

# tText Quickstart

## Installation

- Download **tText** by clicking the link corresponding your OS and hardware found on the download landing page which appears after your purchase **tText**.
- If you have Revolution and you wish to create your own **tText** plugins, place the tText.app (or tText.exe) at the same level as Revolution.app (or Revolution.exe).
- Drag **tText** to your Dock or Taskbar.
- Click the **tText** icon on your Dock or Taskbar.

Now you can use **tText** to edit any text, create snippets of HTML for blog posts or comments. You can also use **tText** to parse any body of text using its plugins feature.

## Instructional Tooltips

In the **tText** preferences you will see an option for **Instructional Tooltips**. When this is turned on, you'll see lots of helpful tooltips for using **tText**. We recommend you take advantage of this feature if you are new to **tText**, or if a new feature has been added and you want to be reminded of how it works.

## Tabs

- Close a tab by...
  - Clicking its Close box
  - Typing CMD or CTL+w
  - Depressing the escape key.

Add the shift key to close all tabs but the one whose close box you clicked or, in the case of using a keystroke, the active tab.
- Type CMD or CTL+t for a New, empty tab. CMD or CTL+n also works for this.
- Type CMD or CTL+[ to go to the Previous tab (to left of the current tab).
- Type CMD or CTL+] to go to the Next tab (to right of the current).
- Type CMD or CTL+shift+[ to go to the First tab.
- Type CMD or CTL+shift+] to go to the Last tab.

**NOTE:** There are preferences in the Prefs palette that govern whether your are warned when closing a “dirty” tab (one that has changes).

## Files

Opening, closing and opening recent text or html files in **tText** is fairly standard. You can also have **tText** open with the contents of the clipboard, provided it contains text. See the Prefs palette turn on or off this feature.

## Find & Replace

Under the View menu, you will find a means of showing and hiding the Find/Replace panel. There's a nice CMD or CTL+shift+f shortcut for it as well.

There are three things that differentiate the functionality of this component:

1. You can set the case-sensitivity and whole-word options via a pop down menu at the right of the panel.
2. You can search the current tab or all tabs via the menu in #1 above.
3. You can also use the same pane to search objects in the Object browser or tokens in the code editor.

The most helpful feature of Find is the ability to select a word and, then, type CMD or CTL+g to find its next instance. This is a choice under the Edit menu.

There is also a **Find History** dialog (access via the Edit menu or CMD/CTL+e) which lets you peruse the history of all the find/replaces you have performed. In it you can delete or apply past find/replaces.

## Applying HTML Tags to Your Text

The **Formatting Tools** that appear along the bottom of the editor pane show all the tags you can insert within your text or apply to selected text. These tools can be shown or hidden via the View menu.

You can also use the **Insert** and **Text** menus to tag your text using short cut keys or the menu items themselves. You can also use the Undo menu item to reverse any tagging.

## Plugins

If you wish to extend the functionality of **tText**, plugins were created to perform just that task. The Plugins menu has two built-in plugins when you purchase **tText**: Filter Emails and Remove Extra CRs. Each of these plugins performs the action its name suggests and then places the result under a new tab.

By choosing the Plugin Manager menu item on the Plugins menu, you will see the Plugin Manager dialog which lets you add, delete, develop, rename and reorder your plugins.

You can add either a menu separator, an existing Revolution stack (plugin) or a new blank plugin to the Plugins menu via the Plugin Manager. You can also delete a plugin or drag and drop it reorder it in the menu.

Double-clicking the text portion of a line in the Plugin Manager will allow you to change its name. Only alpha numeric characters are allowed entry when changing a plugin name. If you drag a plugin in the manager with the option or alt key depressed, you will be able to make a copy of a plugin.

Provided you have placed **tText** at the same directly level as Revolution, clicking the Open in Rev button on the Plugin Manager or double-clicking the non-text portion of a

line item in the Plugin Manager will open Revolution with the selected plugin as the frontmost window. It will then be available for editing and development.

Creating plugins for **tText** requires knowledge of Revolution syntax and environs, plus a certain level of familiarity with the **tText API** which is documented via a link on the **tText** web site: <http://reveditor.com>.

### **Staying up-to-date**

Notices via email, the web site and Twitter will tell you when new versions of **tText** are available for download. In the near future, an auto-updating version of **tText** will be available.