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Demonstration

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(or press Ctrl+Shift+D)

Welcome

Welcome to gScript (A. K. A) the Gadfly Script Formatter. This document will run a short demo of some of the capabilities of gScript. Simply double click on first box above.

You can also fill-in and print a registration form by double clicking on the second box above.

Frequently asked questions:

How do I change the font used by gScript.

The styles used by gScript have been designed so that the only style you have to change to suit your preferences is Normal. Any font change made to Normal will cascade to all other styles in gScript.

So, for instance, if you want to change the font used from Courier to Courier New (a windows TrueType font), you would do the following:

1. Open any document based on gScript

2. Place the insertion point in a paragraph of

action (this is Normal style)

3. Press Ctrl+S twice (the same as selecting Style from the Format menu) to bring up the FormatStyle dialog box

4. Press Alt+D to expand the dialog to include the Define section.

5. Click on Add to Template (so that changes made to the style will be saved to GSCRIPT.DOT as well as to the current document).

6. Press Alt+C to bring up the Character dialog box.

7. Select Courier New in the Font list box.

Note: Most studios still expect screenplays to be submitted in monospaced (rather than proportionally space fonts). I would advise *against* using proportionally space fonts such as Arial or Times New Roman.

Also, the default point size is 12. You can decrease this to 10 -- to save some pages -- but no one's fooled. I would advise leaving your font as a monospaced, 12 point font.

My abbreviations sometimes are expanded in Tms Rmn rather than Courier. What gives.

This is a longstanding and irritating bug in Word for Windows (known as phont phunnies). Each upgrade has tried to rectify the situation.

The current shipping version of Word for Windows does a pretty good job of avoiding this problem with fonts and glossaries. I would recommend upgrading. It is free. Call 1-800-426-9400 and ask for the current version of Word (as of this writing that would be version 2.0c). You can check what version you have by executing About from the Help menu.

How do I create an all-caps line, like a scene heading, but not. I don't want it numbered.

Scene Headings are formatted as heading level 3. You can create a "fake" scene heading -- for things like FADE IN: or INTERCUT, by creating a paragraph of Headline style.

Headline has the same attributes as heading level 3, but they will not be numbered.

Can I automatically increment the Act Numbers?

Yes. As you would normally do, create a paragraph of style ActDivision at the top of the new act. Instead of typing in "Act I", you can enter a field:

    press Ctrl-F9 to enter the field characters

    type seq Act *Roman

You should see the following field:

    {seq Act *Roman**}**

You can copy this field to a glossary for use in subsequent paragraphs of ActDvision to automatically increment the roman numeral.

My act numbers print properly for acts greater than one. Act One does not show up in the header. What's up?

Chances are you have not applied the ActDivision style to the first paragraph (containing the Act Division text) at the beginning of the screenplay.

By default the first paragraph is formatted as Heading, not as ActDivision. (This is more standard for feature screenplays). Chance this to ActDivision and whatever text is in that paragraph will print to the left of the scene numbers in the header.

While on the subject of headers, how do I remove the Author and Title information from the header?

By default the header used in gScript (for all pages after the first) looks like:

Author - Title   (page x.)

In fact this is a series of three "fields". To remove or change any of these, you simply have to edit the header information for the document (or in GSCRIPT.DOT directly if you want to permanently change the header; see "Changing default information" in the manual or the help file).

For instance, to create a header that would contain *only* the page number followed by a period, you would do the following:

> Open a document based on GSCRIPT.DOT (or GSCRIPT.DOT itself if you want the changed header to be permanent)
>
> Switch to Normal View (Alt+V+N)
>
> Edit the header: Select Alt+V+H, select "header" and select OK
>
> Turn on Field Codes by pressing Alt+V+C

You will see the following:

{author} - {title}   →   {if{styleref "ActDivision"}<>"**Error! No text of specified style in document." {**styleref "ActDivision"}} (Page - {PAGE})

The text within {} brackets represent fields (see Word manual and gScript documentation for more information on fields). There are four fields:

{author}

{title}

{if{styleref "ActDivision"}<>"**Error! No text of specified style in document." {**styleref "ActDivision"}}

{PAGE}

The first will display the current document's author as specified in FileSummaryInfo.

The second will display the current document's title as specified in FileSummaryInfo.

The third is a much more complicated field used to display act numbers (if there is a style in the document named ActDivision).

The fourth is the page number field.

To disable the printing of author and title information:
> 1. Place the insertion point at the beginning of the line.

2. Press Shift+RightArrow. This will select the author field

3. Press Delete

4. Press Shift+RightArrow three times. This will select the dash separating author from title.

5. Press Delete

6. Press Shift+RightArrow. This will select the title field.

7. Press End to move to the end of the line

8. Delete "(page -" and replace the final ")" with a period.

9. Press Alt+Shift+C to close the header pane

10. Select FileSaveAll and answer Yes to save changes

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A fee of $99.95 per installation is required.

Upgrades fee

If you are already registered for a prior version of gScript, the fee for upgrading to version 2.9a is $20.00

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