

ScriptAssist™ User Guide Version 1.0

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PLEASE READ THIS USER GUIDE THOROUGHLY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE CONTACTING SCRIPTASSIST SUPPORT OR CUSTOMER SERVICE. THE 800 NUMBER IS ONLY FOR ORDERS/REGISTRATION.

WHAT IS SCRIPTASSIST“?

ScriptAssist™ is the comprehensive guide to all aspects of Screenwriting Including: Formatting, Story and Character Development, Structure, Grammar,

Character, Plot, Genre and Genre Conventions, Development and Inside Information about "The Biz." It even includes an Industry Speak Glossary. ScriptAssist™ is a compilation of information from working Professional Screenwriters as well as the latest Industry Seminars, Workshops, Panel Discussions, Books, Writing Courses and Classes, Internet Resources and Usenet Newsgroups. Answer all your Screenwriting questions with a simple click of your mouse.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Windows: 98, ME, 2000, XP

Macintosh: OS 8.6 - OS X

Minimum of 12 MB of hard drive space for the ScriptAssist™ Application in addition to the space required by your Browser.

ScriptAssist™ requires a Frames capable Web Browser that supports Javascript such as: Netscape®, Opera™, Microsoft® Internet Explorer, Safari™ Mozilla™ or iCab™.

SOFTWARE REGISTRATION

Due to the nature of the ScriptAssist™ Application, **YOU MUST REGISTER AND AUTHORIZE YOUR COPY(S) OF SCRIPTASSIST™** to install and use SCRIPTASSIST™.

ScriptAssist, LLC allows you to use 2 (two) copies of ScriptAssist™ on any computer(s) you may choose. Because of the nature of the ScriptAssist™, you may not make any backup copies. Therefore, think carefully about how you

will install your 2 (two) licenses.

We encourage you to register your software automatically through the Internet whenever possible. Not only is this easier and faster, there is also less chance for error, such as mistaking an O for a zero in your unique Product Keys. If you prefer, you may call toll free in the U.S. and Canada 1-800-957-9637 to register and authorize your software.

Please have the installer CD already in your computer, launched and be looking at the registration screen before you call. You must also have your unique Product Keys available. These are attached to the front of this User Guide or were e-mailed to you if you downloaded ScriptAssist™ from our web site.

INSTALLING SCRIPTASSIST™

Double-click the ScriptAssist™ Install icon for your computer's operating system and follow the on screen prompts to install ScriptAssist™.

MAKE SURE YOU REMEMBER YOUR PASSWORD. YOU WILL NEED THIS TO UNINSTALL THE PROGRAM AND WHEN CONTACTING THE SCRIPTASSIST™ SUPPORT/TECH SERVICE. Save a copy of your password somewhere safe, along with a copy of your unique Product Keys. If you received your Product Keys via e-mail, be sure to print them out.

After installation, the speed at which ScriptAssist™ launches is determined by your computer, how much RAM you have and the browser you are using. Be patient. After you have used ScriptAssist™ a few times, your computer should "learn" how to launch ScriptAssist™ faster.

UNINSTALLING SCRIPTASSIST™

Because ScriptAssist™ is only licensed for use with a computer you authorize, it is important to uninstall ScriptAssist™ before you: change computers or the computer on which you want to use ScriptAssist™ or make any significant changes to your computer's hardware configuration, such as change or add hard drives, mother boards etc.

If you should ever need or wish to uninstall ScriptAssist™, simply run the ScriptAssist™ Uninstall application from your installation CD and follow the screen prompts.

QUITTING SCRIPTASSIST™

FOR MOST COMPUTERS, YOU MUST QUIT SCRIPTASSIST™ TO SHUT DOWN OR LOG OFF YOUR COMPUTER To Quit ScriptAssist™ :

In any version of Windows: At the bottom of your screen in the Task Bar, select ScriptAssist. A new window will open. Under File, Select Exit. Alternately, you can click the X in the upper right corner. Another window will open which says: This will Quit ScriptAssist. Are you sure you want to Quit? Select Yes if you want to Quit.

In Mac OS X go to the dock and select ScriptAssist OS X to make it appear next to the Apple in the upper left hand corner and select Quit ScriptAssist OS X at the bottom of the pull-down window. Another window will open which says: This will Quit ScriptAssist. Are you sure you want to Quit? Select Yes if you want to Quit.

In Mac OS 9, in the upper right hand corner, select ScriptAssist OS 8 -9. Now

go to File (next to the Apple in the upper left hand corner) and select Exit. A new window will appear that says: This will Quit ScriptAssist. Are you sure you want to Quit? Select Yes if you want to Quit.

HOW DO I USE SCRIPTASSIST™?

Just double-click the ScriptAssist™ Icon to start ScriptAssist™. The Application will automatically launch in your specified default Browser.

The information provided in ScriptAssist™ is displayed for ease of use and accessibility. You can Cut and Paste from the hundreds of examples directly into your dedicated Scriptwriting Software or use them to create your own templates in a word processing program.

ScriptAssist™ is a self-contained Application but also provides over 200 direct External Links to Screenwriting Resources on the Web such as The Library of Congress, The Writer's Guild and other essential sites for Screenwriting.

Use your familiar Browser (Internet Explorer®, Netscape®, Opera, Safari etc.) to quickly access over 2,300 pages and more than 2,700 Keywords with nearly 70,000 Links.

All entries are cross-linked and cross-referenced in an easy-to-access, dictionary-style menu. Each page in the program covers a specific Screenwriting Topic and contains the following:

KEYWORD: a concise definition of the topic

EXAMPLE: a clear illustration from an actual screenplay or film

SUGGESTIONS: recommendations for industry-standard use and integration

EXPLANATION: the reason, derivation, clarification and details
SEE ALSO: related KEYWORDS

You can access the information contained in ScriptAssist™ in several different ways: type a word or words into the ScriptAssist™ Search Engine, select a topic from the complete Keyword List on the left or use the top alphabet menu to jump to a group of Keywords beginning with that letter.

ScriptAssist™ uses Frames in your Browser. This allows you to move and resize the windows and features a static window to display the contents of the requested information. Open any other page or click refresh/reload to restore the windows to the default view.

For more Help, click on HELP in the ScriptAssist™ Application.

COURIER 12 POINT FONT

The examples in ScriptAssist™ are meant to be viewed in 12 Point Courier Font which is the Industry Standard for screenplays. In creating and developing ScriptAssist™, we have tried to follow this convention as closely as possible. ScriptAssist™ was designed to work with the default preferences in any browser. Unless you have changed the default settings in your browser, you should not have to do anything to view the examples in ScriptAssist™ correctly in the 12 Point Courier Font.

We have also attempted to accommodate the many users of ScriptAssist™ as much as possible but due to variations in browsers, computer operating systems, configurations, computers, monitors/displays, screen resolutions, updates etc. you may not correctly see the 12 point Courier Font on your particular computer system.

Most all Screenwriting Software will accept and format (if necessary) copied files from the examples given in ScriptAssist™ and then display/print them in the correct Courier 12 Point Font. If you are using a template, you may have to reformat the text if you copy and paste.

If the examples in ScriptAssist™ do not appear close to the correct Courier 12 Point Font, you may need to change the preferences in your specific browser. You may also elect to use a different browser than the one you normally use for accessing the Internet with the preferences changes to reflect the way you would like to view and use ScriptAssist™.

If the text on a page seems too small or too big, you are welcome to change it. All ScriptAssist™ pages have been designed to allow the user to do so, with one exception: Internet Explorer for Windows will not resize the examples, which are set at 12 Point Courier. Other browsers for other platforms should resize the examples, but be aware this will be a size relative to 12 point Courier.

If it is important for you to see exact representations in the examples given, it may be necessary for you to change your browser's font size settings to conform with your system/platform settings.

Internet Explorer (PC): Tools -> Internet Options -> Accessibility -> Uncheck Ignore font sizes specified on Web Pages.

Internet Explorer (Mac): Explorer -> Preferences -> Web Browsers -> Language/Fonts -> Fonts and Size - 12

Netscape: Edit -> Preferences -> Appearance -> Fonts -> Monospace -> 12

Safari: Safari -> Preferences -> Appearance -> Fixed Width Font - Courier 12

Opera: Opera automatically proportionately resizes ALL elements on a page when scrolling the page size.

If your browser is not mentioned above, the settings are probably similar and you can consult your browser's Help if needed.

BROWSERS

ScriptAssist™ uses a method built into your Browser called Frames. This allows the user to have moveable and resizable windows and a static window to display the contents of the requested information. If you are having any trouble with ScriptAssist™, try upgrading your Browser first at the following web sites:

Microsoft® Internet Explorer: <http://www.microsoft.com>

Netscape® : <http://www.netscape.com>

Safari™ : <http://www.apple.com>

Opera™ : <http://www.opera.com>

Mozilla™ : <http://www.mozilla.org>

iCab™ : <http://www.icab.de>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have to be on the Internet to use ScriptAssist™?

No. ScriptAssist™ is designed to work as a stand alone application. You need a browser only. You do not have to have any type of Internet connection.

However, If you want to access the external links (information on the Internet) you will need an Internet connection.

Why do I have to use a browser? Why can't I use Word or my Scriptwriting Software?

One of the most powerful features of ScriptAssist™ is the ability to find almost anything related to screenwriting by simply clicking on a link. This is because ScriptAssist™ uses a language called HTML that is the same used on the Web. You need a Browser to read the HTML markup.

What Browsers are compatible with ScriptAssist™?

Any frames capable browser (Internet Explorer®, Netscape®, Opera, Safari, Mozilla, iCab etc.) with Javascript enabled.

Do I need anything else to use ScriptAssist™?

ScriptAssist™ is completely self-contained. You don't need any additional scriptwriting software except for a Web browser that supports frames and Javascript. ScriptAssist™ will work in conjunction with any scriptwriting software you may already have. It is also relatively simple to create a screenplay template in a word processing program using the guidelines and examples in ScriptAssist™.

Can I use the examples given in ScriptAssist™?

Yes. To use these examples as a formatting template, just copy and paste! However, you must respect the copyright of the writers whose works are referenced in ScriptAssist™. Taking someone else's work and passing it off as your own is plagiarism and illegal.

KNOWN ISSUES

Please be aware of the following known issues.

ScriptAssist™ may not launch in some versions of Netscape® using Mac OS 9.
ScriptAssist™ may not function properly in some versions of Opera using Mac OS X.

HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM, BUG OR OTHER ISSUE

If after reading the information provided in this Users Guide you are experiencing difficulties or if certain features of ScriptAssist™ do not appear to work correctly, please send a report to: techsupport@scriptassist.com.

Please provide as much detail as possible about the Problem(s), Bug(s) or other Issues you are experiencing, including the following information:

Exact model of your computer and what operating System you are using
i.e. Windows: 98, ME, 2000, XP or Macintosh: OS 8.6 - OS X

The Browser you are using and what version i.e. 5.1.2., 7.1 etc.

What is happening: freeze-ups, system or application crashes, conflicts with other applications or input devices, etc.

Can you reproduce the Problem(s), Bug(s) or other Issues?

Anything else you think will be useful for us to understand the cause of the Problem(s), Bug(s) or other Issues.

Also, please include your name and telephone number if you do not have e-mail or Internet access. (If you wish to be contacted by telephone please tell us the best time to call including your Country/time zone.)

HOW TO CONTACT SCRIPTASSIST™

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