



----- VFX QUICK LINKS -----



## LOADING TEXT INTO A FLASH MOVIE FROM A .TXT FILE

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- [DOWNLOAD THE .FLA](#)
- **SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE**
- Must know how to use Actions
- Know a little about how Load Movie works

This is a very basic tutorial, that will show you how to have a Flash movie 'import' and display text from a text file that you create. This can be very useful if you want to update text in a movie, but don't want to edit the .fla file!



### TUTORIAL

**NOTE:** This works best if your HTML, .swf, and .txt files are ALL in the same directory. As far as this example is concerned there are 4 frames total.

#### 1st Blank Frame

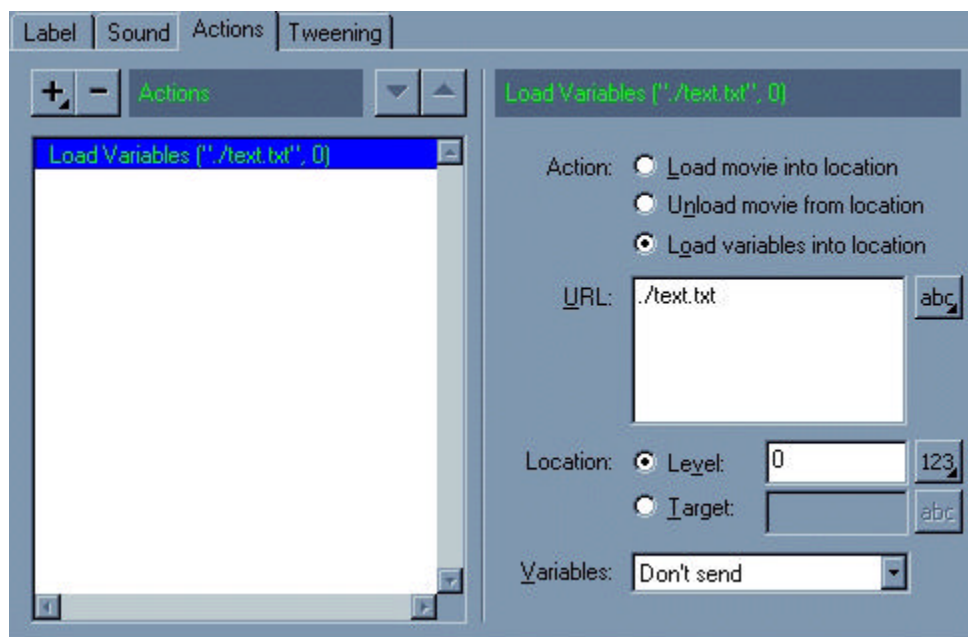
Double-click the 1st frame and apply the following actions to it:

**Load Movie** (make sure the following are selected)

Check "Load Variables Into Location"

URL box type: ./text.txt (or the name of the your text file)

Set the Level to 0 (which loads the text into your base movie)



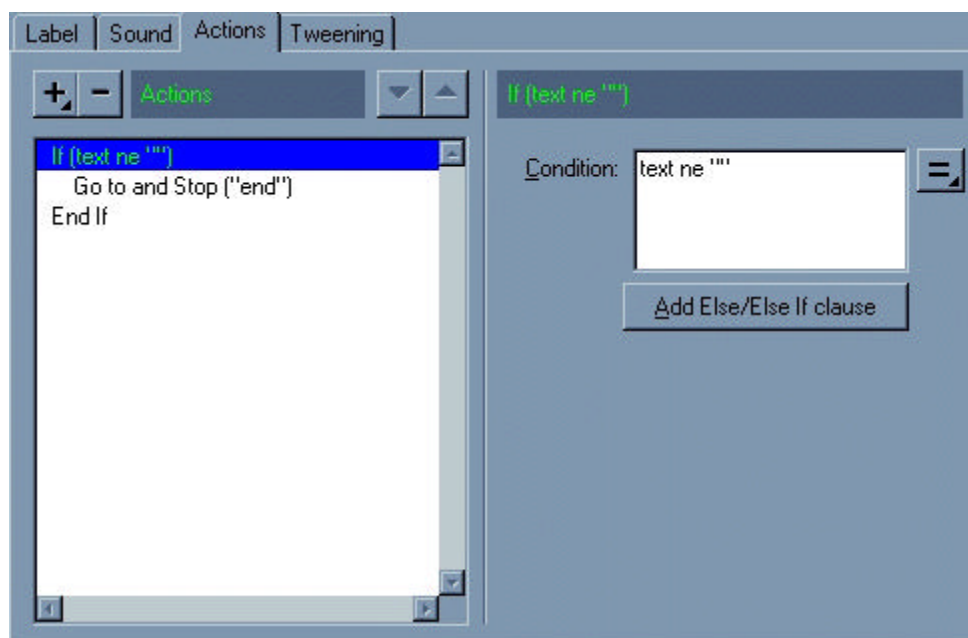
## 2nd Blank Frame

Double-click the 2nd frame and apply a label to it called "Load". Also, apply the following actions:

**If (text ne "")**

**Go To & stop "end"** (note - end being the label that will be applied on the last frame)

**End If**




## 3rd Blank Frame

Double-click the 3rd frame and apply the following action to it:

**Goto & Play "Load"** (note - load being the label on the second frame)

## **4th KEYFRAME**

Double-click the 4th frame and apply a 'Stop' action to that frame. Also, apply a label on the frame called "End".

Draw a text field where ever you need the information from the text file to show. You can do this by clicking your text tool button, and then it will bring up a button that looks like this:  After you draw your text field, right click the field and apply these properties:

Make sure **ONLY** these are checked in the Options section:

- Multiline
- Word wrap
- Disable editing
- Disable selection

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