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This tutorial will show you how to import a PowerPoint® or Persuasion[™] Scrapbook file into Cinemation in order animate text using templates. You'll also learn how to add clip animation to a presentation.

Importing PowerPoint files

1. In the Cinemation Demo folder, open Cinemation by double-clicking the application icon.

An untitled Movie Window and Filmstrips window appear.

2. From the Windows menu, choose Use Full Screen.

The Movie window expands to fill the screen; the Tools palette and Controls palette remain in front of it. Even though the Menu bar is hidden, you can open Cinemation's menus by clicking where the menus usually appear.

3. Click at the top of the Movie window to open the File menu, then choose Import.

If necessary, drag to the right or left until the File menu opens.

The Import dialog box appears. A menu in the dialog box lets you choose a file format.

4. Next to "File Type," click the box and drag down to select "Slides (Scrapbook format)."



5. Reopen the AutoMotion folder from within the Tutorials folder, and from the list, select the scrapbook file "Triangle Scrap1," and click the Import button.

If you are using a monochrome monitor, select the black and white version of the Triangle Scrap file.

Cinemation places each slide in a frame of your new movie. The first slide appears in frame 001 in the Movie window.

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6. On the Controls palette, click Play to see your slides.

The cursor changes to a hand to indicate that you should click when you are ready to view the next slide. (Cinemation added an interactive link to each slide.) When you reach the last frame, the movie will loop back to the first frame.



Note: Text bullets can be edited using the Text tool. See chapter 12 for details.

7. On the Controls palette, click Stop.

Using templates to animate text

1. On the Controls palette, click RWD to go to the first frame.

You see a frame with the title "Triangle Helicopter."





2. Click at the top of your screen to open the hidden menus, and from the Animate menu, choose AutoMotion, then drag right to select Template File.

A directory dialog box appears.

3. In the AutoMotion folder, find the file "Motion" and double-click to open it.

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Cinemation loads the templates in the file Motion so that you can choose which template to apply to each of your slides.

Now you'll apply a template to the Triangle Helicopter slide.

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- 4. From the Animate menu, choose AutoMotion and drag to the right to see the names of templates.
- 5. Select Move Up.

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Cinemation will apply the motion and sounds of the Move Up template to the text in the slide named Triangle Helicopter.

In frame 001, the first bullet now appears at the bottom of the frame.

6. Click Play on the Controls palette to see the new animated slide.



7. On the Controls palette, click Stop.

Next, you will select the second slide and animate it.

When you import a presentation scrapbook file, Cinemation automatically names each frame using its title. The Frame Selection Indicator lets you go to any named frame.

8. On the Tools palette, click the Frame Selection Indicator and drag right to select "The Company."

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Cinemation advances to your next slide and its name appears in the Selection Indicator.

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9. From the Animate menu, choose AutoMotion and drag right and down to select Move Left.

Cinemation moves the text bullets to the right off the screen.

10. Click Play on the Controls palette to see the new animated slide.



- 11. On the Controls palette, click Stop.
- 12. Click the Frame Selection Indicator in the Tools palette and select "Worldwide Distribution".



The slide appears in the Movie window.



13. From the Animate menu, choose AutoMotion and drag right and down to select Dissolve In.

14. Click Play on the Controls palette to see the new animated slide.

The cursor changes to a hand to indicate that you should click to view the next text bullet. The Dissolve In template adds interactivity that gives the viewer control over when each text bullet appears.

15. Click the screen to see each text bullet dissolve in.



When you reach the last bullet, Cinemation will advance to the next frame. In this case, that is the beginning of the movie.

16. On the Controls palette, click Stop.

Next you will add Clip Animation to Slide 1.

Adding clip animation

1. Click the Frame Selection Indicator on the Tools palette and select "Triangle Helicopter."

That takes you to the first frame in the "Triangle Helicopter" slide, and selects the range for the slide, which is frames 1-41.



- 2. From the File menu, choose Import.
- 3. In the dialog box that opens, click the box next to "File Type:" and drag to select "Movie".



4. In the list, double-click Moving Helicopter.

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Cinemation imports the movie into frames 1-41 of your movie.

5. In the Controls palette, click Play.

You will see that an animated helicopter has been added to your first slide.



Once the frames and music for Slide 1 play, Cinemation pauses before going to the next slide. A hand appears on the screen to indicate that you should click to continue. Whenever you import a presentation Scrapbook into Cinemation, a pause until mouseclick and a transition will automatically be added to each slide.

6. Click the mouse to continue.

Cinemation plays the frames for the next slide.