting codes are removed and only the text is displayed. The default filename is changed to a .txt extension.
 2. **DOC2Text Conversion:** iQ NotePad has a built in function to load documents in Microsoft Word (.doc) format and convert the contents to plain text. This feature **does require** you have some version of Microsoft Word installed on your computer. When loading a Word document a window will appear telling you that iQ NotePad is converting the document.
 3. **Spell Check:** If you are using the compiled version obtained from iQ proPlus internal spell checking is included. If not spell checking is available only if you have some version of Microsoft Office installed on your system. You may check selected text or the entire document.
 4. **Recent Files:** A list of the last 8 opened documents will appear on the recent files menu. These may be displayed/opened by clicking on the file of choice.
 5. **Send...**: This feature will start your default email program, start a new email message and attach a copy of the current open document. You can then designate to whom you wish to send the document in your email program.
 6. **Toolbar:** This will toggle the display of a toolbar. The toolbar contains quick mouse button access to the most used functions of iQ Notepad.
 7. **Document Statistics:** Displays a window that reports the word count, line count, character count and full path name of the current document.
 8. **File Properties:** Displays a file properties dialog window containing the properties (size, date, path name, etc.) of the current document.

9. **Symbols:** This feature displays the ASCII/ANSI character set for the active font. This gives you access to extended characters in a font set like ®, ©, ™, etc. You can insert a character or characters in the current document with a click of the mouse. The dialog also displays the key code to insert those characters directly from the keyboard.

10. **Inserting Text Document:** From the Format Menu choose Insert a Text File... . From the Open File Dialog, choose the document you wish to merge and click Open. The document you've chosen will be inserted at the cursor location.

11. **Change Case:** You can use this feature to quickly change the case of selected text. To use this feature you must first select the text you wish to change and then choose Change Case from the Format Menu or press the Change Case button on the Format tool bar.

12. **Print Preview:** Choosing this option will display a print preview window. Here you may view how the document will appear on the printed page. You may view each page by clicking Next or Previous or by selecting the page number from Page drop down box. You can set the zoom size at 25, 40, 50, 75 or 100%.

13. **Font and Background Color:** You can choose to set any combination of font color and background color. This is for aesthetic purposes only. The colors are only while viewing documents in iQ NotePad. The file is saved as pure text with no color options.

14. **Calculator:** This option will display the Windows Calculator for your use.

- **Enhancement/Changes:** Features available in MS Notepad but expanded in iQ NotePad.

1. **Open and Save As... File Menus:** In Microsoft Notepad you have 2 choices for file types; .txt and everything else (All Files *.*). iQ Notepad includes many filter additions for text based files like .html, .log, .bas, .bat, .ini, .csv, etc.

2. **Printing:** Many changes here but the same functionality as Microsoft Notepad. When you choose Print from Microsoft Notepad you always get the Print Dialog box. In iQ Notepad when you choose Print (or Ctrl-P)... it simply Prints! It uses the current parameters from Page Setup and sends the document to your default printer.

3. **Page Setup:** This feature is enhanced. It does include all functions like header, footer, paper size, margins, etc. but also allows you to change the default printer and print directly from the setup dialog. Changing the printer from the Page Setup dialog does not change your windows default printer. It only changes where the current document will be printed. If you want to change your windows default printer then choose the new Printer Setup menu. Header/Footer character limitation is 60 compared to 40 for Microsoft Notepad.

4. Find, Replace: Identical to Microsoft Notepad with one difference. iQ Notepad includes the "Match Whole Word" option which Microsoft Notepad does not.
5. Right Click pop-up menu: When right clicking your mouse anywhere in the text display, iQ Notepad will pop-up the Edit Menu for quick access to all features on the Edit Menu.
6. Unicode Files: This version of iQ Notepad provides support for opening plain text files saved in the Unicode UTF8 format.



Files: Creating and saving

You can either open an existing file for editing from the Open or Recent File Menu or create a new document by choosing the New option from the File Menu.

To save the file with a new file name choose the Save As... menu or toolbar option. You will then be able to enter the new filename. To simply save changes to an existing document choose Save from the menu or toolbar option. This will save the file to the existing filename with no prompt.

Save Selected Text: Select the text portion you wish to save and then choose this option from the File Menu. Just the portion of selected text will be saved to the filename you chose.



Editing a text document

Undo/Redo:

To undo the last action performed in iQ Notepad choose Undo. Choosing it again will redo that action.

Cut to clipboard, copy, paste, or delete text:

To cut text so you can move it to another location, select the text, and then on the Edit menu or toolbar click Cut to clipboard.

To copy text so you can paste it in another location, select the text, and then on the Edit menu or toolbar click Copy.

To paste text you have cut or copied, place the cursor where you want to paste the text, and then on the Edit menu or toolbar click Paste.

To delete text, select it, and then on the Edit menu or toolbar click Delete.

Find/ Find & Replace:

On the Edit menu, click Find or Replace. In Find what, type the characters or words you want to find. In Replace with, type the replacement text. To replace all instances of the text at once, click Replace All. Or, to replace one instance at a time, click Find Next, and then click Replace.

To find only text with uppercase and lowercase characters, as specified in Find what, select Match case.

To find only the whole word choose the Match Whole Word option. Example: If you search for the word "man" and do not choose the whole word option then the search engine will find words like human or woman which contains the selected characters. If you choose the whole word option then those types of words will be ignored.

You can specify which direction to search starting from the insertion point in the document. In Direction, click Up to search from the insertion point to the top. Click Down to search from the insertion point to the bottom.



Formatting your document

Word Wrap:

To wrap text to the window size of iQ Notepad go to the Format menu and click Word Wrap. A check mark appears when word wrap is turned on. Wrapping text enables you to see all the text on the line, but it doesn't affect the way text appears when it is printed.

Font Style and Size:

To change the font style and size, on the Format menu, click Font. Make your selections in Font, Font Style, and Size. An example of how your font will look appears in Sample. All text will be displayed and printed in this font style. iQ Notepad will remember the last font you've chosen and that will be the default font each time you start a new instance of iQ Notepad.

Font and Background Color:

You can choose to set any combination of font color and background color. This is for aesthetic purposes only. The colors are only while viewing documents in iQ Notepad. The file is saved as pure text with no color options.

Change Case:

You can use this feature to quickly change the case of selected text. To use this feature you must first select the text you wish to change and then choose Change Case from the Format Menu or press the Change Case button on the Format tool bar. You now have five choices. They are:

1. Sentence Case: The first word of each sentence is capitalized. All other words are displayed in lower case.
2. lower case: all letters are displayed in lower case
3. UPPER CASE: ALL LETTERS ARE DISPLAYED IN UPPER CASE
4. Capitalize Each Word: Also Referred To As Proper Or Title Case, The First Letter Of Each Word Is Upper Case. All Other Characters Are Lower Case.
5. tOGGLE cASE: tHIS WILL INVERT EACH CHARACTER IN THE SELECTED TEXT. uPPER CASE BECOMES LOWER CASE AND VICE VERSA.

Insert/Merge a Text File:

Place the cursor where you wish to insert an existing text document. From the Format Menu choose Insert a Text File... . From the Open File Dialog, choose the document you wish to merge and click Open. The document you've chosen will be inserted at the cursor location.

Save Selected Text:

Select the text portion you wish to save and then choose this option from the Format Menu. A dialog box will appear and you can create the file name for this selected text. Just the portion of selected text will be saved to the filename you chose.



Printing your document

Sending the document to your printer:

To print a iQ Notepad document, on the File menu or toolbar, click Print or press the Ctrl-P shortcut key. The contents of the document will be sent to your default windows printer and formatted according to the options declared in your page setup. To change the look of your printed document, on the File menu, click Page Setup.

Page Setup - Formatting your document:

To change the appearance of a printed iQ Notepad document, on the File menu, click Page Setup. In the Page Setup dialog box, do one of the following:

To change the paper size, click a paper size in the Size list.

To print vertically, click Portrait; to print the document horizontally, click Landscape.

To change the margins, type a width in any of the Margins boxes.

To change your printer settings, click Set Printer.

Headers and Footers:

In the Header or Footer box, type the letter and character combination from the following table.

To:	Type
Insert the open file's name or (untitled) if the file has no name.	&f
Insert the date.	&d
Insert the time specified by your computer's clock.	&t
Insert page numbers.	&p
Align the header or footer to the left, center, or right.	&l, &c, or &r

- You can use more than one combination in the Header or Footer box. Leaving a space or two between each combination will make the header or footer easier to read.
- To align text to the left, center, or right, you must first enter &l, &c, or &r in the Header or Footer box, followed by any other combinations you want to use.
- You can also incorporate text with the combinations. Example, &c Page &p will print out as Page followed by the current page number centered on the printed page.

Special Features

iQ Notepad has several special features, a couple of them identical in function to Microsoft Notepad, many others new and not available in Microsoft Notepad:

GO TO:

To go to a specific line, on the Edit menu, click Go To or press the Ctrl-G shortcut key. In Go to line, type the line number you want the cursor to jump to. You do not have to have line numbers in your document for this command to work. Lines are counted down the left margin beginning at the top of the document. Line numbers are displayed in the Status Bar when word wrap is off and the Status Bar has been selected from the View menu.

.LOG Files:

This features allows you to track the date and time each time a file is opened. To create or make a file a .LOG file, on the first line of a iQ Notepad document, type .LOG at the left margin, making sure you use all uppercase letters and include the period.

Then on the File menu, click Save. Every time you open this document, iQ Notepad will append the current time and date to the end of the document, as specified by your computer's clock.

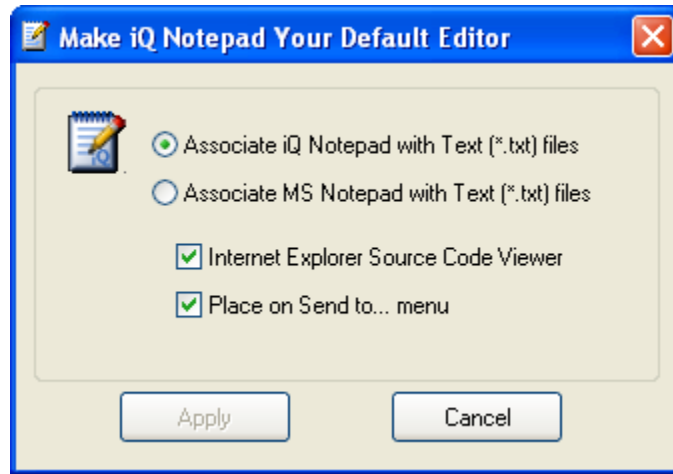
Send... :

This feature will start your default email program, start a new email message and attach a copy of the current open document. You can then designate to whom you wish to send the document in your email program.

Inserting Date/Time:

When choosing this option a Date and Time dialog window will display. You will be able to choose from several different formats and combinations of the current date and time. When clicking the Okay buttons the date/time in the style selected will be inserted at the current cursor location.

Make iQ Notepad your Windows default Text Editor



The quickest way to associate iQ Notepad as your default Windows text editor can be easily accomplished right in iQ Notepad itself. From the Help Menu choose the Make iQ Your Default Editor option. The window, pictured above, will pop-up. Check the options to associate iQ Notepad with Text Files, Internet Source Code Viewer and to Place on the Send to... menu in Explorer. Click Apply and you're done. Now whenever you click on a text file it will auto open in iQ Notepad.

Other New Features available in iQ Notepad:

Please see the chapter title What's Different for a review of these special features.

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