

Using Animations in Web Pages

You might be given one of two types of animation to insert:

- **SWF files** – these are **Flash** animation files
- **GIF files** – these are **Animated GIFs**

Both are inserted using the **Insert > Media** menu.

Flash animation

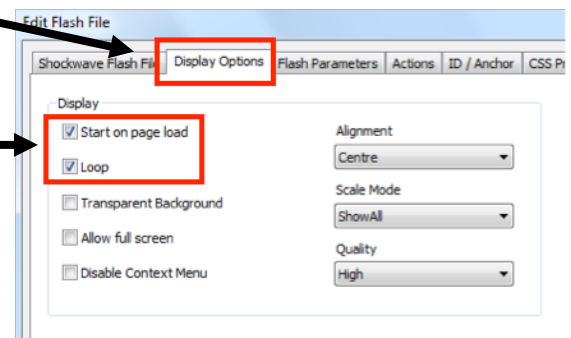
1. **Insert > Media > Flash** > Browse for the file to import and select it
2. Click the **Display Options** tab
3. Choose your options as required.

Start as page loads – if the animation needs to automatically play

Loop – if the animation needs to keep playing

You can **right click** > **Edit Flash** to get into the properties

4. Check it works - **File > Preview > Internet Explorer**



When your site is **published** you may have problems getting SWF files to play properly. They almost certainly work fine when taken to a teacher's computer.

Animated GIF

1. **Insert > Media > Animated GIF**
2. **Select file > Open**
3. **Click once** to drop in place and resize as required
4. **Right click** > **Edit Animated GIF**
5. Click the **ALT/Title** tab at the top right
6. **Untick** the box and add **ALT text**
7. Check it works - **File > Preview > Internet Explorer**

Note that not all GIF files are animated. Some may be normal image files.