Notepad++

Make Notepad++ Portable

This is useful to use one instance of notepad++ across your main os and your VM. How to make things portable is on their FAQ but I can't find it anymore.

Custom Settings

To prevent re-opening of files, Settings, Preferences, MISC. and uncheck Remember current session for next launch.

How to Format XML

Did not need the extra steps just used plugin manager and chose XML Tools - http://geek.sylvainw.com/2010/03/28/using-notepad-to-quickly-format-xml/