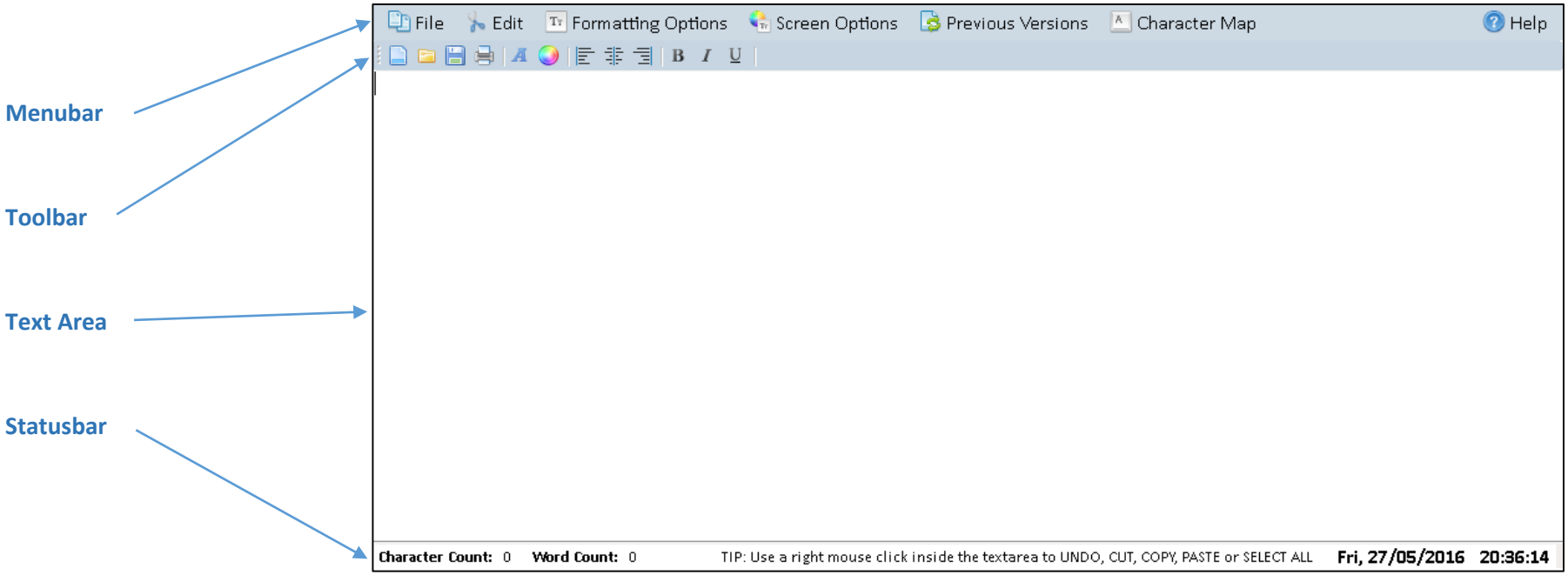
ExamWritePad v2

ExamWritePad is the UK's first word processor built and designed specifically for use with controlled assessments/exams. Written with guidelines set out by many UK exam boards, makes it unique and provides an answer to many a dilemma of which software to use.

Feature / Interface



Besides what you would expect from any Notepad/WordPad application, the main features are its ability to auto save every minute, create backups in case of power failures every minute. Allow insertion into the header all the candidate information required, not forgetting the date. You can zoom into your document if you struggle to read it. You can also change the background colour to something more suitable for people suffering from condition like Irlen's Syndrome. There is also a character and word count running live in the status bar. The application itself runs in full screen mode so people cannot deviate from the task in hand. As documented below is an extensive list of configurable options.

Each auto backup file is kept for a period of 24 hours in case of emergencies, but within the software you can only recover the last 1 hour of backups. This reduces the risk of people taking the afternoon exam being able to see what the people taking morning exam have written.

Configuration File Options

Option Name	Default Value	Notes / Information
AutoSave	1	Turn on auto save so that you don't have to keep clicking save every so often (1 = On, 0 = Of f) If turned On the an auto save happens every 60 seconds
AllowMinimise	0	Turn on allow minimise to allow you minimise the main window to the taskbar (1 = On, 0 = Of f)
DefaultBackupPath		Specify a default backup/recovery path (leave blank for "All Users Application Data") (Example usage: C:\Users\Exam\Desktop)
DefaultSavePath		Specify a default save path (USERS DESKTOP) (Example usage: C:\Users\Exam)
DefaultOpenPath		Specify a default path to open files from (leave blank for USERS DESKTOP) (Example usage: C:\Users\Exam\Desktop)
DisableHeaderOnPrint	0	Disable putting a header (candidate information) on each printed page (0 = Print Headers, 1 = Do not print headers)
DisableFooterOnPrint	0	Disable putting a footer (page numbering) on each printed page (0 = Print footers, 1 = Do not print footers)
DisableWinKeys	1	Stop key combinations that involve using the Windows keys (0 = Allow Windows keys, 1 = Disable Windows keys)
DoubleLineSpacingPrint	0	Turn on Double line spacing as a default (0 = Single spacing, 1 = Double spacing)
ExamCentreNumber	0	Insert your Centre Number (numbers only)
HasAppClosedGracefully	0	Not Used in v2 as yet (Future use)
HideCharMap	0	Hide/Show the button to launch the character map (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideToolStrip	0	Hide/Show the small quick access toolbar (0 = Show toolbar, 1 = Hide toolbar)

HideFormat_Bold	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that changes text to bold (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_Italic	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that changes text to italic (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_Underline	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that underlines text (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_Normal	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that removes formatting from text (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_Paragraph	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that sets paragraph formatting (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_Bullets	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that sets/inserts bullet points (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_LineSpacing	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that allows line spacing changes (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
HideFormat_Stikeout	0	Hide/Show the menu bar button that allows you to strikeout selected text (0 = Show button, 1 = Hide button)
PrintFontSize	12	Size of the font that is used for printing (Integer value, from 2 or above)
PrintFontFamily	Calibri	Font name to be used for printing (Use exact name in the Font selection window)
PrintBackColour	255,255,255	Default page colour on print only (RGB reference - http://htmlcolorcodes.com/color-picker/)
PrintFontColour	0,0,0	Default font colour on print only (RGB reference - http://htmlcolorcodes.com/color-picker/)
RecoveryTimer	60000	How often a backup is created (Milliseconds, 60000 = 60 seconds)
SavePromptAfterCandidateInfoScreenOnLaunch	0	After showing the candidate Info screen, prompt to save the file afterwards (0 = Do not show, 1 = Show) Works when "ShowCandidateInfoScreenOnLaunch = 1" is set

ScreenFontSize	12	Size of the font that is used for screen only (Integer value, from 2 or above)
ScreenFontFamily	Calibri	Font name to be used for screen only (Use exact name in the Font selection window)
ScreenBackColour	255,255,255	Default page colour on screen only (RGB reference - http://htmlcolorcodes.com/color-picker/)
ScreenFontColour	0,0,0	Default font colour on screen only (RGB reference - http://htmlcolorcodes.com/color-picker/)
ShowCandidateInfoScreenOnLaunch	0	Enter the candidate information on program launch/start-up? (0 = No, 1 = Yes)
SignatureAppearance	0	Allow a signature panel to be inserted onto specific pages (0 = Disable, 1 = First Page Only, 2 = Last Page Only, 3 = All Pages)