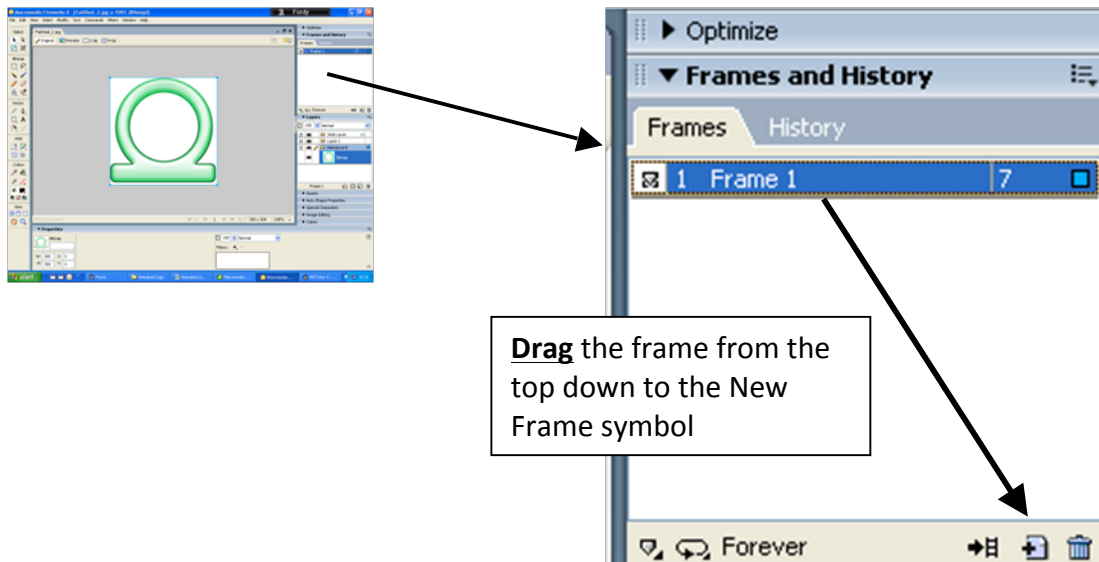


Making an Animated Logo

1. Copy the Logo_frame file from shared documents to a folder in your area. This is going to form the base of your animated logo.
2. Open Fireworks (you'll find it in the ICT Department area)
3. Open your copy of Logo_frame in Fireworks (File > Open)
4. Now we need to copy this image into 12 new frames. **Drag** Frame 1 down to the New Frame icon. Repeat this until you have **12 Frames** (hint: Ctrl-Y is sometimes a useful thing to know about)



Logo_frame.jpg



Animations work in frames. They cycle through the frames and then go back to the beginning and start again. If you ever made a flip book animation then each page of the book is a frame. By making small changes on each frame you create a (hopefully...) quite smooth animation.

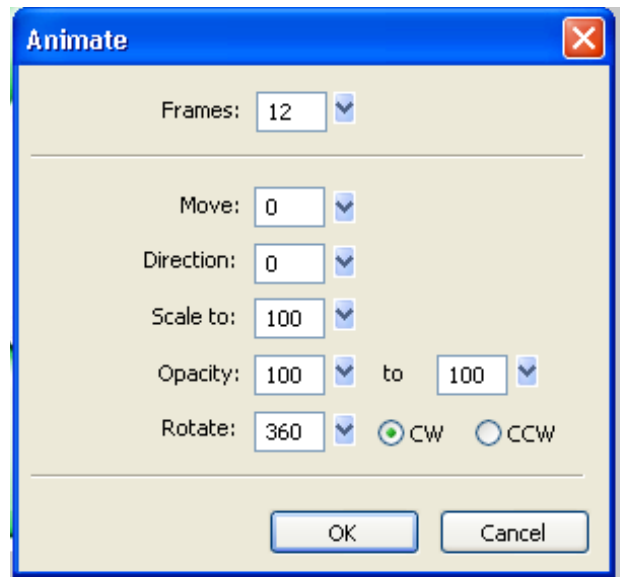
Most computer animations use 12 frames per second (fps).

Next add the central image:

1. Click back on Frame 1 (THIS IS IMPORTANT!)
2. Select Layer 1 from the Layers Box on the right
3. Now add the picture that's going to go inside the circle. To do this:
4. File > Import
5. Choose the picture you want in the middle > Open
6. Now click in the central area and drag to import the picture. Resize as needed.

Now let's animate it. This is the slightly tricky bit...

1. Click on the central picture to select it (make sure you're on Frame 1...)
2. Modify > Animation > Animate Selection
3. Change the settings to the ones on the screenshot:
4. Now click the Run button and check it all works.
5. You'll notice that there's a bit of a stutter at the end of the animation. You can deal with that by **deleting Frame 12** (and only Frame 12).



Adding text:

1. Click on Frame 1 Click on the Text Tool icon on the toolbar
2. Drag yourself a textbox onto the bottom green section of the logo frame.
3. Type in some text - you can edit the size, colour etc... in the bottom bar.
4. Now copy the text frame from Frame 1 onto every other frame in your animation.
5. Run it and check it works.

Saving:

THIS IS IMPORTANT TO GET RIGHT

1. File > Save As
2. Choose **Animated GIF** from the file type drop down and save it.
3. Now repeat the save but this time choose **Fireworks PNG** from the file type dropdown.
 - You can continue to edit a Fireworks PNG file
 - You can actually use an Animated GIF file in a document or on the web