

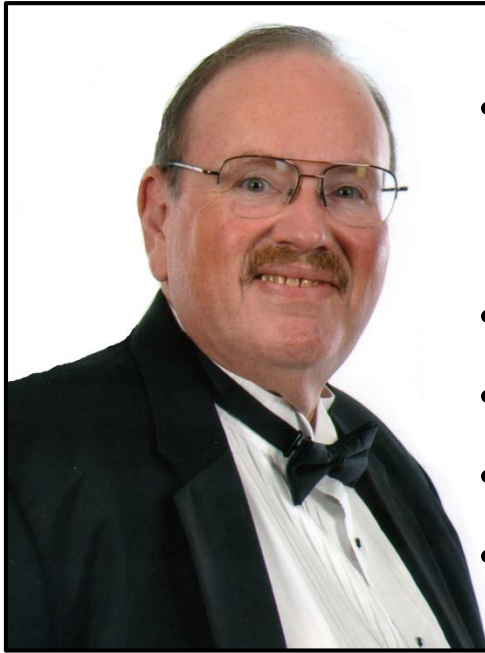
Overview of Scrivener for Writers

A Writing Environment, Not a Word Processor

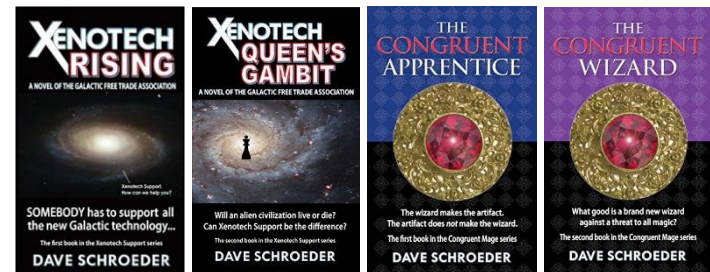
Dave Schroeder

<http://www.daveschroeder.com/scrivener.pdf>

Who is Dave Schroeder?



- Author of the Xenotech Support science fiction humor series and the Congruent Mage fantasy series
- Owner of Spiral Arm Press
- Former corporate Chief Information Officer
- Atlanta Radio Theatre Company member
- Scrivener Fan with No Financial Relationship



Scrivener



Literature & Latte

- Initially released for Macintosh in January 2007
- Based in Cornwall, United Kingdom



Scrivener

For Windows
For Macintosh
For iOS

<https://literatureandlatte.com/scrivener/overview>

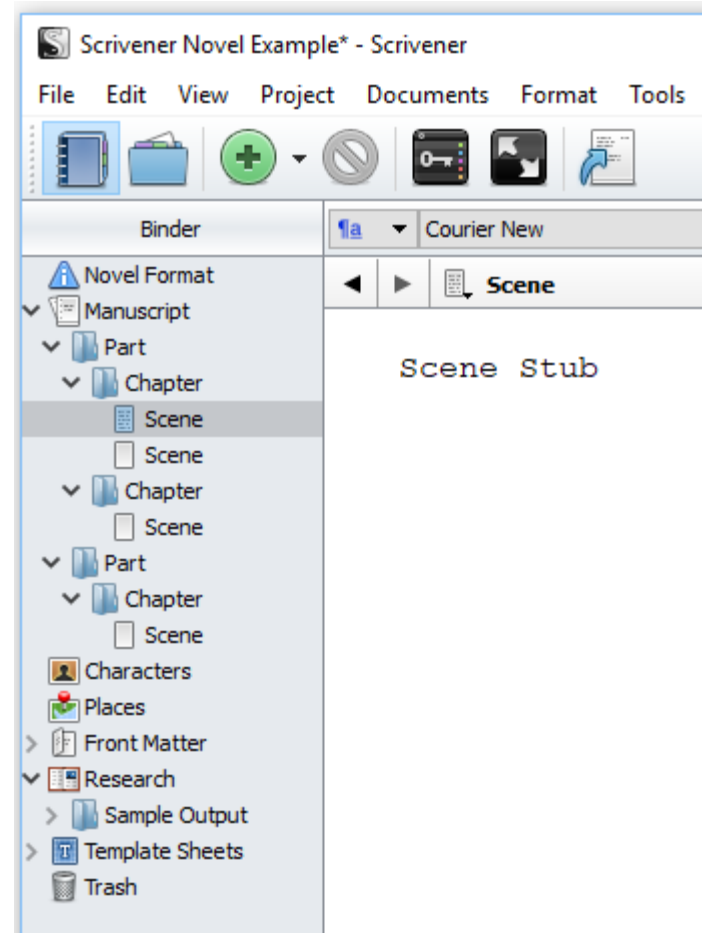
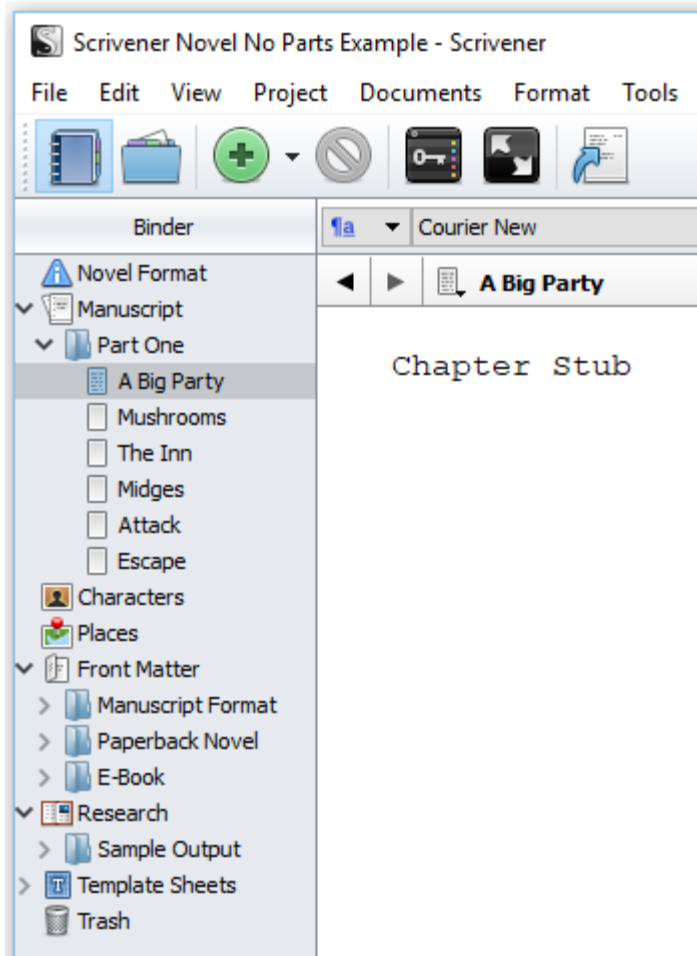
Pricing

- Scrivener is \$45.00 for Macintosh (10.12+) or Windows (Windows 7+)
- Scrivener is \$19.99 for iOS (Version 9+)
- Licenses are good for multiple devices but separate licenses are needed for each platform
- Bundles for Mac & Windows are available at \$75.00
- Educational pricing and volume discounts

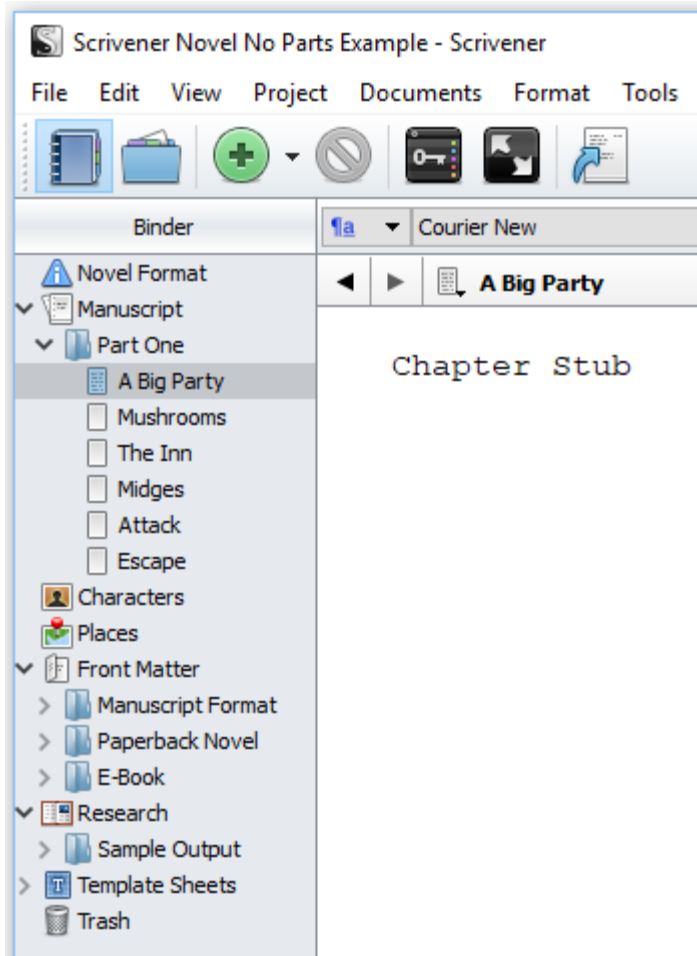
What's the Big Deal about Scrivener?

- Uses a different “metaphor” from word processors
- Fast, clean, stable and uncluttered user interface
- Chapter & scene oriented, not one big document
- Can track characters, settings, and research notes
- Exports to Kindle & ePub formats, plus many more
- Includes corkboard mode and outlining function
- Split screen mode for viewing multiple documents
- Works well with Dropbox for backups

A Different Metaphor



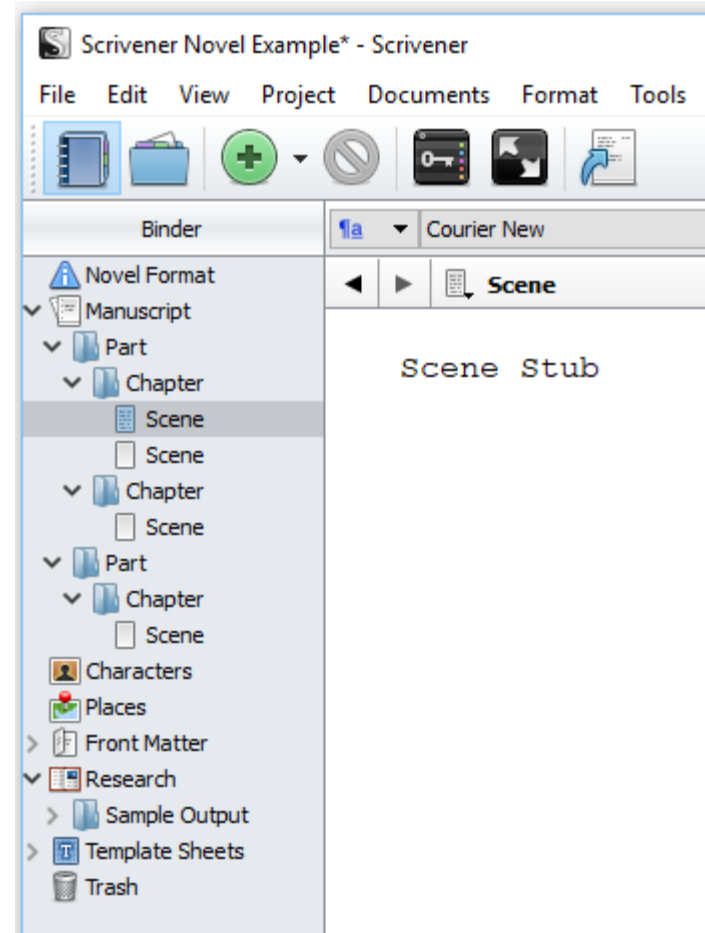
Folders and Chapters



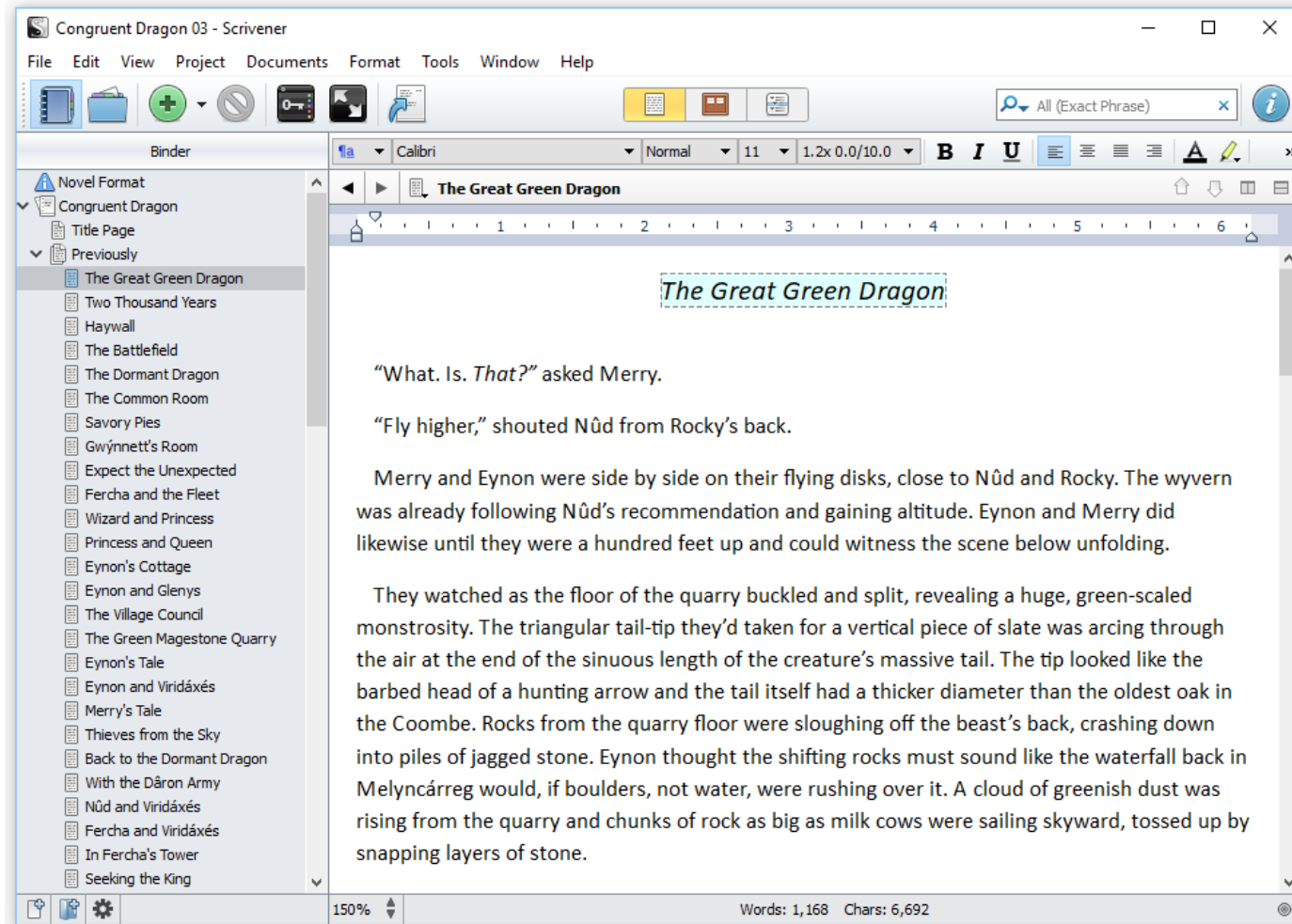
- If the primary organizing unit for your writing is the chapter, this is how your novel will be structured
- The highest level of organization is the folder and chapters appear below it
- You can name chapters by the titles you'd like Scrivener to use or put your chapter titles inside the body text instead
- Scrivener will generate chapter numbers automatically for you

Chapters and Scenes

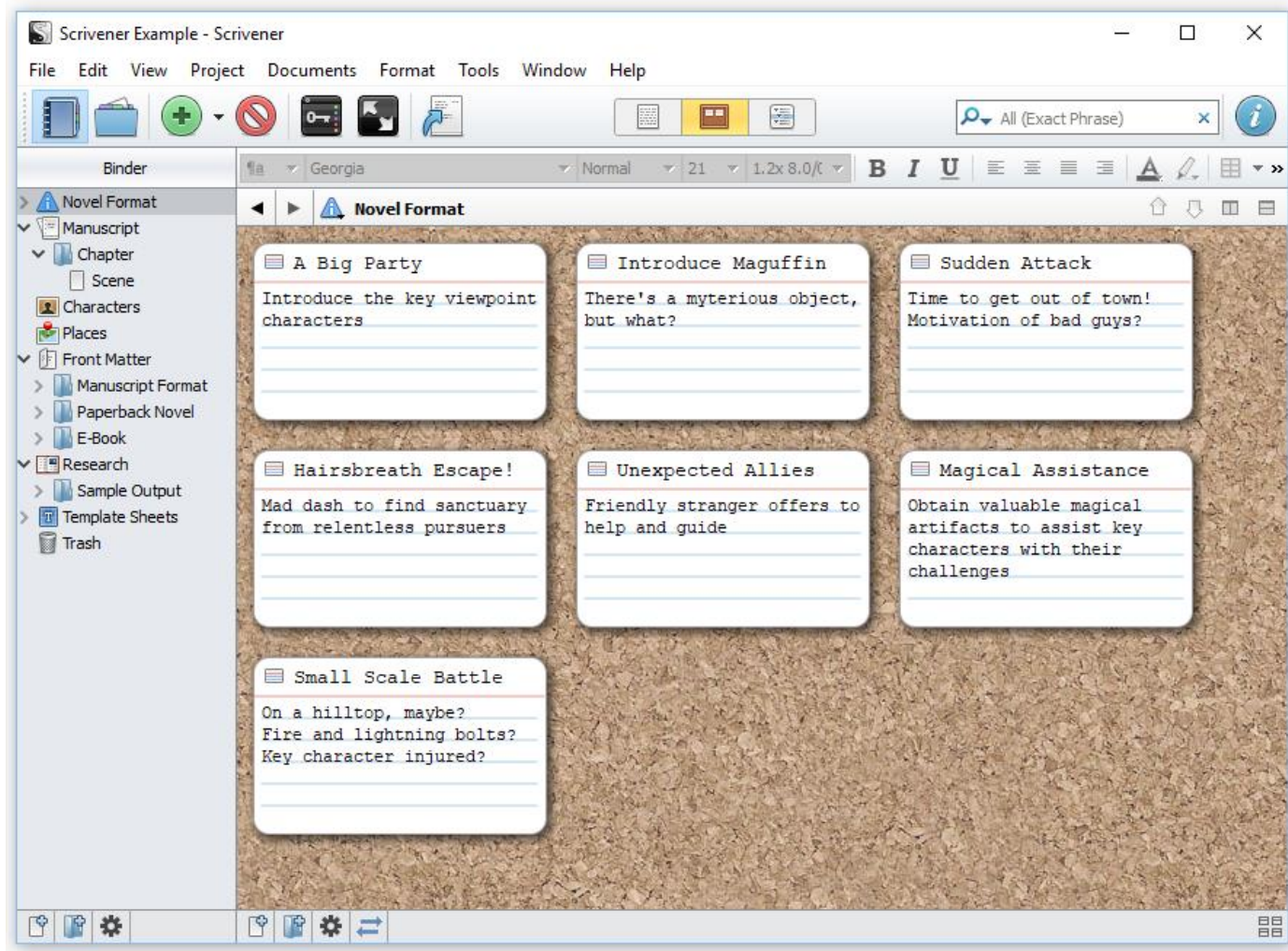
- If the primary organizing unit for your writing is the scene, this is how your novel will be structured
- The highest level of organization is the folder and chapters *and scenes* appear below it
- Scenes can optionally be separated by user-specified character strings like # or * * *
- You can move scenes around within and between chapters



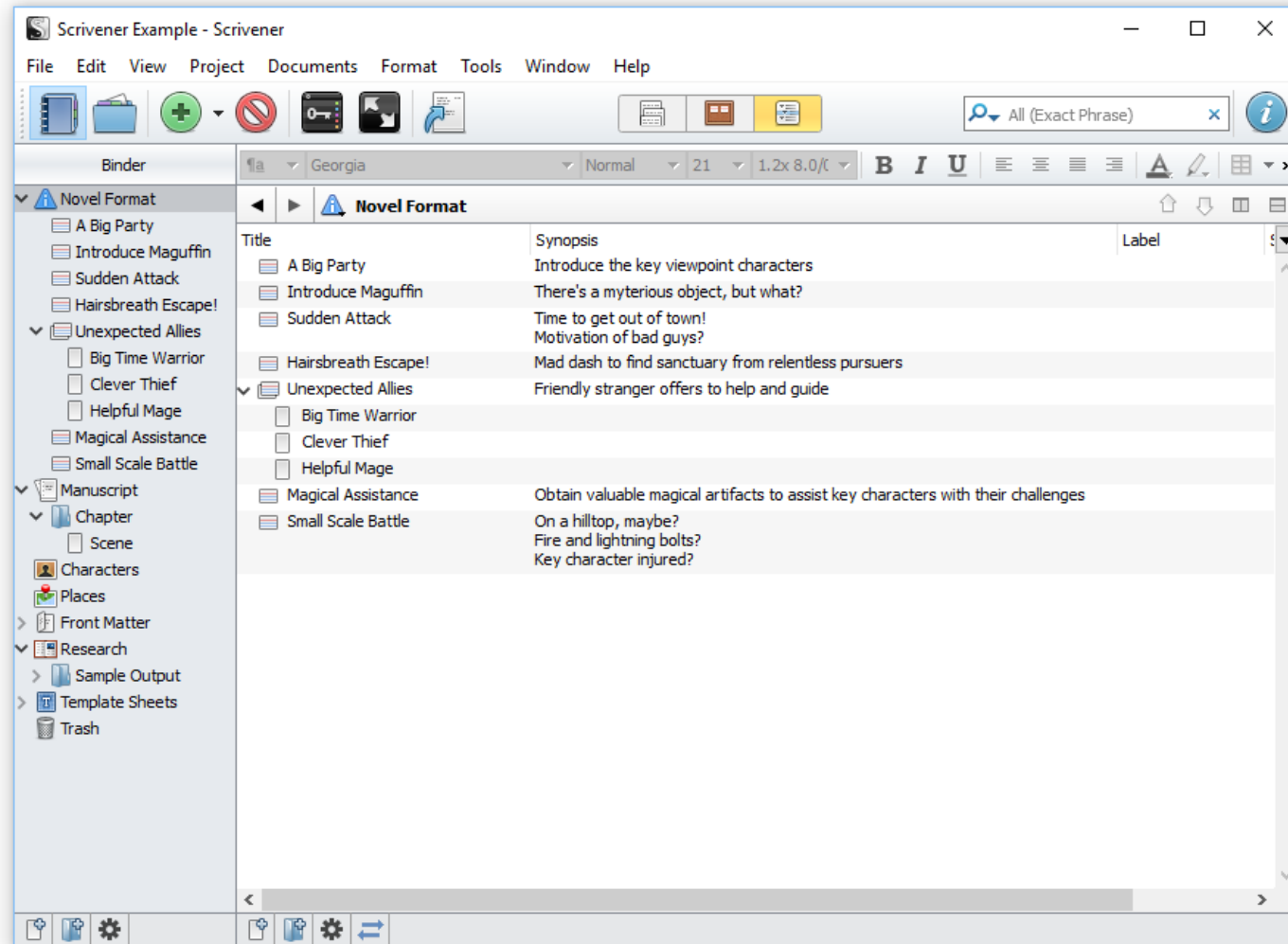
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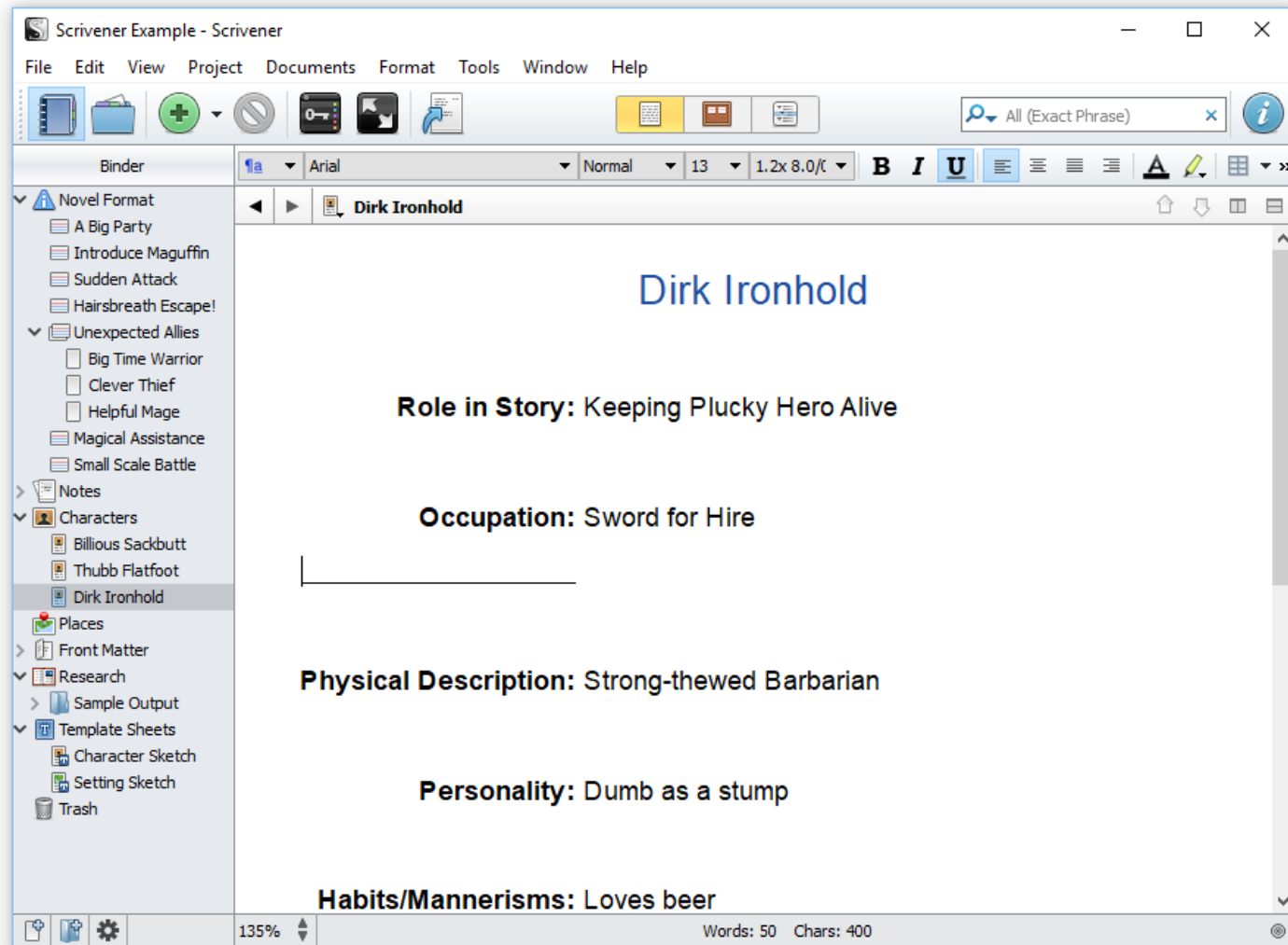
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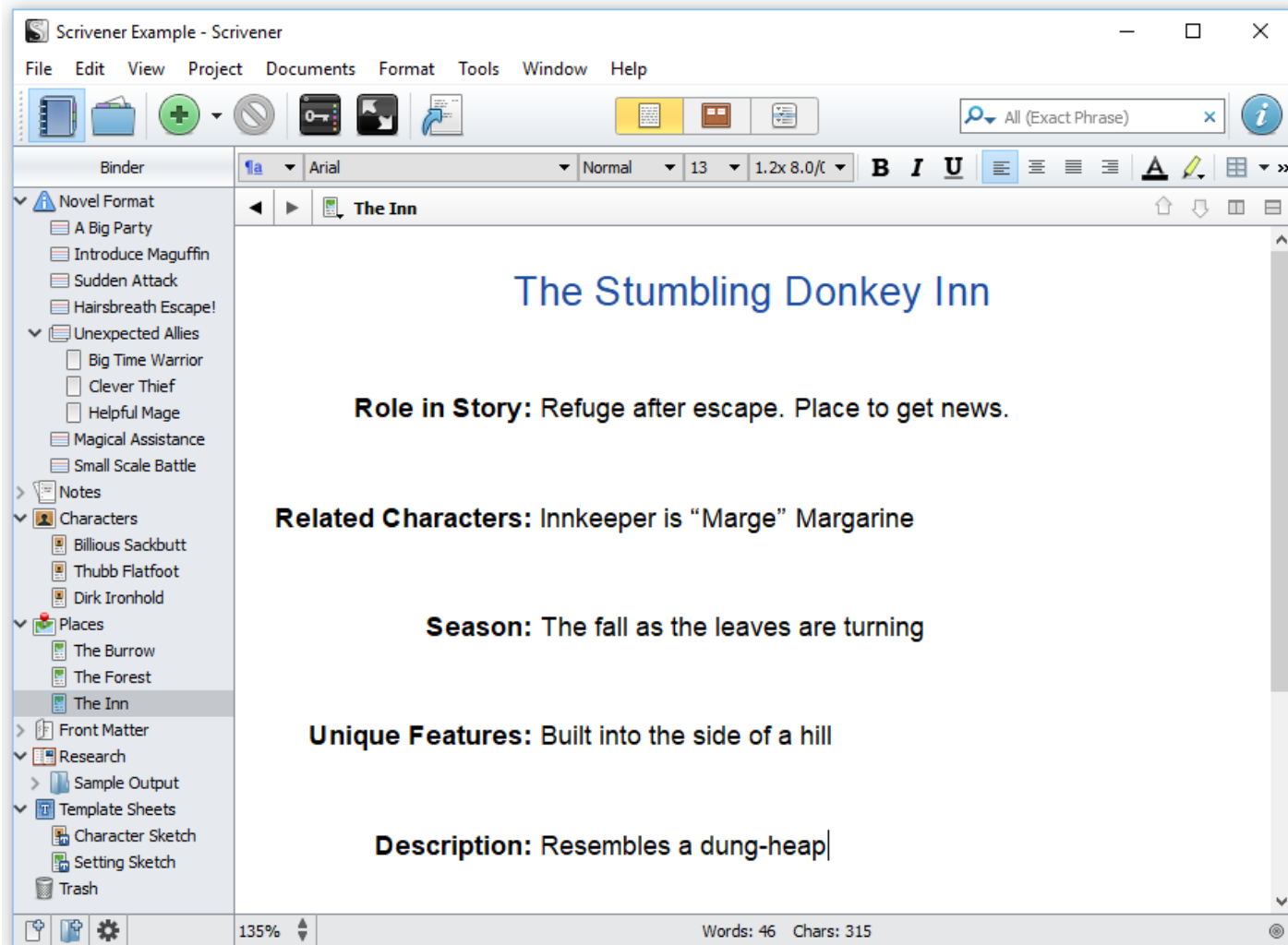
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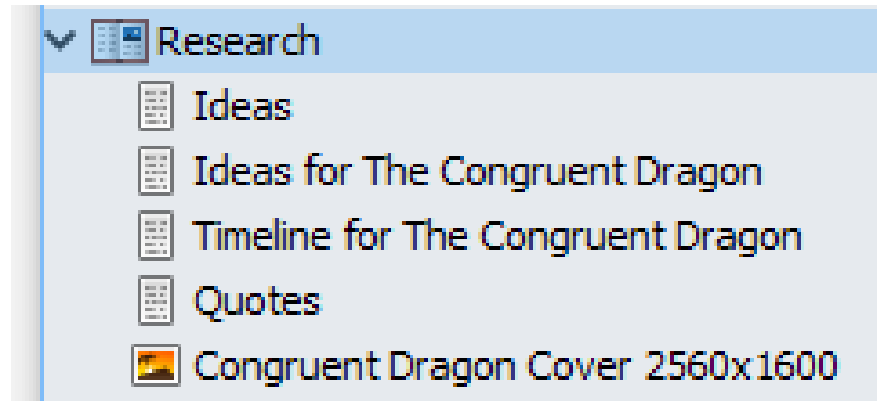
Character Descriptions



Place Descriptions

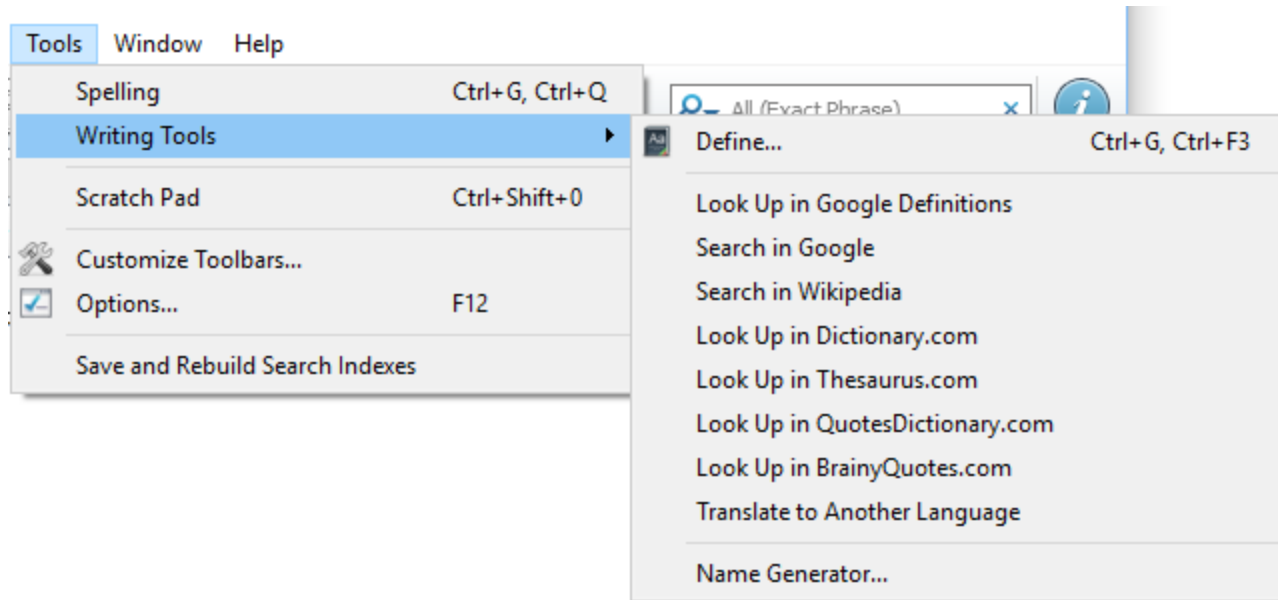


Research and Cover Art




- You can create documents in the Research section related to reference materials, diagrams, photos, etc.
- This is also where you store the cover art for the Kindle and ePub versions of your book
- Recommended cover art for Kindle is a color JPEG that's 2560x1600 pixels

Tools and Resources



- Scrivener has integrated options for looking up words, topics, quotes, and more
- It has its own integrated dictionary and access to translation functions

Name Generator

 Name Generator

Random Name Generation

First Name Meanings

Import

Restore Defaults

Generated Names

Eshne Hurley
Padraigin Shanahan
Radha Druery
Juno McCulley
Isibéal McVeigh
Kelcie Pierce
Slany Fitzpatrick
Moina Dalton
Raegan Duncan
Cara McAlinden

Add Selected to My Shortlist

Options

☐ Both ☒ Female ☐ Male

First name origin

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Last name origin

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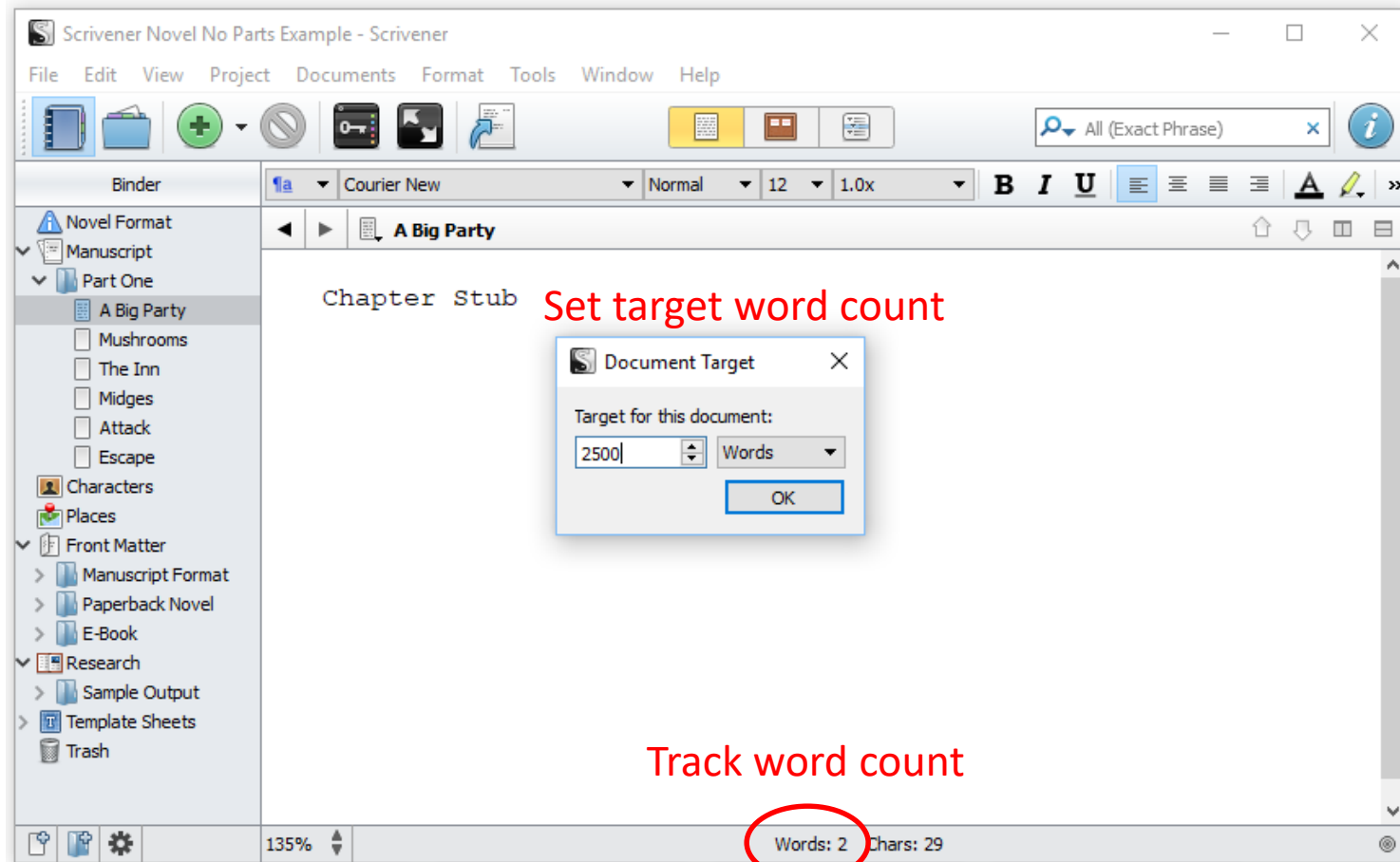
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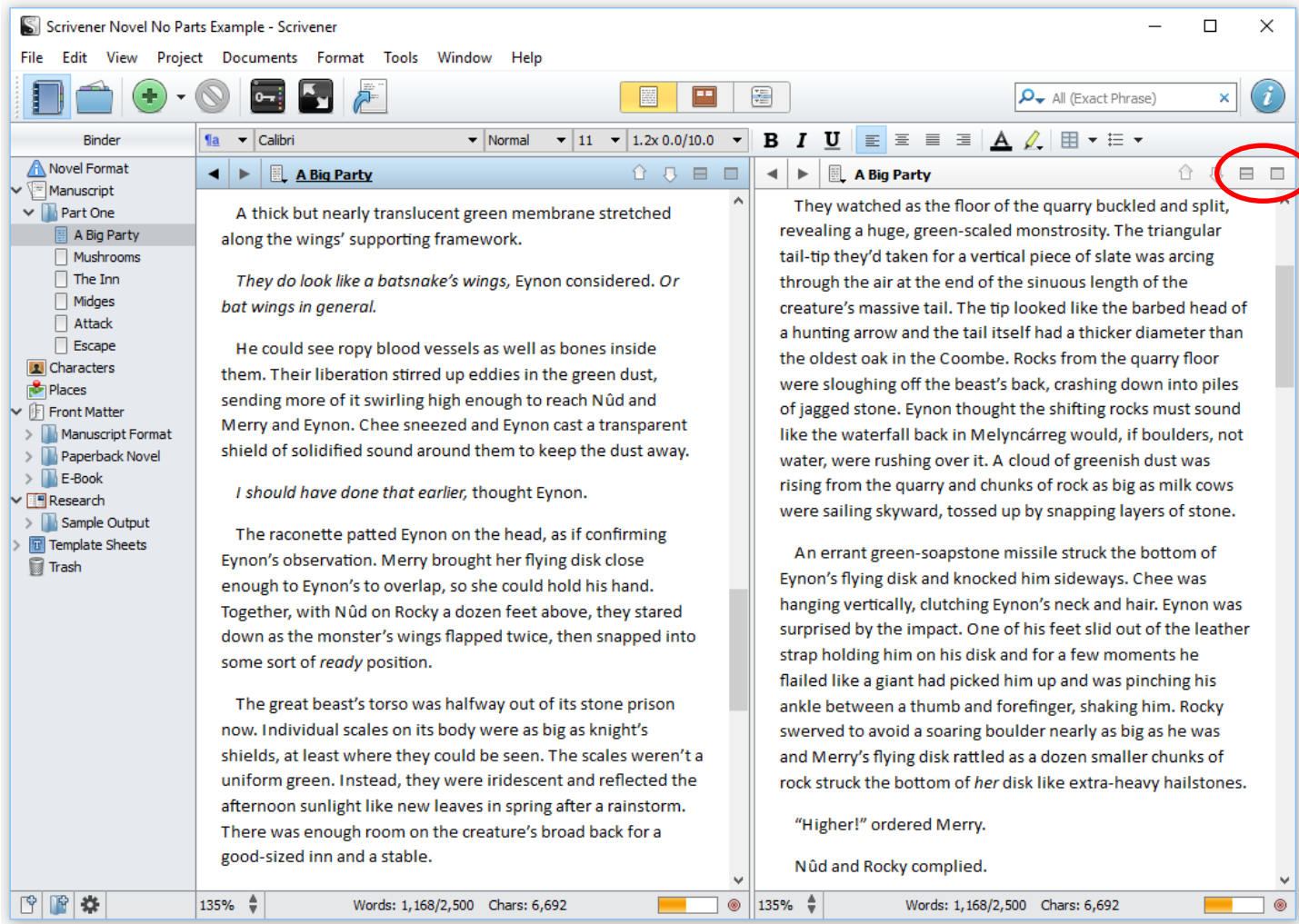
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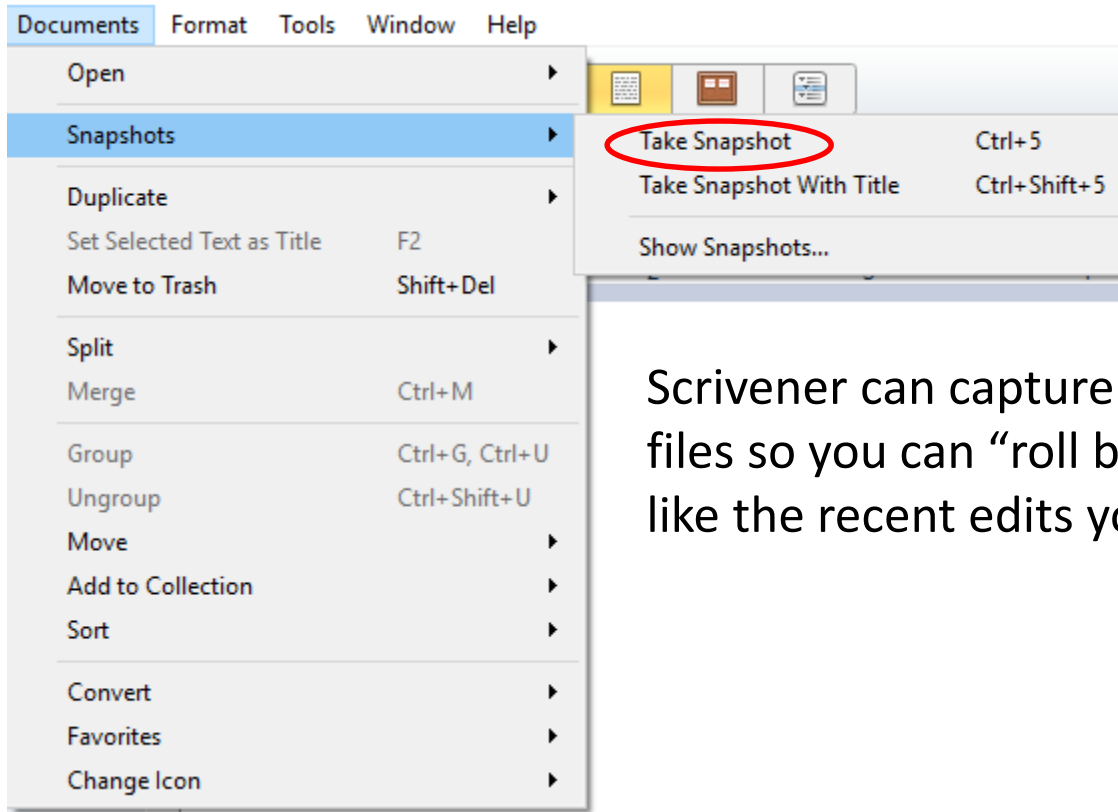
Word Count and Target



Split Screen



Snapshots

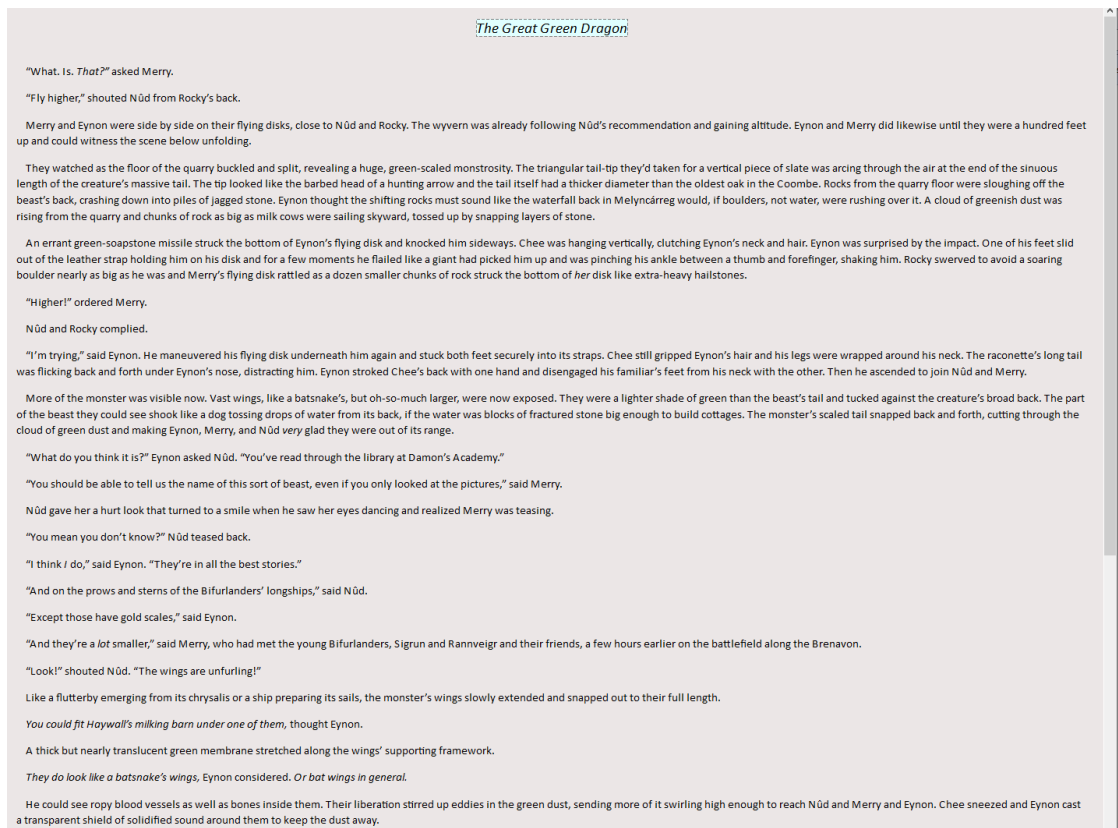


Scrivener can capture earlier versions of files so you can “roll back” if you don’t like the recent edits you’ve made

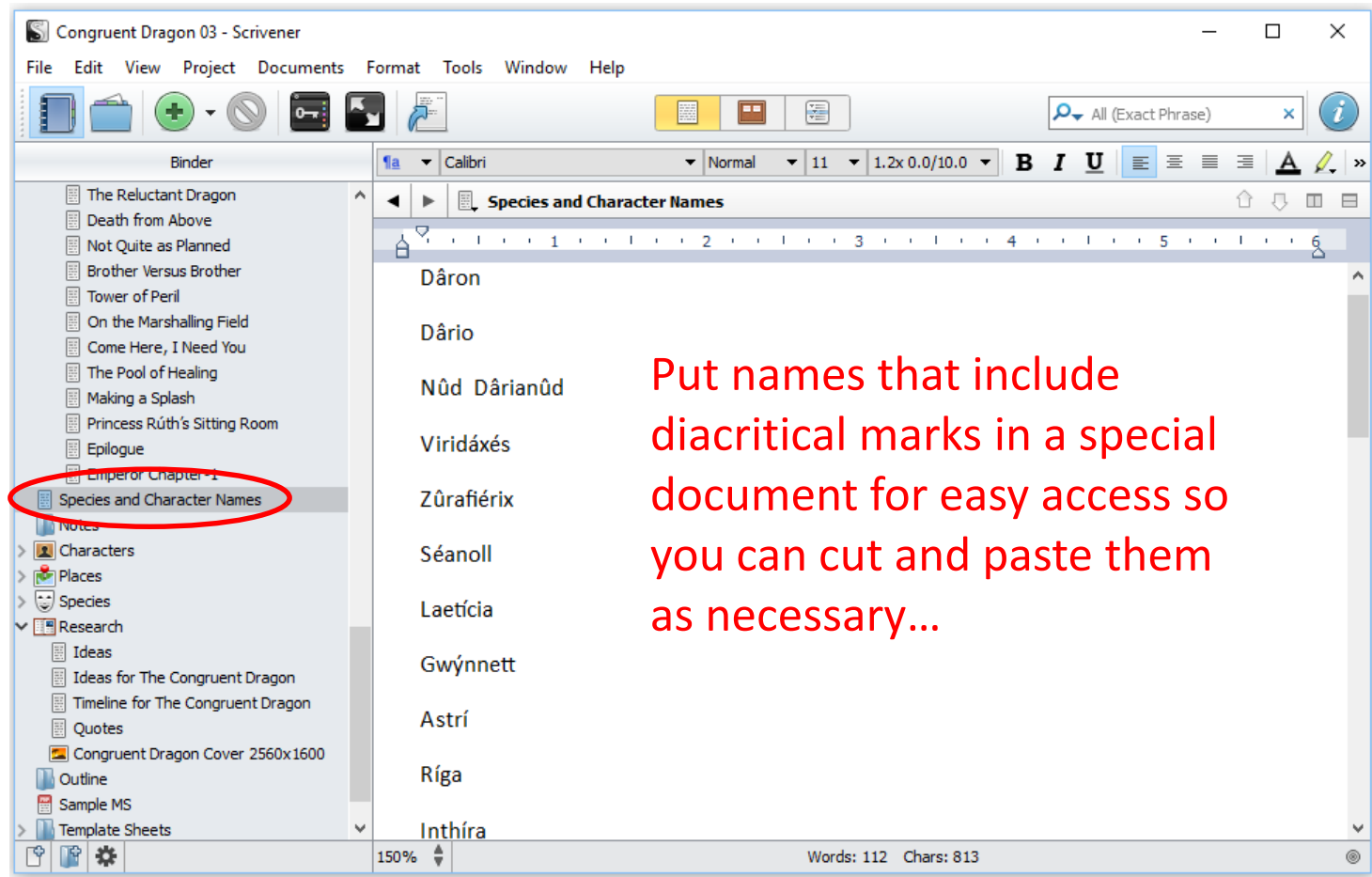
Full Screen Mode

In full screen mode Scrivener even locks out distractions from other programs...

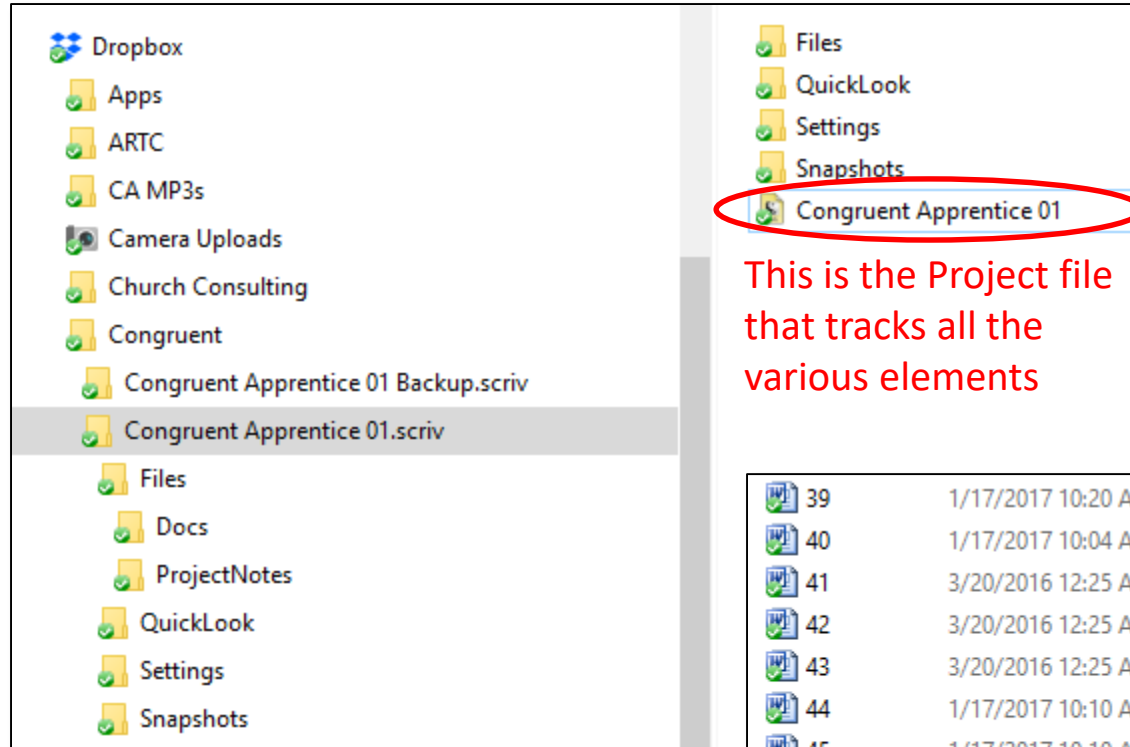
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A Tip for SF & Fantasy Writers



Working with Dropbox



This is the Project file that tracks all the various elements

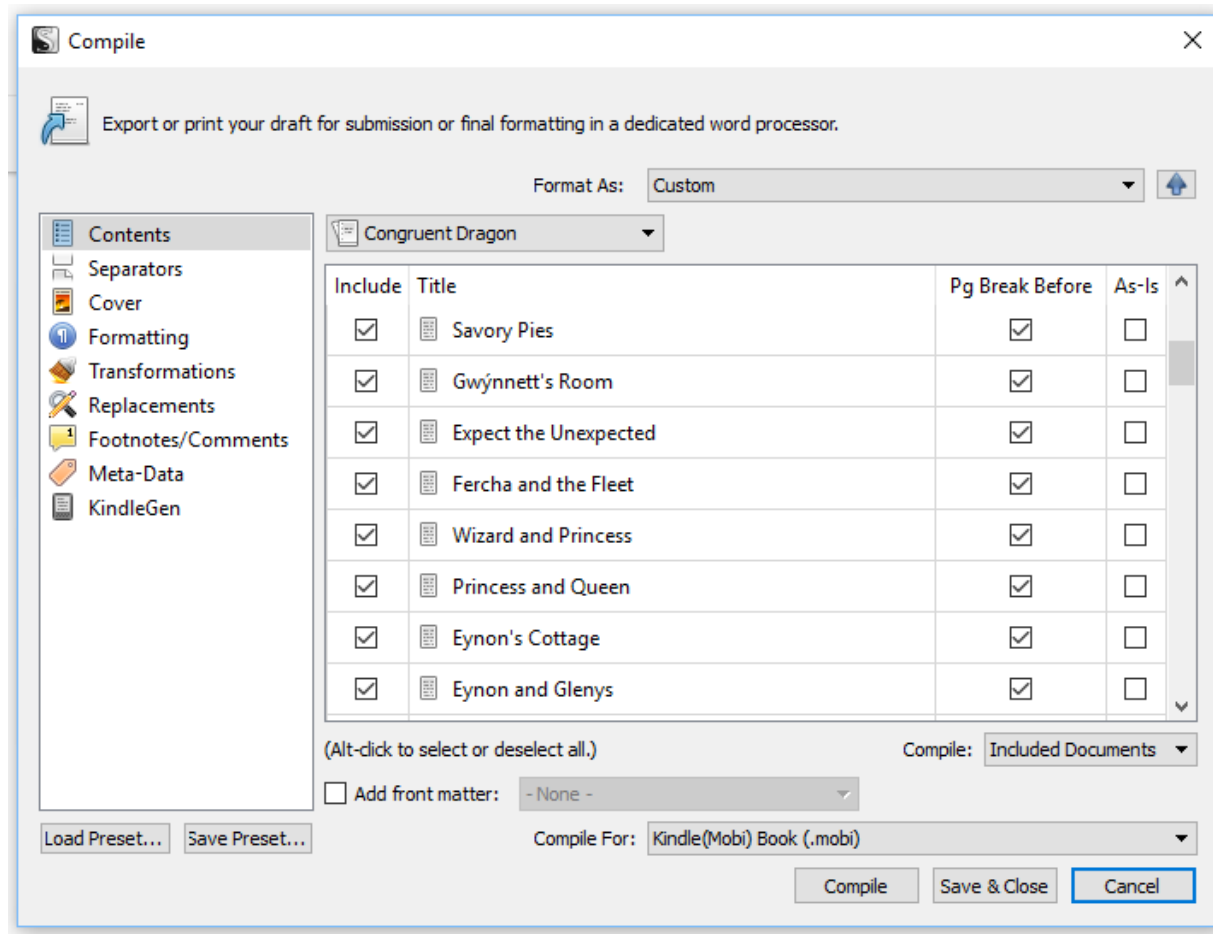


You can access your Scrivener Project from multiple devices but only one at a time

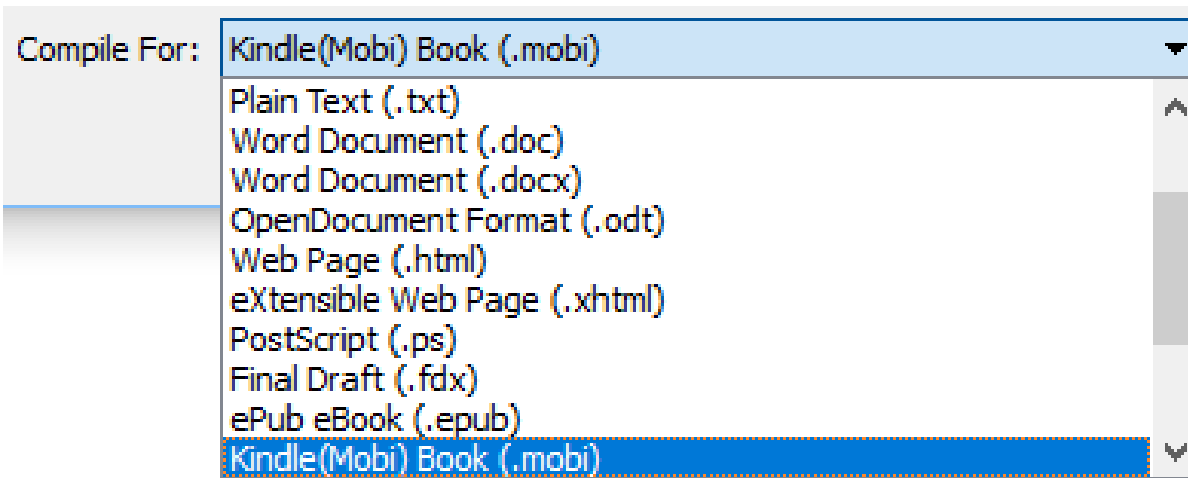
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Scrivener stores its Project elements as small RTF files

Compiling for Export



Export Formats



Meta-Data for eBooks

Compile

Export or print your draft for submission or final formatting in a dedicated word processor.

Format As: **Custom**

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Separators
Cover
Formatting
Transformations
Replacements
Footnotes/Comments
Meta-Data
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Authors: **Dave Schroeder**

Contributors:

Subject:

Description:
The Congruent Dragon is the third book in the Congruent Mage series

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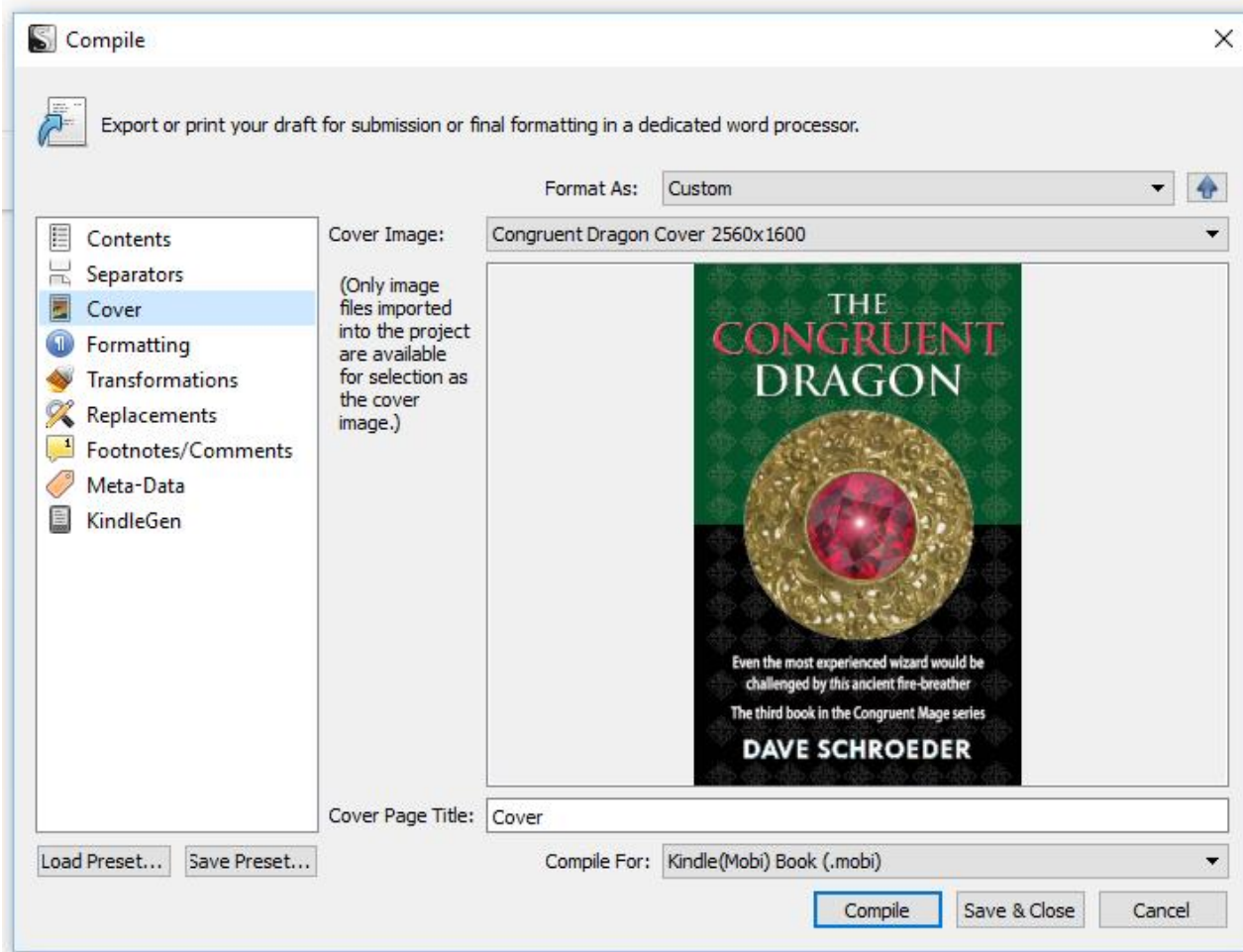
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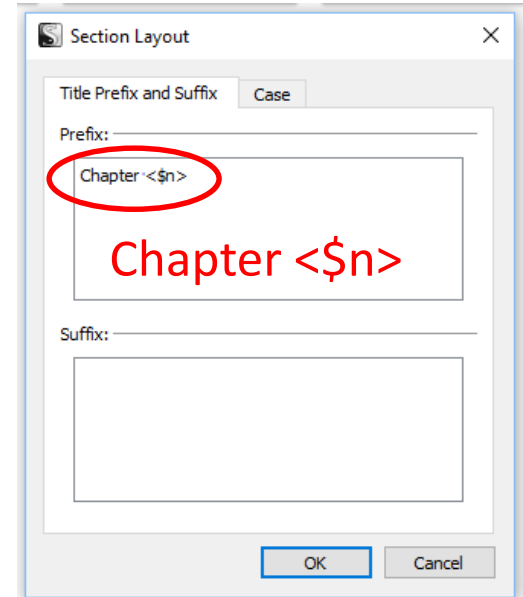
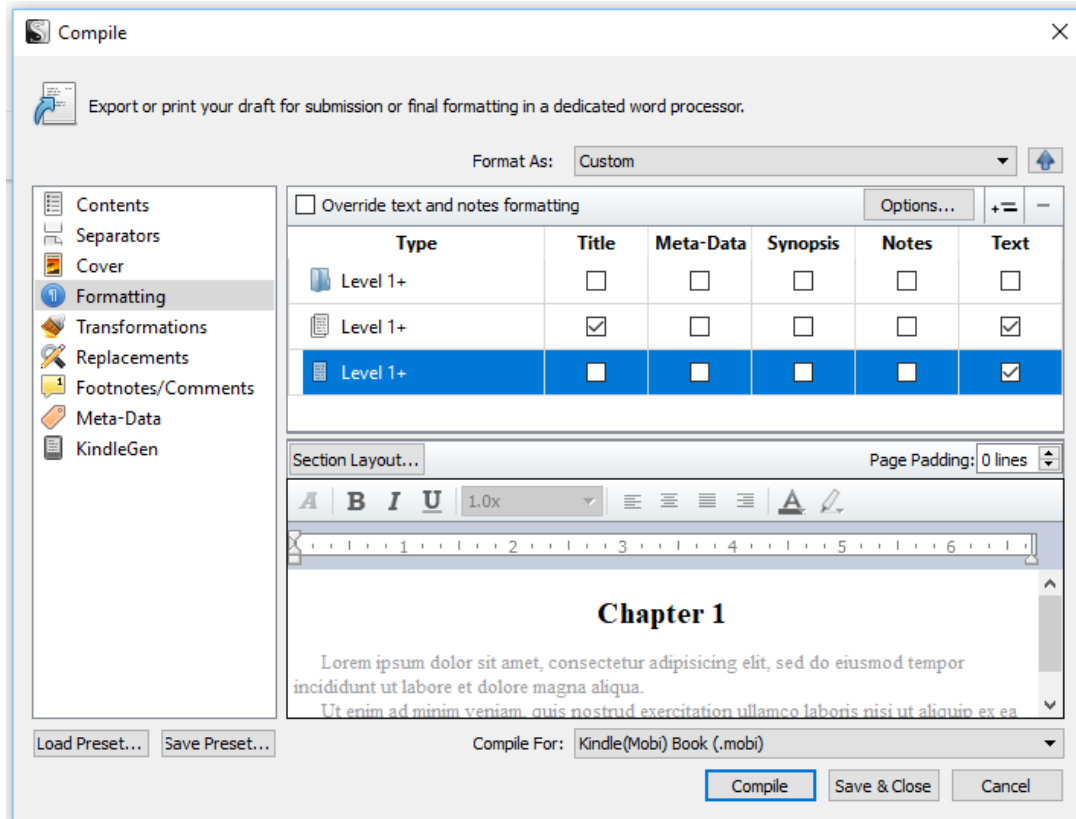
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Cover for eBooks



Specifying Chapter Formats

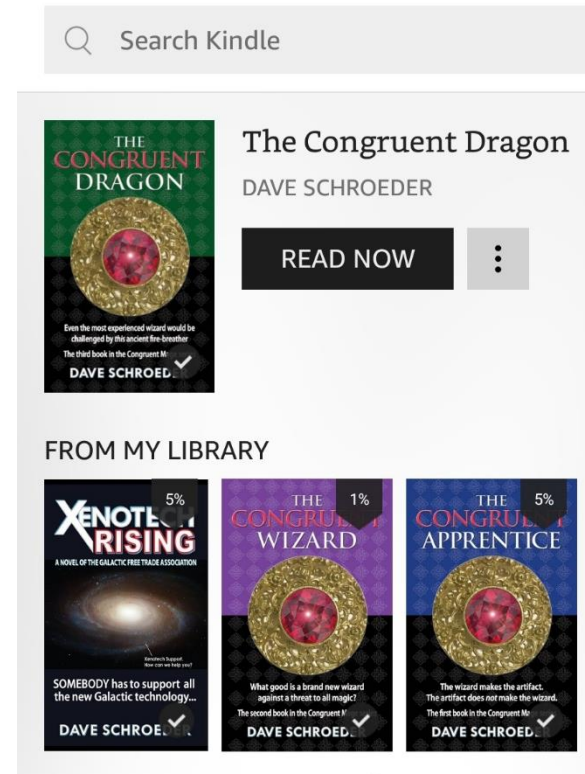


Special variables plug
in key values

Sending Docs to Amazon

Once you've created a Kindle .mobi file you can email it to your Kindle using the steps in the link at the bottom of this slide.

You need to find the email address of the Kindle device you want to send to AND authorize the email address you're sending from first!



<https://www.amazon.com/gp/sendtokindle/email>

Scrivener Challenges

What's the Downside?

- It takes a while to “get” the metaphor
- The Compile function is complicated
- You have to export to Word or RTF to import into Adobe InDesign for printed books
- There are lots of functions you're not likely to use, but fewer than in Word



Scrivener

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- Scrivener's Kindle export function is very helpful for seeing how your novel will look on readers' screens while you're writing. That helps identify typos and problems, too.

Mastering Scrivener

The top resource for mastering Scrivener is Karen Prince.
You can find her courses at: karen-prince.com



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Before You Start

Sign up for my newsletter and my Scrivener quick reference guides to remind you where everything is on the user interface and what all the tools do

Yes! I Need Reference Guides

Free Scrivener Resources

There are also several free resources to help learn Scrivener.

Emily Fox has a page referencing **The Best Free Scrivener Resources**

<https://medium.com/@EmilyFox/the-best-free-scrivener-resources-f4d32fb47c0c>

There are lots of helpful links at **How To Scrivener**

<http://howtoscrivener.com/>

And you can find lots more by searching for
Scrivener Resources

Including templates, guides for compile settings and other advanced features

Q&A