

# Text Editor Install and Configure

## Windows: Notepad++

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While Notepad will work, Notepad++ is a much better text editor that is also free.

### Command Listing

```
notepad++ # testing to make sure it works
notepad++ .bashrc # see contents of .bashrc file below
npp # testing npp alias
git config --global core.editor "notepad++.exe -multiInst -nosession"
npp .gitconfig # open Git config file, should contain snip below
```

### ~/.bashrc File

```
alias npp='notepad++.exe -multiInst -nosession'
```

### ~/.gitconfig File (snip)

```
[core]
  editor = notepad++.exe -multiInst -nosession
```

## Mac OS X: TextMate 2

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On the Mac, TextMate 2 is a freely available text editor that work a bit better than TextEdit.

### Command Listing

```
git config --global --list # before
git config --global core.editor "mate -w"    define textmate as a git text editor
git config --global --list # after
mate .gitconfig # compare with snip below
```

### ~/.gitconfig File (snip)

```
[core]
  editor = mate -w
```