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Pimp. - March 28, 2015, 11:58 pm

Creating GIFs with After Effects & Photoshop

I wrote this little guide for people wondering how others are making the slick, "flashy" looking signatures. This is an easy way to make a nice looking signature, as long as you know your way around After Effects that is. ?)

Also, took off the spoiler tag for now, if it becomes too annoying to scroll through it, i'll add it back. ;)

My finished GIF..

Auxil - March 29, 2015, 12:31 pm

I was wondering why I couldn't figure this out. I thought it was a guide on how to make something like that in AE when that is just how to turn it into a gif.

Can you make one on how to make the project in AE?

I have never used the program, and really would like to learn more about it.

Thanks.

Pimp. - March 29, 2015, 2:21 pm

I'm still learning. Im basically just messing with effects. But gimme a couple days and I'll try to see what i can do.

oh yeah, and I would have to make a video for after effects. There's a lot of stuff you can do in there, and taking screen shots gets old after a while. If I can get my Youtube channel info back, ill start making videos again :)

Ryuuji Takasu - April 2, 2015, 4:41 pm

There is actually a way to directly export it as a gif.

Gotta reboot AE myself to remember where it is but its hella faster tbh.

edit: AE keeps crashing reinstalling now.

edit2: seems like the option was removed in CS5 64bit damn :l

Pimp. - April 2, 2015, 8:46 pm

Yeah I believe I remember that option as well Ryuuji. : \

T0ucaNSaM - April 9, 2015, 3:53 pm

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Pimp. - April 9, 2015, 6:40 pm

(Apr 9, 2015 03:53 PM)T0ucaNSaM Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks for this well explained and like the effect
No problem, glad to help. Theres a lot of cool things you can do in AE, this is just the basics. :)

?lex - April 10, 2015, 3:27 am

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Yeah definitely, just reply to this thread again after this post saying 'cool' or something, so when I get on tomorrow I'll remember haha :D

LeadPal - April 19, 2015, 2:37 pm

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Not at all, just shoot me a pm. It's just Adobe products, you can buy them on adobe's website. There's also the Creative Cloud version that you can pay monthly if you don't want to fork out that chunk of money initially. :)

LouisMuk - April 19, 2015, 11:30 pm

Thanks for the tutorial, didn't expect to find this here :D

Issvor - April 21, 2015, 4:22 am

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I'm assuming you need to download Quicktime to render with the codec, which is something I won't do, but thanks for the info.

To OP:

Thanks for the tutorial, awesomely detailed and pretty simple overall (just a little tedious). And like everyone has already said, there are a few other ways to do this, some might be easier. If you could test which options are better and make a tutorial for the easiest, that'd be cool.

Paathurnax - April 21, 2015, 4:33 am

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Depends on what's going on in the gif that determines the quality. Gotta remember that gifs only support 256 colors.

Betto - April 29, 2015, 6:48 pm

thank you so much for the tutorial, and what is the best site for using photoshop online ? because this program takes a lot of time to install it.

Pimp. - April 29, 2015, 9:20 pm

(Apr 29, 2015 06:12 PM)Issvor Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Depends on what's going on in the gif that determines the quality. Gotta remember that gifs only support 256 colors.
Exactly, he was talking about .mov files instead of png. After Effects renders the pictures as PNGs.. so when they are made into a gif, the quality would drop regardless if it was imported as a .mov or .png

JonderWu - May 4, 2015, 12:27 am

This was useful! Thanks! :3
(I'm new, how do I track this thread?)

Pimp. - May 5, 2015, 7:48 pm

No problem man. and what do you mean track it? You could bookmark it. haha

OfficialJoe - May 6, 2015, 3:02 am

Great tutorial bro! Keep it up

gettystock - May 6, 2015, 9:00 pm

No problem, nice thanks thanks

abc333 - May 10, 2015, 5:01 am

Thanks for that great tutorial I will for sure use it.

Lordshami - May 10, 2015, 8:16 pm

Woot I made my 1st gif thank you! :)

Matis - May 11, 2015, 1:37 pm

Great tutorial bro!!! ;:)

Pimp. - May 13, 2015, 12:01 pm

No problem, glad to help yall. :)

As others suggested there's another way to do this. I was gonna add on to this tutorial but my apartment was broken into and my computer and laptop was stolen. So, i'm currently without a computer that's able to make an addition to the original tutorial. I'll update it when I get a new computer and reinstall CS6. :)

SIM-2502833 - May 14, 2015, 8:32 pm

Will use OP, thanks :)

I'll post here so people have an idea of the potential. I'm installing photoshop CS6 now :P

Harvard - May 15, 2015, 1:08 am

Thanks for this tutorial OP.

Comedic - May 15, 2015, 10:39 am

Very helpful tutorial, thanks for the share.

Pimp. - May 15, 2015, 11:05 am

Again, no problem guys, any questions let me know. I can answer questions but still adobe-less right now. :)

SIM-2502833 - May 15, 2015, 6:44 pm

[https://thepir.at.ebay.se/torrent/8178232/Adobe_Master_Collection_CS6_WORKING_\[ENG\]_-P2P](https://thepir.at.ebay.se/torrent/8178232/Adobe_Master_Collection_CS6_WORKING_[ENG]_-P2P)

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nicorec - May 16, 2015, 10:26 pm

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SIM-2502833 - May 17, 2015, 1:12 pm

Pimp. - May 17, 2015, 1:58 pm

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Doesn't work at all, or looks really bad when using it?

My signature, and others that look transparent on hf are using the background color of the forums (#333333 I think). If you try to render it as a gif with a transparent background then it will be edgy

and look bad.

SIM-2502833 - May 17, 2015, 2:48 pm

Thanks :P Will start using this as a background color for now on, much appreciated :O :D

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riparoni, i dont know why it wont let you, but you should be fine :P

SIM-2502833 - May 17, 2015, 6:29 pm

Yeah, the post is too old, and I don't think anyone actually cares if I break that rule, especially in a good nature :P

Pimp. - May 17, 2015, 6:58 pm

Yeah you should be fine. Like I said, its not allowed so just be careful :D