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Thread: [BR3TT ~ How to make an animated signature](#)

VirtualFrost - February 22, 2013, 1:49 am

Requirements:

Photoshop

Welcome to my tutorial on How to make an animated signature just like the one shown below! In this tutorial you will have the knowledge on how to make a simple gif and how they're created. I will go in depth as to what you will need to do in each step and provide clear screenshots and indicate where everything is in each step.

In this tutorial I'll show you how to make a simple shine on text like shown below.

1. Create a new canvas and put in the words you wish to make shine, for this tutorial I'll be using my name. For anyone wishing to know my font it is [Lobster](#).
2. Next create a new layer and call it Gradient, this is what will make your image look like a shine is going over it.
3. Next head over and select the Gradient tool over on the side. If you cannot spot the tool it can be hiding behind the bucket tool so go over to it, right click it and select the Gradient tool.
4. Next head to the top of the page and you should see a little Gradient display of what Gradient you currently have, we need to change it so double click on it to open up the Gradient Editor menu.
5. Now that you're in the Gradient Editor menu, go down and double click on the arrow along the bottom and on the LEFT side (Red Circle), for this tutorial I will be making it white but you can make the colour anything you wish. Once you've chosen your colour, go to the top right of the box and select that by clicking it once (Blue Circle), you should see a menu along the bottom and a box that says Opacity, change that to 0%.
6. Once you have done that, now select your Gradient layer and go from the left side of the canvas and go in about 1 cm, do NOT go across the whole canvas.

7. Now that you have your gradient, go over to your Gradient layer and duplicate it by right clicking the layer and selecting "Duplicate Layer"

8. Select your Gradient copy layer (Green Circle) and press Ctrl + T (Blue Circle) and head up to the top menu, change the degree of the first box to "-180" to make it flip (Red Circle) and then press the tick to save changes.

9. Now move your original Gradient layer over and put it up against the other Gradient so that they touch and make a fade in and fade back out effect like show below (Red Circle). Once you've done that right click your Gradient copy layer and go Merge Down (Blue Circle), MAKE SURE YOUR ORIGINAL GRADIENT IS UNDER THIS LAYER.

10. Once you have your two gradients in one layer, go down to your layers, hold the Alt button and put your mouse in-between your text layer and the gradient layer and click and it should clip like so. You'll know if its worked if your gradient is now only inside your text (Blue Circle) and that there is an arrow pointing down to the layer underneath (Red Circle)

11. Now that everything is ready you'll need to be able to view your Animation bar, by default you shouldn't have this on but if you do skip this step. To see your animation bar, go up to "Window" and click on "Animation", a bar along the bottom should appear as shown below.

12. Now the fun part, move your gradient so it isn't sitting inside of your text but right next to your text so it is ready to move. Once you have starting point, press the paper icon similar to the one when you create a new layer (Red Circle) to make a new frame, now with your gradient selected and the move tool selected, hold your right arrow key for about each second and keep making a new frame after each movement. Don't make them too big or else it won't look realistic enough. If you don't want it to keep looping, add about 5-10 extra frames at the end so it stays normal for a little bit.

13. Now since gifs don't allow transparent particles around images, we'll need a background colour, make sure it completely fits the area in where you want the gif to go, for this example it will be inside this thread, take a screenshot of the thread area, open it up in Photoshop and copy the colour and make that colour the background of your gif. In the end you should have around 30 frames if you followed everything I did and 3 layers, Background, Text and Gradient.

14. With everything complete go up to "File > Save for Web & Devices". If you wish to know what my settings are they're shown below, make sure you have selected GIF and select save. Select the Format as "Images Only" and make sure when you save your file you add .gif on the end. For

example Sir.gif so it saves as a gif file.

You should now have a fully functional animated signature! Just upload it to an image sharing site such as <https://imgur.com> to see it live and upload it to a forum or set it as a signature. Using this exact same method you can do a whole heap of other things such as making normal text go from normal and slowly blurry and back to normal, be creative make things disappear and reappear! Thank you for using this tutorial and any feedback would be great!

hiraeth. - February 22, 2013, 10:13 am

Beautiful tut man!

Very detailed, HQ Thread! If I were L33T/UB3R, I would rep you!

Rayquaza™ - February 22, 2013, 10:14 am

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I am sure this will help a lot of people who don't know how to this.

VirtualFrost - February 22, 2013, 3:14 pm

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(Feb 22, 2013 11:13 AM)SKEPTiCALSQU1D Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Beautiful tut man!

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Thanks a lot for the feedback! ?

Was worried about the fact there'd be a lot of these or it wasn't detailed enough.

douchebag - February 22, 2013, 3:14 pm

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You should make a video on how to do it.

Gold Eagle™ - February 22, 2013, 4:47 pm

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I personally think text tutorials are easier to follow with things like this!

VirtualFrost - February 22, 2013, 5:55 pm

(Feb 22, 2013 04:14 PM)Wonderland Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good detail but a lot of these tutorials, but I like yours the most.

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I was thinking about making a tutorial on this but I'm no good at making tutorials and talking, never done them before thats all!

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Yeah, I don't really like uploading videos just for the fact friends found past videos I made and just laughed at them so I gave up on any type of videos for YouTube. Thanks for the feedback though!

Grin - February 22, 2013, 6:06 pm

It's a decent tutorial, but I find it strange that your avatar is still...

I mean if you could make an animated one, and it'd look much better...why not make one?

Phreakdaline - February 22, 2013, 6:49 pm

This is really well done. Good work.

VirtualFrost - February 22, 2013, 7:53 pm

(Feb 22, 2013 07:06 PM)Grin Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's a decent tutorial, but I find it strange that your avatar is still...

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I've never really gotten around to making a new one and ever since I learnt how to do this, I will in the future though, sorry if it seems sus, I have made some things animated before if you want me to show you?

EDIT: I've used the same template I used in this signature if that helps clear up that I made this?

Lacrosse - February 23, 2013, 2:04 pm

Very detailed tutorial, can't wait to use it to make a sexy signature.

VirtualFrost - February 23, 2013, 3:43 pm

(Feb 23, 2013 03:04 PM)Lacrosse Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Very detailed tutorial, can't wait to use it to make a sexy signature.

No problem! If you need the colour for HF I believe its #33 so it blends in.

Warren G - February 23, 2013, 9:03 pm

THANKS THANKS THANKS! I've always wondered how to do this and this was easy to follow

VirtualFrost - February 24, 2013, 2:31 am

(Feb 23, 2013 10:03 PM)Warren G Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) THANKS THANKS THANKS! I've always wondered how to do this and this was easy to follow

Glad I was able to help you out a lot! ?

bluezombie1 - February 24, 2013, 2:37 am

This is awesome! thnx for sharing :)

VirtualFrost - February 26, 2013, 1:06 am

(Feb 24, 2013 03:37 AM)bluezombie1 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) This is awesome! thnx for sharing :)

No Problem!

Seems quite a few new members are taking an interest in the graphic section! Shall be making a new tutorial soon!

CheeSe... - March 2, 2013, 4:52 am

This is really well done. Good work.

chottan - March 2, 2013, 8:45 am

any video tutorial on these I will really appreciate it

2k13 - March 2, 2013, 9:15 am

Very cool tut... man Big up to you! :-)

Cryst?I - March 2, 2013, 10:28 am

Great tutorial sir , looks very helpful! I will be try this out soon :)
Thanks for the share...

VirtualFrost - March 2, 2013, 2:32 pm

Thanks for te feedback guys!

As for a video I don't mind if someone makes a video off this tutorial, I personally don't have a lot of spare time so I won't mind if someone made a video tutorial and claimed it as their own work! :)

FILTERG23 - March 5, 2013, 11:10 am

Very well explained,and easy to follow instruction.Thank you!

VirtualFrost - March 5, 2013, 10:03 pm

(Mar 5, 2013 12:10 PM)FILTERG23 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Very well explained,and easy to follow instruction.Thank you!

Thank you for your feedback!

Glad this thread was helpful for a lot of people!

C-Only - March 5, 2013, 10:33 pm

Finally a tut for this effect with "Frames".

Thank you very much OP!

h4xer - March 6, 2013, 12:33 am

very nice tut mate thx :) will keep in mind :P

Flaming Hot - March 6, 2013, 9:58 pm

nice and help ful tut.

I will try it.

Gheckoz - March 10, 2013, 8:18 pm

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VirtualFrost - March 11, 2013, 2:30 am

(Mar 5, 2013 11:33 PM)C-Only Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Finally a tut for this effect with "Frames".

Thank you very much OP!

I only just realised there is also another way to make animations so I gotta find out exactly how to do the other method and probably end up posting a tutorial on the other way if it's easier. No problem!

(Mar 10, 2013 08:18 PM)Gheckoz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Beautiful tut BR3TT, i'll post results when I'm done. Can't wait to see! :)

Jamie. - March 11, 2013, 5:50 am

Geat tut, Br3tt, helps a lot - nice and easy to follow.

offkey - March 14, 2013, 1:26 pm

good stuff man! thanks you very much.

D-M-C - March 18, 2013, 9:08 am

nice work man keep it up it help me a lot

VirtualFrost - March 30, 2013, 4:32 am

(Mar 18, 2013 09:08 AM)D-M-C Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) nice work man keep it up it help me a lot

Glad I helped you out, and thanks! :)