

## FRESH WRITERS SOFTWARE GUIDE

It is VERY important for your scripts to conform to industry standard format. Using correct margins, fonts, etc. generally ensures ONE SCRIPT PAGE = ONE SCREEN MINUTE. Plus, a properly formatted screenplay is the best first impression you can make! They're so pretty.

If you're the trailblazin' type using a regular word-processing program, consult our **Format Guide**. Like writing with a side of miraculous technology? Let software do the work for you. There are plenty of software and freeware options available. We recommend using **freeware** because... it's *free*. Commercial screenwriting software is great, but expensive.

Remember: the most important part of writing is *writing*. Don't think you can't write because you don't have the fanciest software. Even if you do have the fanciest software, it can't write the script itself. Unless it's sentient. And sentient software is usually evil, so...write on!

### Commercial Screenwriting Software

**Final Draft** - <http://www.finaldraft.com>

*Final Draft is the industry-standard software for screenwriters. As far as screenwriting software goes, Final Draft is the blingest...and maybe the best. (Win/Mac/DOS)*

**Scriptware** - <http://www.scriptware.com>

*Scriptware is industry-standard, as easy to use as Final Draft, and easier on the bank account. However, it doesn't like Windows Vista. (Win/Mac/DOS)*

### Open Source Screenwriting Software (aka FREE!)

**Celtx** – <http://www.celtx.com>

*Celtx is pretty much compatible with any operating system. LOTS of teen writers get their start with Celtx. Celtx: it even sounds like a winner! (Win/Mac/Linux)*

**PlotBot** – <http://www.plotbot.com>

*Write your screenplays entirely online using PlotBot's screenplay formatter. If you use PlotBot, select All Rights Reserved, and keep your project private. (Win/Mac/Linux)*

**Rough Draft** – <http://www.salsbury.f2s.com/rd.htm>

*Rough Draft is a general word processor with a screenplay option. It's donationware, and for Windows only. Sorry Macs! (Win)*

**BBC's Script Smart** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/writersroom/scriptsmart/>

*Industry-standard Word macros straight from Jolly Olde England. If you're comfortable in Microsoft Word, these may be ideal for you. (Win/Mac)*