



What is Scrivener?

Scrivener is a writing software developed especially for writers to help them plan/organize their writing.

Features:

Cork Board: Every scene/chapter/section created in Scrivener is displayed as an index card that can be rearranged, edited, combined, or split with the rest of the text.

Outlining and Organization tools: (out the wazoo!!) Places for research, ideas, pictures, everything. The outline tool works seamlessly with the cork board to help keep your ideas organized.

“Scrivenings” Mode: Allows writer to choose between viewing the text scene-by-scene or as a whole cohesive document. There is also a distraction-free writing mode to block out everything but the words on the page.

Compile & Self-Publish: Many writers purchase Scrivener for this feature alone! The wizard will walk you through the process of compiling your document and auto-formatting for self-publishing (with presets for ebook publication). Watch the tutorial videos at least twice, because it is an extensive process!

The *cute* stuff: Scrivener comes with numerous little features, like dictionary, thesaurus, name generator, character sketches, auto-backup, goals and targets, etc.

Pros:

- Affordable price tag (\$40 for multiple licenses)
- Features allow for multiple views, including cork board and notes
- Auto-save and “snapshots” means never losing work or previous versions
- Self-publishing wizard (Nice, but it ain’t Gandalf!)
- Integrates well with other word processors
- Motivational tools like project targets and distraction-free writing mode

Cons:

- Learning curve: takes some time to get to know the program and customize to your preferences
- Limited text formatting (not as “pretty” as Word)
- It’s just a tool...you still have to do the work of writing! ☺

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