

Soft Hyphen Is Not Retained On Copy/Paste

Soft hyphens should not be transformed to hyphen + space when copy/pasted from a PDF, but instead as soft hyphen. Keeping the soft hyphen lets the application where you paste the text recalculate the hyphenation, or alternatively ignore the soft hyphen, which is especially useful in literal content like URLs.

To observe the problem first copy the following example into a text editor to observe that hyphenation is static. In other words, the soft hyphens become hyphen + space, and the hyphenation is therefore not recalculated.

MargaretAreYouGrievingOverGoldengroveUnleavingLeavesLikeTheThingsOfManYouWith-
YourFreshThoughtsCareForCanYouAhAsTheHeartGrowsOlderItWillComeToSuchSights-
ColderByAndByNorSpareASighThoughWorldsOfWanwoodLeafmealLieAndYetYouWillWeep-
AndKnowWhyNowNoMatterChildTheNameSorrowsSpringsAreTheSameNorMouthHadNoNor-
MindExpressedWhatHeartHeardOfGhostGuessedItIsTheBlightManWasBornForItIsMargaret-
YouMournFor

Then copy/paste the example directly from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soft_hyphen instead. This version of the content includes soft hyphens, and so the hyphenation is recalculated in the text editor.