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Advanced Lightning Animation

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“Read this tutorial and see how to create advanced lightning animation using special flash CS3 effects with no Action Script.

You will also learn how to design “lightning line” using a Pencil Tool, how to convert it into a Movie Clip Symbol, how to animate it and more.”



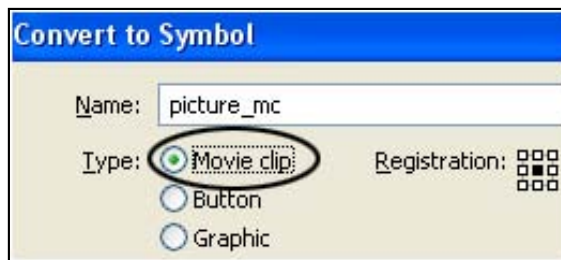
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- 1) Create a new flash document and set Frame rate to **28 fps** (Frames per Second).
- 2) Open the Picture on which you want to apply the animation.



- 3) Select that picture and press **F8** on the keyboard (Convert to Symbol) and convert it into a Movie Clip

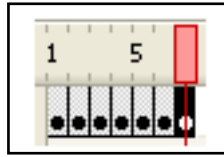


- 4) **Double click** on a new made Movie Clip (picture) or choose right click and Edit in Place.

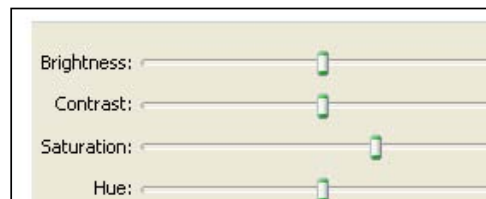


- 5) While your picture is still selected, press again **F8** key (Convert to Symbol) to convert it again into a Movie Clip.

- 6) Press seven times **F6** key (Keyframe).



- 7) **Click on every second frame** (starting from first frame), select the picture and open the Properties Panel (**Ctrl+F3**). In Properties Panel select **Filters**, click on **plus icon** and choose **Adjust Color**. Then set the options for the picture appropriately. The idea is to adjust the brightness or saturation to make the image brighter to simulate the lightning striking in the background.



- 8) Click on **frame 60** and press **F5** on the keyboard.
- 9) Go back on the main scene (Scene1), insert a new layer and name it lighting.



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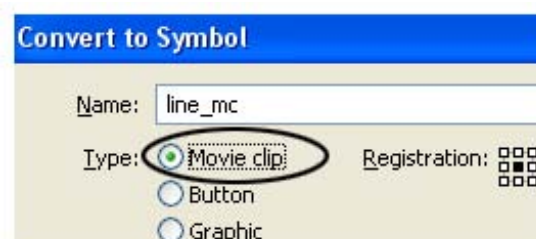
- 10) **Lock layer 1**, select the **lighting layer**, take the **Pencil Tool (Y)**, under **Stroke color choose white** color, under **Fill Color choose white** color too, but set its **Alpha to 50%**. Under Options choose Ink, open the Properties Panel (**Ctrl+F3**), under **Stroke Height choose 3px** and under **Stroke Style choose Solid**. See the pictures below.



- 11) Then, draw the “line” which will represent your lighting. See the picture below.

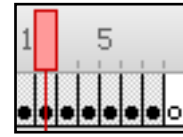
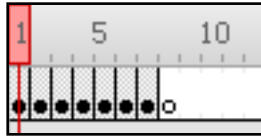


- 12) While your line is still selected press **F8** on the keyboard (Convert to Symbol), and convert it into a Movie Clip.

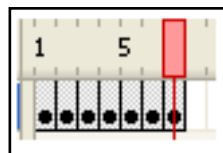


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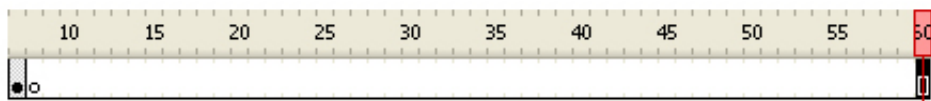
- 13) Double click on a new made Movie Clip (line), or choose right click and Edit in Place.
- 14) Click on frame 2 and press F6 (Keyframe). After that press delete key, to delete the first “line”, take the Pencil Tool (Y), and draw again the “line” but this “line” must be a little different by comparison with first “line”. See the picture below, and everything will be clear.



- 15) **Repeat** this process (**Step 14**) **seven times**.



- 16) Then, click on **frame 8** and press **F7** on the keyboard (Blank keyframe). After that click on frame 60 and press F5 key.



- 17) Go back on the main scene (**Scene 1**), **select** the “**lighting**” (**line**), open the Properties Panel (**Ctrl+F3**) and choose **Filters**. Then click on **plus icon** and **choose Glow**.



- 18) Then, set the options from the picture below.



Test your Movie (Ctrl+Enter).

We're done!