

Creating A ‘Credit Roll’ for Aavelin Composer

The Credit Roll object in Aavelin Composer requires that you have a plain text file from which the object will get its text. The best thing to have is a text file that was created in Notepad or Notepad++ (or any other basic text editor). If you have created the file using a word processor program, then you will need to copy the text into a text editor and clean it up by adjusting the following:

1. Remove extra “Carriage Returns” or “Line Feeds”

You need to make sure that these only occur at the end of each paragraph or justified statement. The best way to do this is to turn off word wrap in Notepad and make sure that each paragraph is on its own line. Or you can use Notepad++ to see where extra “CF” or “LF” characters have been placed (See “Using Notepad++” below).

2. Organization

Remember that this is a credit roll, meaning it will scroll from the bottom of the screen to the top of the screen. Think about justifying things vertically rather than horizontally. Normal paragraphs will be word wrapped by the credit roll object, but you don’t always know how much screen width you really have. If you want a statement to stand out, don’t make it too long and don’t use “TAB” to make it look different, just put it on its own line with a blank line above and below it.

3. Remove/Replace Special Characters

Some word processors will put in special characters or symbols when formatting. Any special characters that are not found on a standard keyboard will need to be removed or replaced with an ASCII equivalent.

Using Notepad++

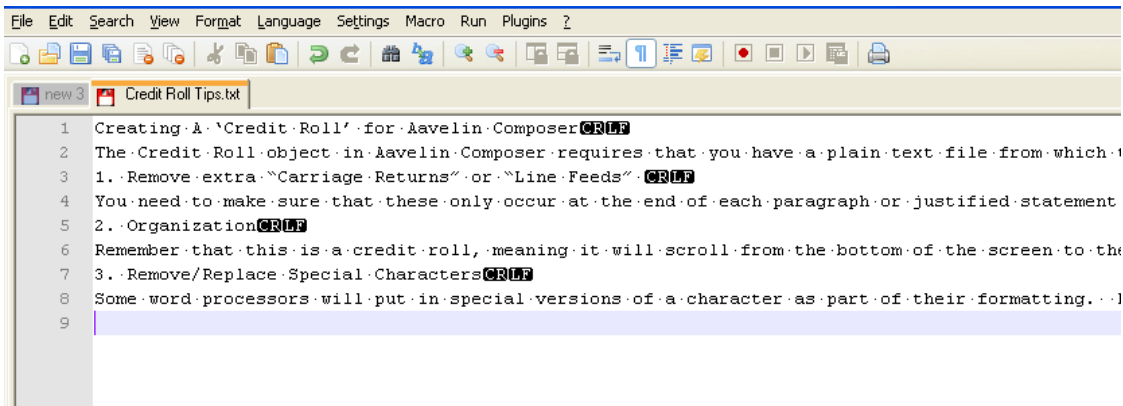
Notepad++ is a free text editor that can be downloaded from the web:

http://www.filehippo.com/download_notepad/

Notepad++ can be used to find out where extra Carriage Returns and Line Feeds have been placed within your text. To do this, open up your .txt file in Notepad++ or copy text into a blank file. Then up on the toolbar click the following button:

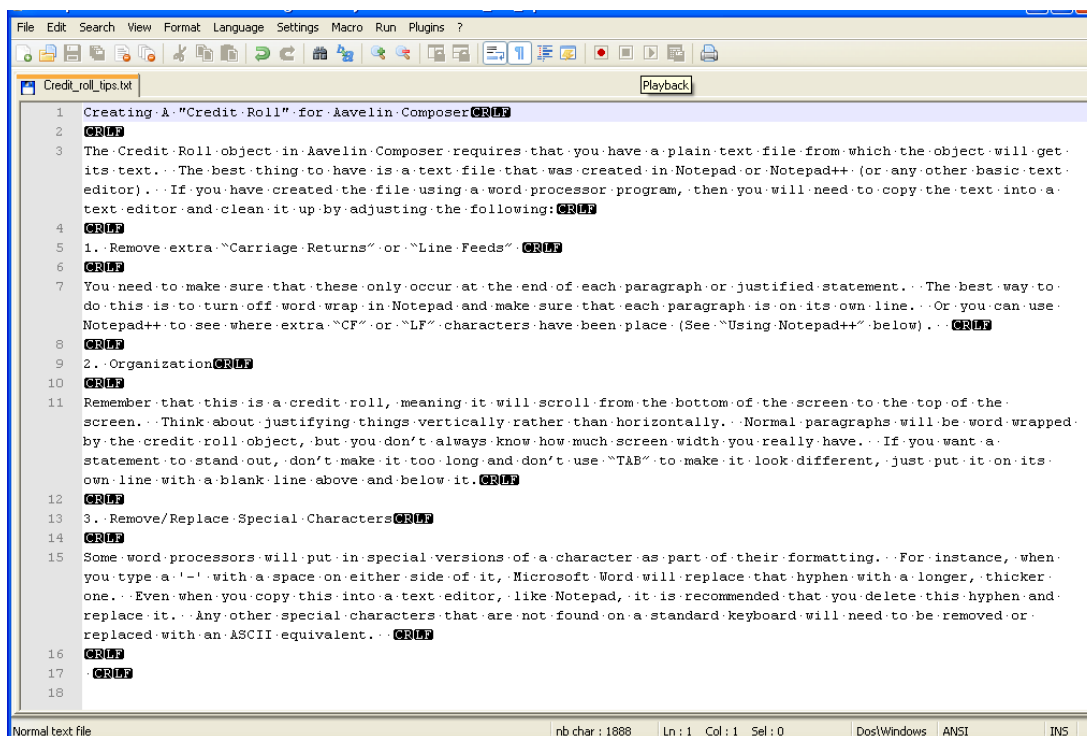


At this point you should get the following placed in your file:



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This particular file does not have any extra carriage returns in it since it was copied from a word document and then pasted into Notepad++. However, it is a little cramped, let us put some space in it and give it a better look:



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15 Some word processors will put in special versions of a character as part of their formatting. For instance, when
you type a '-' with a space on either side of it, Microsoft Word will replace that hyphen with a longer, thicker
one. Even when you copy this into a text editor, like Notepad, it is recommended that you delete this hyphen and
replace it. Any other special characters that are not found on a standard keyboard will need to be removed or
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This also shows you what it looks like when word wrap is turned on. It is the button to the left of the button used to display the "CF" and "LF" characters.

Now save this file as a .txt and use it in your Aavelin project for your credit roll.