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MOVIE TITLE EFFECT

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- *DOWNLOAD THE .FLA FILE*
- **SKILL LEVEL: EASY/INTERMEDIATE**
- Know how to tween
- Know how to use Alpha (transparency)
- Know how to do zoom

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TUTORIAL

Okay, first start by using the text tool to create your final text. Make sure it is the exact size you want it to appear with

font and everything.

1. Click on the text box with the Arrow Selection Tool so that it has a box around it. Break the text up by pushing Ctrl-B.

2. Make each letter of your title a separate object by pushing F8 after you highlight it.

3. In Frame 1 of the first layer, which you should title the name of the letter you are working on, scale the letter down to about 30% of it's original size. Now place it directly above where it will appear in the title. Make sure it is off the canvas or out of the movie.

4. In Frame 10 of the same layer create a new keyframe(F6). Place the letter object in the position you want the text before you make it zoom off the screen. Remember to use the original object from your library and not the scaled down object. Double-click on the first frame of the layer and create a motion tween.

5. Click on frame 1 of the layer and double-click on the letter you are working with. Under the color effect tab select Alpha and change it to 40%.

6. Create a new keyframe in frame 20(F6). Drag the object a little in the direction of a horizontal stretch. (e.g. the leftmost letter will move a bit to the left...the center will stay the same...the rightmost will move a little to the right) Create a motion tween from Frame 10 to Frame 20.

7. Now create a keyframe in Frame 30. In this frame scale the object to 1000%. Double-click on the object and change the Alpha level to 0%. Create a motion tween from Frame 20 to Frame 30.

8. Now do the same for all the letters of your title except remember to stagger the layers by 2 frames. So Layer 2 or the 2nd letter will start it's first keyframe in Frame 3 instead of Frame 1.

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