



## **SIMPLE PRELOADER TUTORIAL**

### **DOWNLOAD THE .FLA**

There will be no pictures here as a preloader is mostly just actions, Inserting keyframes, and new scenes. To work a preloader you need to KNOW the following things as I will not explain them here.

- How to create and edit keyframes.
  - How to make and edit scenes.
  - How to assign actions to frames.
1. To start make sure that your movie needs to be preloaded. If it's in small size then there's really not a need for it, huh?...hehe
  2. Insert a new scene and call it preloader.
  3. Drag the scene tab to the top of the tabs. This will assure that it plays before your actual movie does. If you don't know how to make and use scenes [click here](#) to read up on it.
  4. Check to see what the last frame # in your movie is. Keep this in mind.
  5. In the Preload scene insert two blank keyframes.
  6. Double-click the first keyframe and assign it the following actions.  
**'If Frame Is Loaded'** and **select the last scene** in your movie (if you only have 2 scenes select the one that isn't the preloader). Also, type the last number of the frame you remembered earlier into the **'Frame Number'** area. Then add another action **GoTo & Play** (which should be inside the If Frame is loaded action) and select 'Next Scene' from the drop down box. That's all for this frame.
  7. Double-click the second keyframe now. Add a **GoTo & Play** action, **<current scene>, Frame #1**.
  8. That is all you need to do as far as the function aspect is concerned, but you have no image to load so now you can make a image.
  9. Design an image... probably the best choice would be a movie clip. Don't make it too much though as the whole point of a preloader is to make things better for your audience to wait. After you are done making your image, insert it into the Movie Stage from your personal library. I would insert an extra layer under your "Preloader" scene and drop the MC (Movie Clip) into it at frame 1 just to make things more organized.  
 For a design you can make anything from a fading text saying "LOADING" or a bar that 'looks' like it is loading. Whatever you want can go here.
  10. Test your Preloader by going to your Control Menu > Test Movie. Go to Control Menu again > Show Streaming.

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