

Forum:[Hack Forums](#)

Thread: [GFX Tutorial - How to get properly animate in Adobe Photoshop \[Smooth & Sexy\]](#)

prodigyhf - May 3, 2012, 5:18 pm

On behalf of my newest group, Propitious, I would like to present to you what should be a simple but very useful tutorial. People have not been using this, but instead are using an improper and well, crappy way of animating. I hope this helps you guys and enjoy.

What you need:

1. Adobe Photoshop CS5 Extended Edition

This must be the Extended Edition otherwise the feature needed will not be available.

2. Basic Photoshop knowledge

How to "properly" animate pictures:

1. Open a new document in Photoshop. In this case, I will be making a simple signature using the dimensions 550x100. Dimensions do not matter for this.

2. Add some text, center it, and make it whatever color you want. Also, color the background whatever you want. I made my background the color of HF's. Center the text by CTRL-clicking both the background layer and the text layer, go to the move tool (press V), then align by pressing the following buttons:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img833.imageshack.us/img833/7042/screenshot1mv.png[/img]

3. Now go to Window, then make sure the "Animation" window is up.Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img607.imageshack.us/img607/3548/ed7d7389e156400c92fd8d6.png[/img]

4. Now that the animation window is up (it should be at the bottom), you need to press the button in the lower right of the animation window. This will bring up the "Timeline Animation" menu.Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)[img]http://img39.imageshack.us/img39/1719/8d571fdbaea447318a441f1.png[/img]

5. Make a new layer (CTRL + SHIFT + N).

6. Select the Brush tool (press B) and make a straight line with the brush tool. I recommend putting hardness at 0% for a more realistic looking glare. Put this on the layer you just made. This is going to be the layer that is animated.

7. Once that is finished, it should look like this:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img26.imageshack.us/img26/5340/7f512d535177424ba752306.png[/img]

8. Now make the glare layer a clipping mask of the text layer. Right click the layer you just made, and press "Create Clipping Mask." Make sure the glare layer is the one right above the text layer.

9. If you did this correctly, it should look like this:Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img824.imageshack.us/img824/703/b0a87d81231c476d8efbad6.png[/img]

10. Now go back to your animation window and press the arrow to the left of your glare layer. This

will drop down "Position," "Opacity," and "Style."

11. Set the length of what you want your .gif to be. In my case, I want it to be 4 seconds long, so I press the following button in the top right of the animation menu: Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img207.imageshack.us/img207/6193/318c65de38034ad8834a726.png[/img]

Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img215.imageshack.us/img215/737/7b8785f242a74b58a55b3f0.png[/img]

12. Then go to Document Settings and change the duration of the image. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img839.imageshack.us/img839/9217/screenshot3tb.png[/img]

- I will only be showing you how to change the position of the layer through animation in this tutorial. However, the possibilities are endless!

13. Now that the "Layer 1" menu is up, click the little clock next to "Position." Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img705.imageshack.us/img705/3513/b8d2f49ea2de42b2bcc99af.png[/img]

14. This should have made a little yellow diamond appear. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img269.imageshack.us/img269/1794/7205e1e1fbb4435e900dcc6.png[/img]

15. Basically what this did was set the current position of the glare layer (in my case Layer 1) as the beginning of the animation.

16. Now you need to move the scrubber bar to where on the timeline you want the animation to end. For example, if you want the glare to take 2 seconds to move across the text, then move the scrubber to the 2 second mark. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img585.imageshack.us/img585/5742/c661cec3ecdd4a68a5bec59.png[/img]

17. Now use the move tool (press V) and hold down the right arrow on your keyboard to move the glare line across the text. When you do this, a small, grey diamond should appear on the timeline where you have your scrubber bar. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img225.imageshack.us/img225/6110/ac30560c7b37432e89f9a32.png[/img]

18. Now press play in the lower left and watch how sexy it looks as the glare line moves smoothly across the text. Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

[img]http://img819.imageshack.us/img819/8140/6de0771f646b45529e490a9.png[/img]

There are tons of other things you can do with this. You can change the opacity for a fade effect, the style for a combination of effects, and tons of other stuff. It will be interesting to see what you guys come up with and maybe people will stop using those crappy frame animations. ?

Here is the final product: Spoiler [\(Click to View\)](#)

I hope you guys loved this tutorial and I hope it helps a lot of you. If you have any questions, please ask below. I will answer them as quickly as I can and to the fullest of my ability.

Have a nice day.

ColdestWinter - May 3, 2012, 5:19 pm

Vouch for this user. I love the tutorial man! It looks amazing and easy to follow.

Penny - May 3, 2012, 5:41 pm

Vouch for this user. Great tutorial, I will be using this soon!

Justice - May 3, 2012, 5:43 pm

Nice tutorial bro, very informative and well written.

Keep it up.

Mr. Nick - May 3, 2012, 5:45 pm

This tutorial is exactly what I've been looking for.

Arrakis - May 3, 2012, 5:46 pm

Very informative, but I've seen a few easier methods for accomplishing the exact same thing.

prodigyhf - May 3, 2012, 5:50 pm

(May 3, 2012 05:46 PM)Billionaire™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Very informative, but I've seen a few easier methods for accomplishing the exact same thing.

But the result is a choppy animation. This is harder but it looks 10x better.

Pointz - May 3, 2012, 5:53 pm

Very nice and clean tutorial Cyber.

Great work.

prodigyhf - May 3, 2012, 6:23 pm

(May 3, 2012 05:53 PM)Pointz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Very nice and clean tutorial Cyber.

Great work.

Thanks. :)

Yours was excellent too!

Shena - May 4, 2012, 10:52 am

Wow;

Thank you for this amazing tutorial, OP. ?

Random Sauce - May 4, 2012, 1:27 pm

Just finished working on it. I placed the finished product in my signature! What do you think? ?

Don't know why its not animated? Any ideas? If you right click my signature and open it in another tab it will be animated!

prodigyhf - May 4, 2012, 4:34 pm

(May 4, 2012 01:27 PM)Larry Flynt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just finished working on it. I placed the finished product in my signature! What do you think? ?

Don't know why its not animated? Any ideas? If you right click my signature and open it in another tab it will be animated!

This is because you need to set the .gif to loop. To do this, do the following steps:Save for Web & Devices (CTRL + SHIFT + ALT + S)

When this menu is up, look in the lower right for the following dropdown:

Make sure that the Looping Options is set to Forever.

That should fix it! By the way, it looks great! :)

Miracle. - May 4, 2012, 6:36 pm

very nice and well detailed tutorial

Bladder - May 4, 2012, 8:24 pm

Nice tutorial bro. Very well detailed. These tutorial help the best.

Random Sauce - May 5, 2012, 11:11 am

(May 4, 2012 04:34 PM)CyberProdigy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is because you need to set the .gif to loop. To do this, do the following steps:Save for Web & Devices (CTRL + SHIFT + ALT + S)

When this menu is up, look in the lower right for the following dropdown:

Make sure that the Looping Options is set to Forever.

That should fix it! By the way, it looks great! :)

Wow, thanks a lot for replying and for the help it worked! ?

+ Rep for the tutorial! ?

prodigyhf - May 5, 2012, 11:19 am

(May 5, 2012 11:11 AM)Larry Flynt Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Wow, thanks a lot for replying and for the help it worked! ?

+ Rep for the tutorial! ?

No problem man. It was my pleasure to help. :D

German - May 5, 2012, 12:40 pm

Thanks so much for this tutorial! I've been trying to get into GFX for a long time! :D

#Rossy - May 8, 2012, 5:21 am

Dude this is fucking cool tutorial. Keep it up bro

prodigyhf - May 13, 2012, 8:01 pm

More people need to use this method instead of the crappy ones lol.

Kunis - May 13, 2012, 11:38 pm

Thanks for this.

It's going to be useful, since I suck at layering animations.

atwqn - May 15, 2012, 8:31 am

very nice and useful tutorial.Thanks for sharing.

Chris_zZz_Style - October 20, 2012, 9:54 am

Sorry for Grave Digging this Thread, Cyber are you going to update this to CS6? Since most of the stuff you've shown is changed.

HIGH PAID FELLA - October 20, 2012, 2:49 pm

Can you make a Tutorial but than one for Photoshop CS6? btw nice tut.

prodigyhf - October 20, 2012, 8:52 pm

I will make a CS6 version eventually. I can't right now or soon but I will.

Rin™ - October 20, 2012, 9:27 pm

Nice tutorial i like it fiend keep it up

prada ? - October 22, 2012, 9:04 am

Nice tutorial, will definitely clear up any questions people have.

kemronkelin - October 22, 2012, 12:47 pm

I have been waiting for this tutorial for a long time ,
Thanks GOD at last I have got it.

lenaos - April 23, 2013, 7:12 pm

What do you save it as/ how? I'm aiming for it to be viewed on imgur or something

simples - April 24, 2013, 3:52 pm

Nice little tutorial there, many thanks ill be using it.

prodigyhf - April 24, 2013, 6:15 pm

(Apr 23, 2013 07:12 PM)xSorrow Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What do you save it as/ how? I'm aiming for it to be viewed on imgur or something

Save it as a .gif. It has been a long time, but I believe you have the option to raise the quality so make sure you do that.

Impulser - April 27, 2013, 12:09 am

Thanks for this guide! Simple and amazing.

Impulser