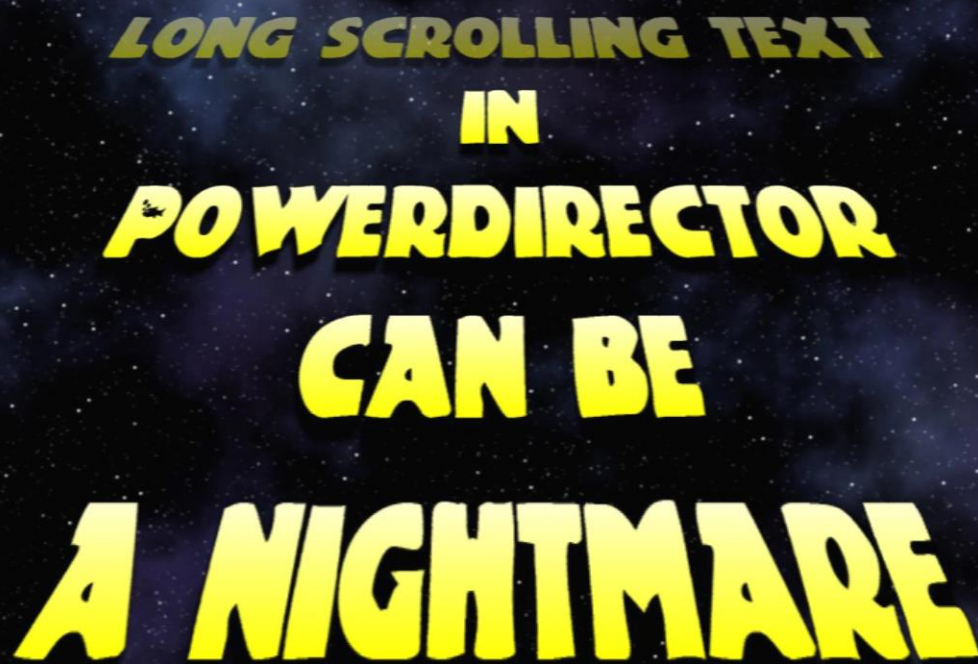


PowerDirector - Guide to Preparing Long Sections of Vertical Scrolling Text

- ▶ Making long sections of scrolling text in PowerDirector can be a nightmare! Really long text will cause lag & sometimes PD will crash.
- ▶ The lack of a Select All feature in Title Designer is a serious limitation – and a very BASIC omission!
- ▶ Processing the text outside PD, then copying & pasting into Title Designer, is the most pain-free approach.



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Step 1: Prepare the text in Word, Notepad or similar software. This can be later copied & pasted into PD's Title Designer

Good afternoon everyone, It's good to know that after many years of sibling rivalry, my brother has at last realised who the best man is!

Firstly, I'd like to congratulate Rob on a truly great speech. I always knew it would be difficult to follow one of your speeches and I was right... I couldn't follow a word of it!

You can probably tell that I'm a bit nervous giving this speech. I feel slightly better knowing that I'm not the only person in the room feeling apprehensive – but then she has just married my brother!

Step2: Go through the script adding returns (line breaks) to allow the text to fit comfortably on the screen (about 3-5 words per line)

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many years of sibling rivalry,
my brother has at last
realised who the best man is!
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Step 3: If you're trying to sync with audio, add extra returns/line breaks where there are pauses in the speech. Longer pauses need more line breaks.

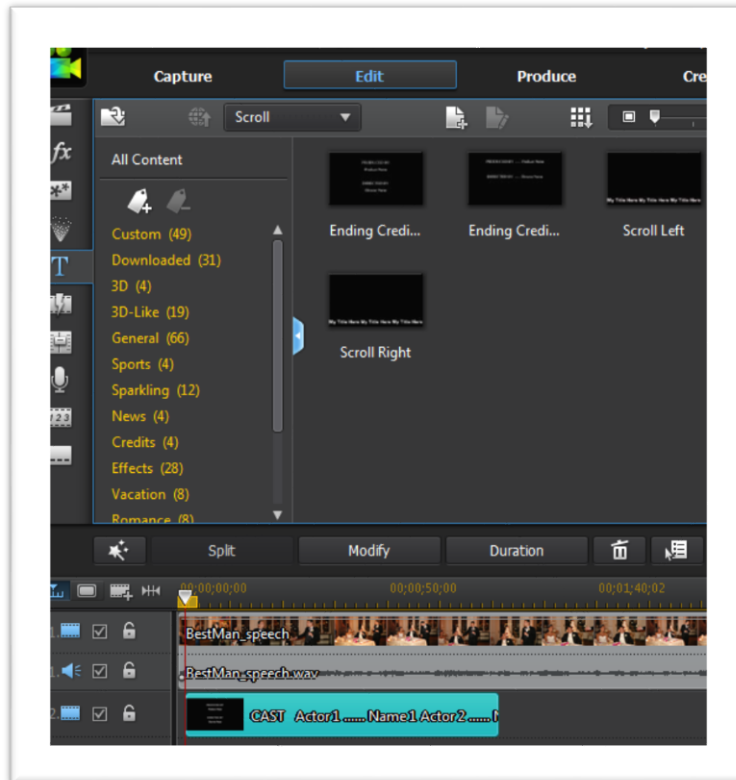
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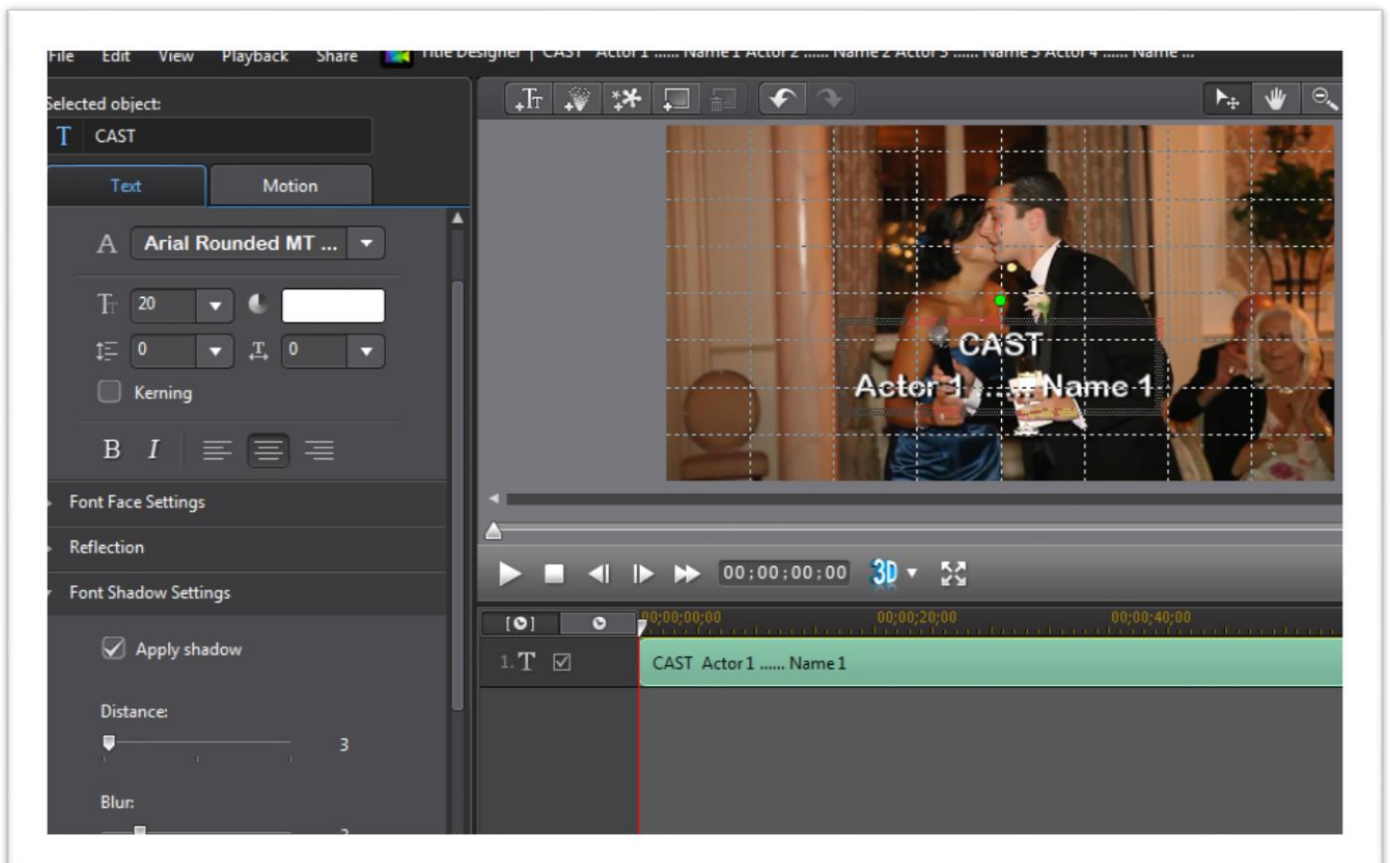
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Step 4: Save the document

Step 5: Open PowerDirector's Title Room & drag a scrolling text template to the timeline. You can format your own using the Default 2D template if you wish.

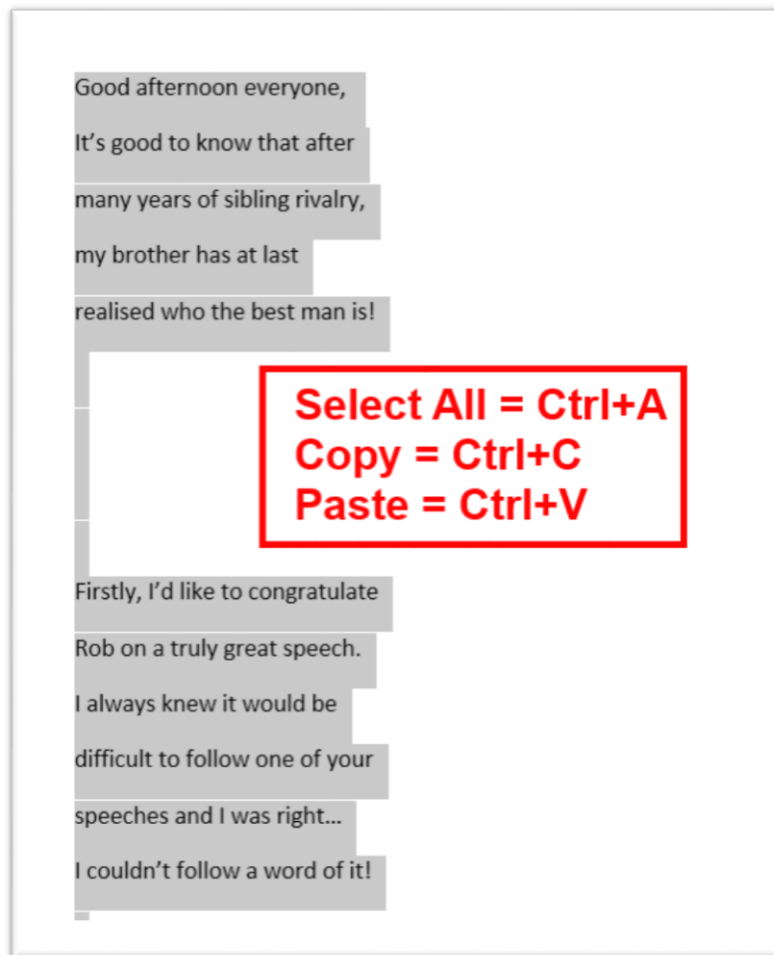


Step 6: Open the template in Title Designer. Delete the text except for a line or two. Select the remaining text and format font, size, colour, shadows, borders etc.

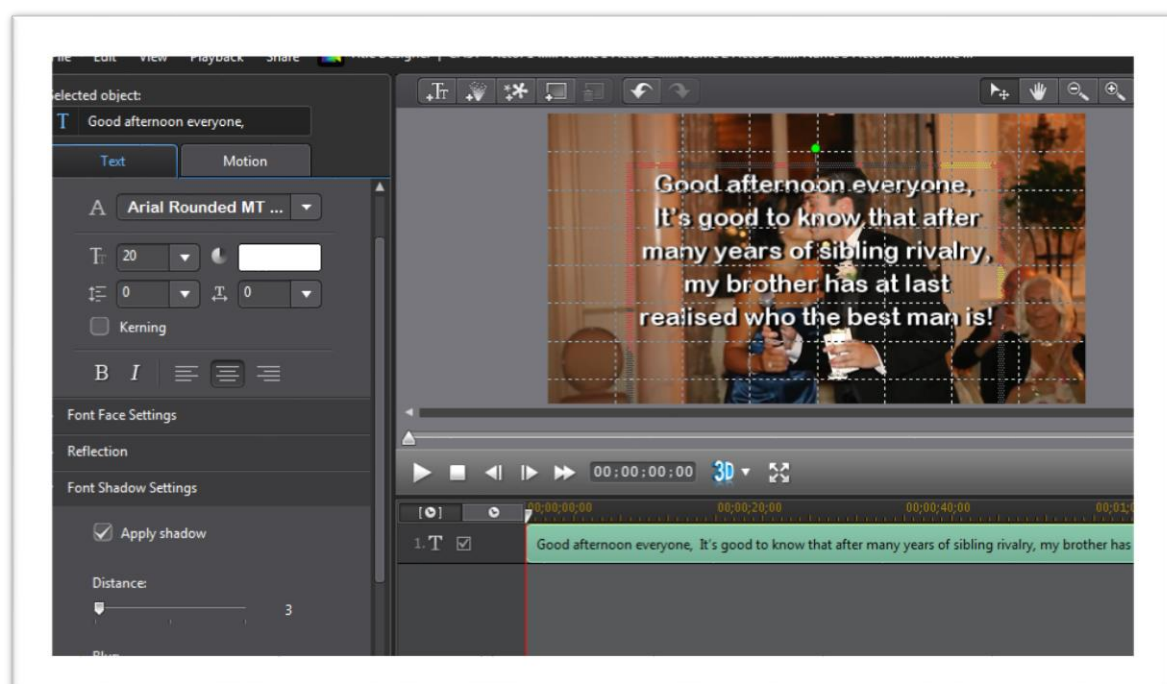


Step 7: Save the title, as is.

Step 8: Open the Word/Notepad document – select all the text and copy it (Ctrl+C)



Step 9: Back in PowerDirector, select the title & click modify to paste the copied text (Ctrl+V). First select the template text, then PASTE. Formatting will be retained.



Step 10: Preview the scrolling text for timing/sync.

To slow it down – increase total duration or remove some line breaks (space fillers)

To speed it up – decrease total duration or add extra line breaks

