

What is the best editor for AutoHotkey? [closed]

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What is the best editor for Autohotkey with regards to syntax highlighting, command completion (intellisense), testing etc.



I am doing a bit of Autohotkey programming, and being spoiled rotten by Visual Studio, I really miss these features - especially being new to the language/framework.



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edited Sep 13 '17 at 14:20



[Steven M. Vascellaro](#)

6,495 10 49 104

asked Aug 6 '09 at 13:29



[Kjensen](#)

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- 6 is there an SE site where this type of question is appropriate? If so, would be nice if a link was included as part of the off-topic text – [Michael Tranchida](#) Dec 25 '17 at 14:31
- 2 boo to the off topic closure – [hmedia1](#) Apr 3 at 18:09

11 Answers



The best editor to get started with would be SciTE4AutoHotkey

<http://fincs.ahk4.net/scite4ahk/>

```

1  /*
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3  * SciTE4AutoHotkey v3 syntax highlighting demo
4  * August 19, 2010 - fins
5  */
6
7
8  ; Normal comment
9
10 /*
11    Block comment
12 */
13
14 ; Directives, keywords
15 #SingleInstance Force
16 #NoTrayIcon
17
18 ; Command, literal text, escape sequence
19 MsgBox, Hello World `; This isn't a comment
20
21 ; Operators
22 Bar = Foo ; operators
23 Foo := Bar ; expression assignment operators
24
25 ; String
26 Var := "This is a test"
  
```

SciTE4AutoHotkey is a lightweight and easy to use SciTE-

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To search for different types of scripts that you could use...

Go to the Sticky: Catalogue of scripts and Rosetta Code challenges at the Scripts & Functions section of the AutoHotkey forum.

edited Aug 11 '14 at 3:17



PHPst

8,553 13 77 137

answered Mar 28 '10 at 0:43



Zenjin

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2 I've tried every other solution, and Scite4Autohotkey blows away everything else. It also has the best debugger for this language. – [Joe Coder](#) Nov 28 '15 at 5:22

Website doesn't work any more. I found the source code but the build instructions reference a file that doesn't exist - big surprise there. – [Luke](#) Aug 18 '16 at 16:08

Yes, fincs.ahk4.net/scite4ahk is not working.. something happened recently. – [PAS](#) Aug 18 '16 at 18:34

When debugging with Scite4Autohotkey, is it possible to test a standalone function? (I.E. Call a specific function with arguments) – [Steven M. Vascellaro](#) Sep 29 '17 at 18:52

Site is up and running as of 2018-04-03 :) – [Kjensen](#) Apr 3

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I have just discovered that the free editor [Notepad++](#) has an Autolt syntax highlighting mode that seems to support AutoHotKey syntax.

To use it, I just opened my .ahk file in Notepad++, then selected Language->A->Autolt.


answered Nov 9 '09 at 23:10




Clare Macrae

3,114 1 20 38

notepad++ is a great universal programming editor for most languages including ahk – [panofish](#) Oct 10 '11 at 21:05

4 For an automatic file association for *.AHK file, you could do this: allthingsmarked.com/2009/07/29/... – [Joe DF](#) May 4 '12 at 3:42 

1 Alternatively there is syntax highlighting and auto completion for N++ that are written on [AHK forum](#) – [Greck](#) May 10 '13 at 7:37 

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I'm using [PsPad](#) 4.5.3 (freeware), it supports AutoHotkey syntax highlighting, command completion, etc. The only feature I missed is code-folding, but for AutoHotkey scripts it doesn't seem to be a big problem.

(added)

Switched from PsPad to [Sublimetext](#), a powerful editor with a lot of features (minimalist interface, multiple selection, mini-map, scriptable with Python, TextMate

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answered Aug 6 '09 at 14:17



PabloG

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Steep learning curve but Emacs has an AHK mode.

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answered Sep 23 '09 at 7:20

Saltash Matt

Also [SciTE](#), but I am a bit partial about this one... :)

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answered Dec 1 '09 at 22:14



PhiLho

35.5k 4 82 124



I vote SciTE4AutoHotkey. It's the closest thing to an actual IDE for Autohotkey.

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answered Dec 4 '09 at 1:32



user224431

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Use **Sublime Text** , it's the most powerful thing in the world.

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Plus, if you want you can try my [Sublime 4 Autohotkey](#).Join **Stack Overflow** to learn, share knowledge, and build your career.

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[Scite4AutoHotkey](#) is no doubt the best one ranging from beginners to quite advanced users. Once you want to go more advanced, you might want to move to some other kind of IDE, but for an editor, Scite is best.

edited Aug 11 '14 at 3:14



PHPst

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answered Sep 6 '12 at 12:21



Stralberg

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http://www.autohotkey.net/~fincs/SciTE4AutoHotkey_2/web/download.htm

answered Oct 4 '09 at 7:12

test

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There is [an addon for VIM](#) that does syntax highlighting for autohotkey.

answered Apr 23 '12 at 2:06



CornSmith

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selection, mini-map, scriptable with Python, TextMate compatibility for highlighters and themes, etc)



answered Jan 27 '10 at 15:14



PabloG

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Switched from SciTE4AutoHotkey to notepad++ (with extensions) to VisualStudio node to [AHK-Studio](#) with Syntax Highlighting, Syntax Suggestions, Plugin Support – [SL5net](#)
Sep 25 '18 at 10:41

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