



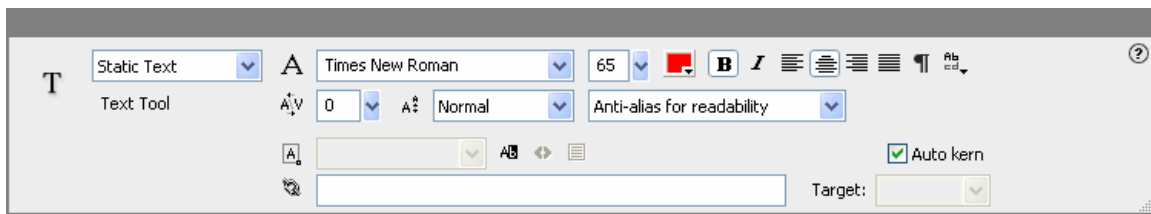


Student Guide for Creating Simple Animations

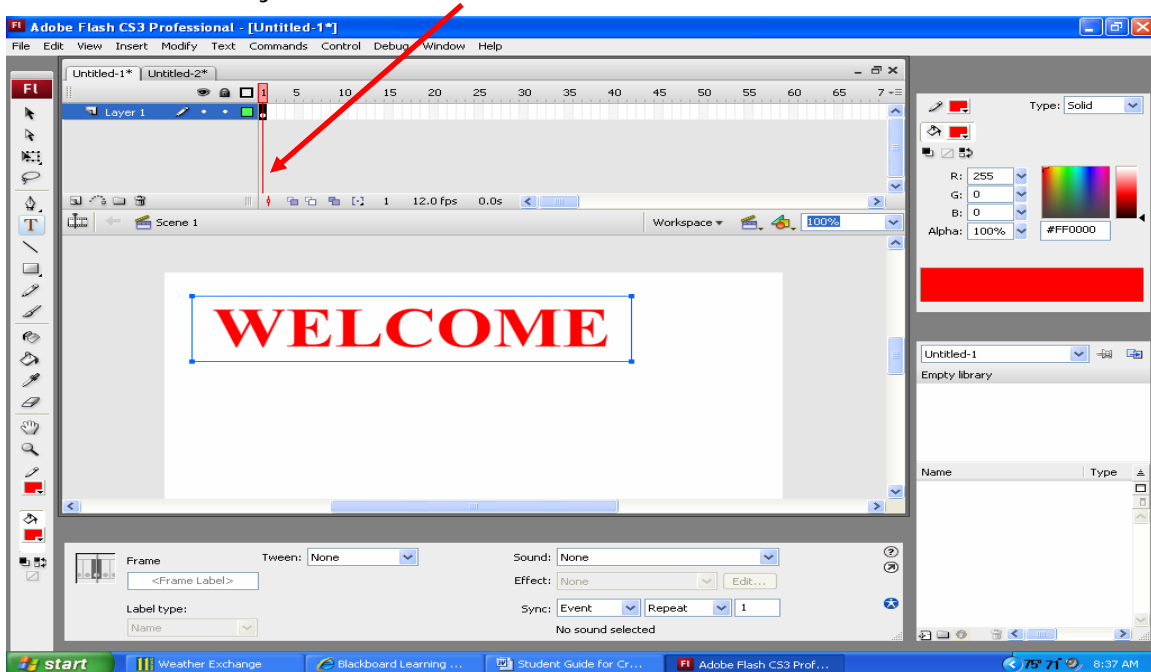
This guide will show you step-by-step how to create your own animations using Adobe Flash software.

Creating the Welcome Message

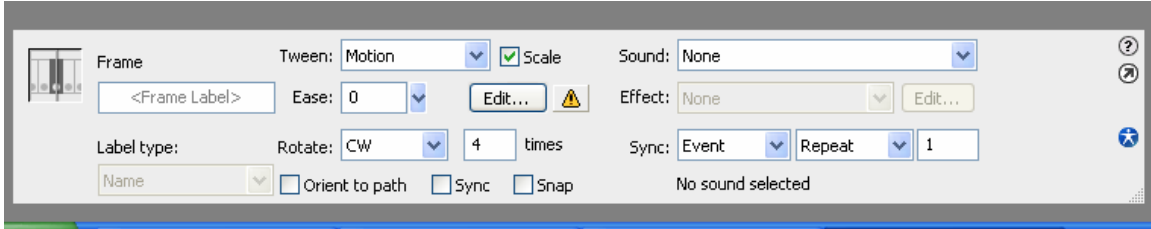
1. Start the Adobe Flash software by clicking on the icon on the desktop 
2. Select **File** and **New**
3. Choose the Text Tool  on the tools palette to the left side of the screen. Draw a box on the screen.
4. Type in a Welcome message for your class such as, "Welcome to College Algebra" Notice the properties box at the bottom of the screen. You may select the font size, type and color in this area.



5. You are now ready to add motion to your welcome message. Click on the small dot in the layer 1 area.

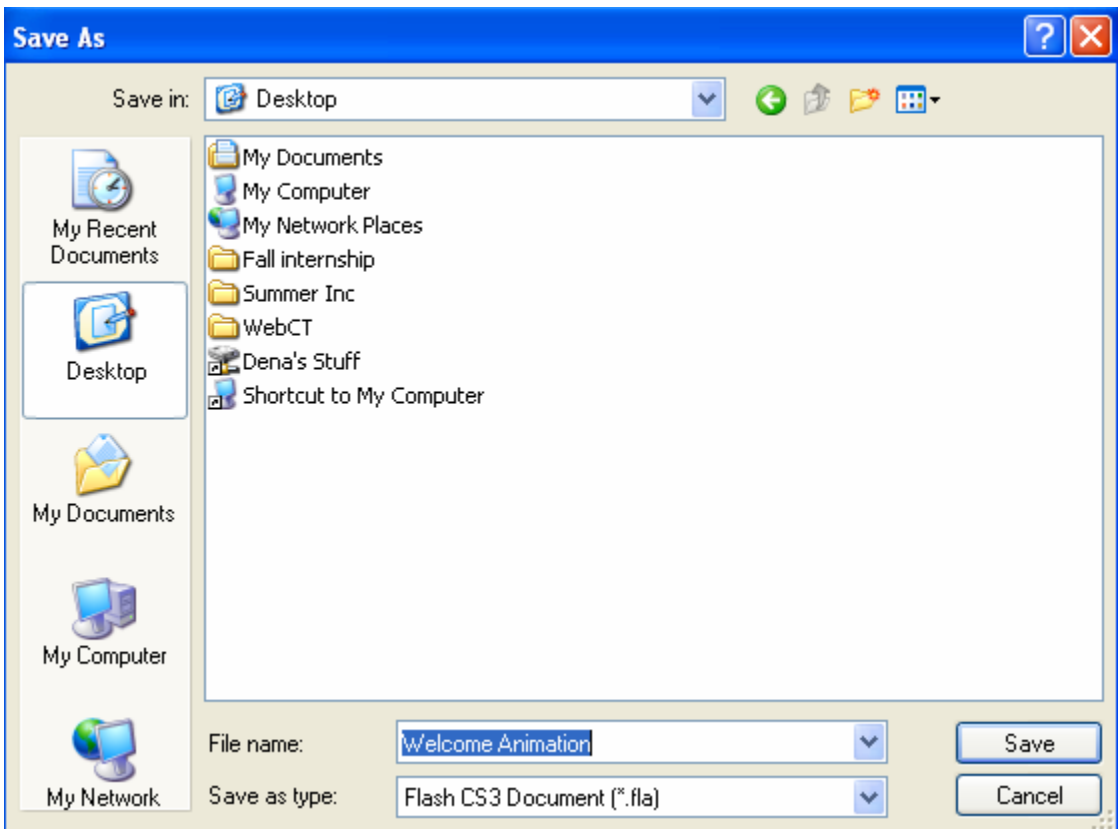


6. Click on the **Tween** drop down box and choose **Motion**. Make sure there is a green check mark in the scale area. Drop down the rotate box and select CW for clockwise and 4 for the number of times it will rotate.



7. Right click on frame number **60** in the timeline and click on **add key frame** from the pop-up screen. This will specify the number of frames that you want this frame to last. Note how the layer is highlighted from frame 1 to frame 60.

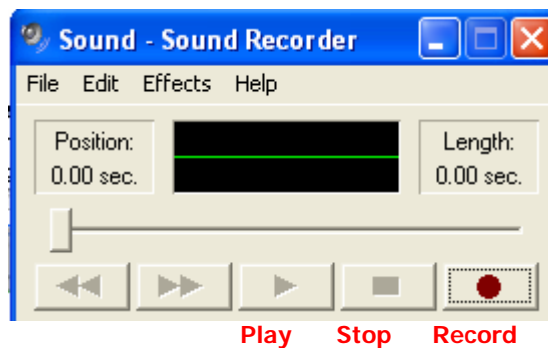
8. To save your work, click File and Save. Name your file and save to the desktop. See the example below:



Creating a Sound File

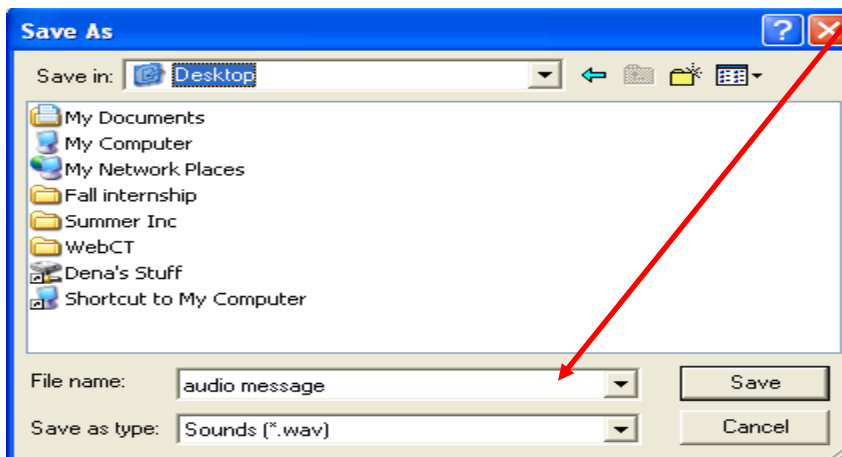
The next step in creating your welcome message is to add an audio message that coordinates with your text welcome message. Before you can add this to the Flash file you must first create the audio message. We will be using the Windows Sound Recorder which is currently installed on your computer. You will also need a microphone attached to the computer in order to capture the audio message.

1. Before we record the actual audio message, you need to decide what you would like to say. It is recommended that you write this message out and create a script of what you want to say. This makes the recording process much easier, since you have the text in front of you to read while you record the message.
2. To record the message, open the Sound Recorder on your computer. Click on **Start>Programs>Entertainment> Sound Recorder**.
3. A screen will appear that looks like this:



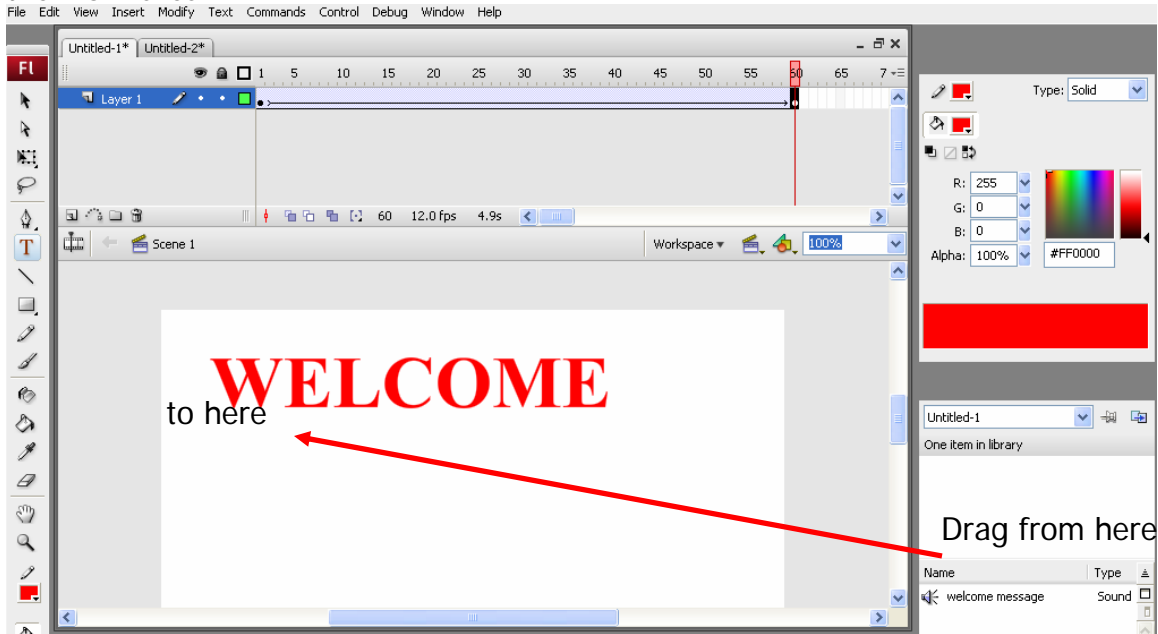
To record your message click on the **Record** button. Begin reading your message. Click the **Stop** button when are finished.

4. To save the file click on **File** and **Save**. Name the file **Audio Message** and save to the desktop. See example below.



Add the Audio Message to Flash

1. To add the audio message into your Flash project open the **Welcome Animation** flash file from the desktop that you saved earlier.
2. To import the audio file into the project, click **File>Import>Import to Library**. Browse to and select the welcome message file from the desktop that you created earlier. This will insert the audio file into the library but not into the animation.
3. To add the audio file into the animation drag the file from the library onto the work area.



4. To check the audio message, click on **Control** and **Play**.
5. To save the file click on **File** and **Save**
6. To test your finished product Click **Control** and **Test Movie**. You will be able to see your complete project.