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# TEXT FADE TIPS & TECHNIQUES
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Please before trying these, make sure you know about gradients and fills, and how to tween, and a basic concept of Flash.
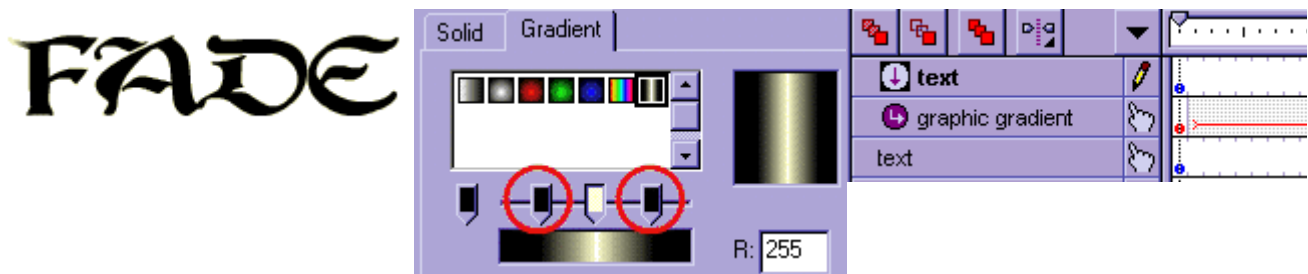
## BASIC TEXT FADE

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First we will begin with a simple typical text fade. A small .gif example is below of the kind of effect we are trying to acheive. This is how you do it:

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1. Create a MC (movie clip) with your text in it.
2. Drop the movie clip onto your stage (the movie area that you usually work in)
3. Copy the frame and paste it about 10-15 frames down (so you have two keyframes total now)
4. On the last frame select the MC and go to 'Modify' > 'Instance' (or just double click the image). Select the 'Color Effect' tab and use 'Tint' from the drop-down menu. NOTE: Lots of ppl start out using the Alpha instead of Tint, but that is MUCH more processor intensive. Try to use tints as much as possible.
5. Change the tint amount to a higher setting, and also change the color to whatever you'd like.
6. Select the first frame and do a motion tween on it.
7. You're ready to go!

## GLOW FADING THROUGH TEXT
In order to do this technique, you will using masking of the layers (don't worry.. it's not as scary as it sounds *smiles* ).

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Here's a tutorial of the exact steps to achieve this look:

1. Create 3 layers. On the top layer type your text. Copy the text and 'Paste in Place' into the bottom layer.
2. Make a rectangle box in the middle layer (mine in the example above was about .5 inches wide and 1.5 inch high -- this will be your fill). Fill it using the gradients. Just be sure that the outer colors (circled in red -- image above) match the color of your text. Create the middle color to be whatever you wish. Make sure to delete the lines you used to create the rectangle after you insert your fill. Group the fill so that we can tween it next.
3. Use tweening to move it from one end to the other of the text.
4. Lastly, go to your top layer and select it (where the pencil should be), and on the menu select 'Mask'. Your layers should then look similiar to the ones in the example above.
5. THAT SHOULD BE IT

Just keep fiddling with it until you get it right.

## TEXT FADE #1 -- PARAGRAPH FADE

Sorry that this is such an awful .gif, but it's the best that I could do to get the point across without a Shockwave file (The Shockwave version of this looks great... it's a really nice effect).

Here's how:

1. Create 2 layers.  Text on bottom layer, and the fill on the top
2. With the fill... here's where the technique comes in. Make your rectangle big enough to cover the text.  Now go to create a new gradient fill (make sure that both color tabs are the same color as your movie.  All of this can be done on this screen to edit the gradient.  On one color tab you will need to make it 0% Alpha so that it will create the transparent fade.  After you fill your rectangle and delete the lines away, you can now rotate your fill using the Transform Fill Tool so that it will be horizontal rather than vertical.
3. Now motion tween the fill from up to down the page, and you are done.