

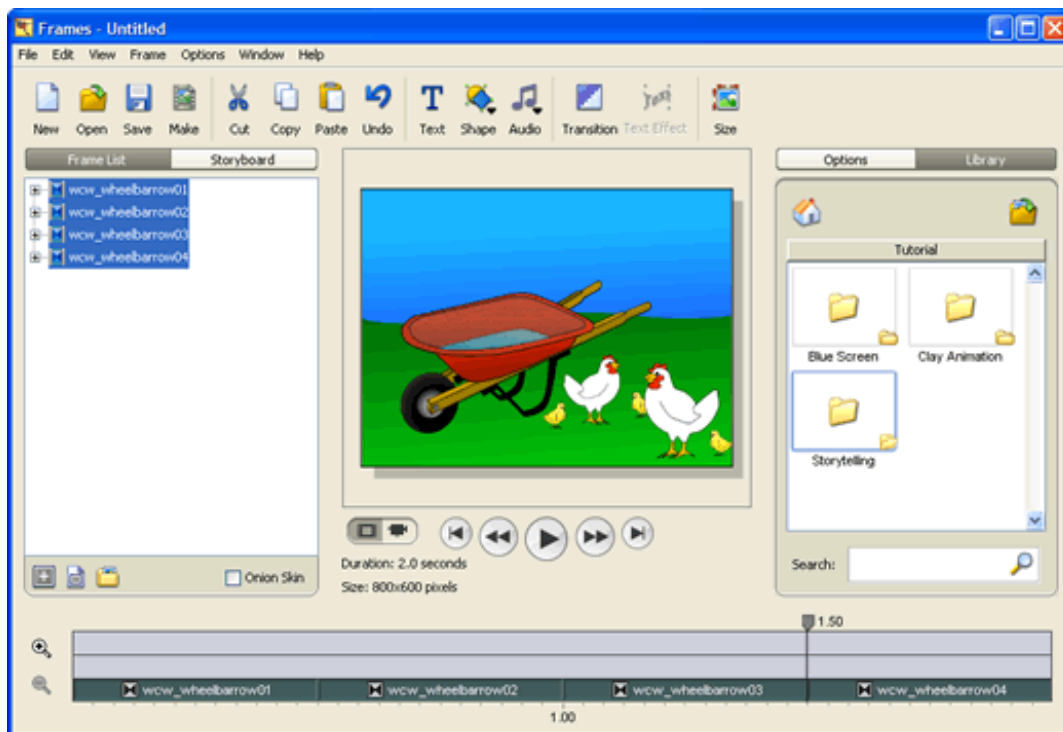
# Retell a Poem

## Frames - Digital Storytelling

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In this Recipe, you will learn how to use Frames to retell a poem. You will import a folder of images, add text, text effects, music, and transitions, and then export the poem as a movie.



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## Introduction

In this Recipe, you will create a movie that retells a poem by William Carlos Williams.

so much depends

upon

a red wheel

barrow

glazed with rain

water

beside the white

chickens

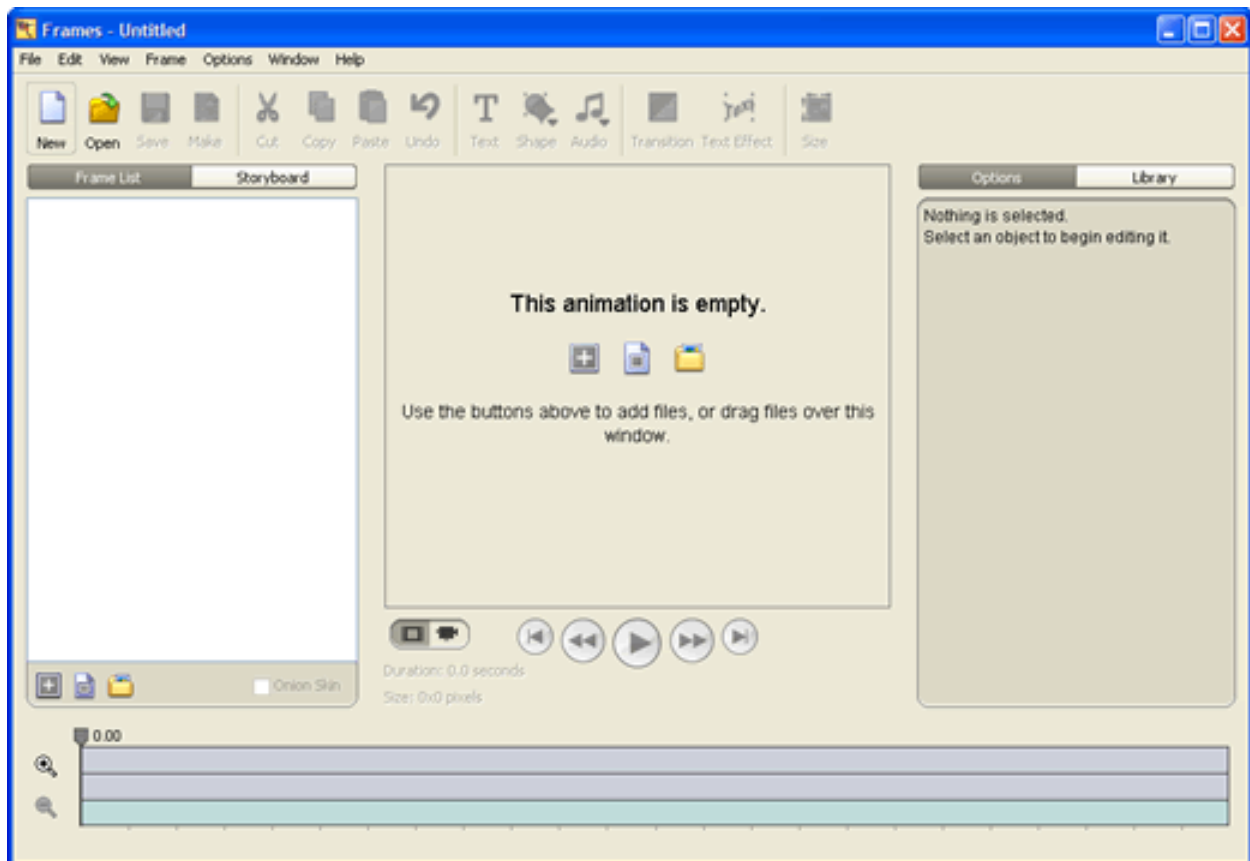
Open Frames.

Click the Start button.



Choose All Programs, choose the Tech4Learning folder, choose the Frames folder, and select Frames.

Frames will open.

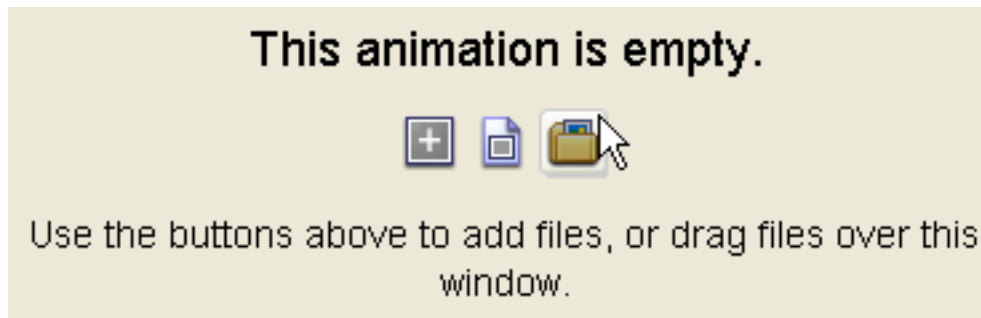


## Add a Folder of Images

When Frames opens, you will see an empty animation. You need to add frames to the animation to begin.

In this tutorial, you will add sample images from the Library.

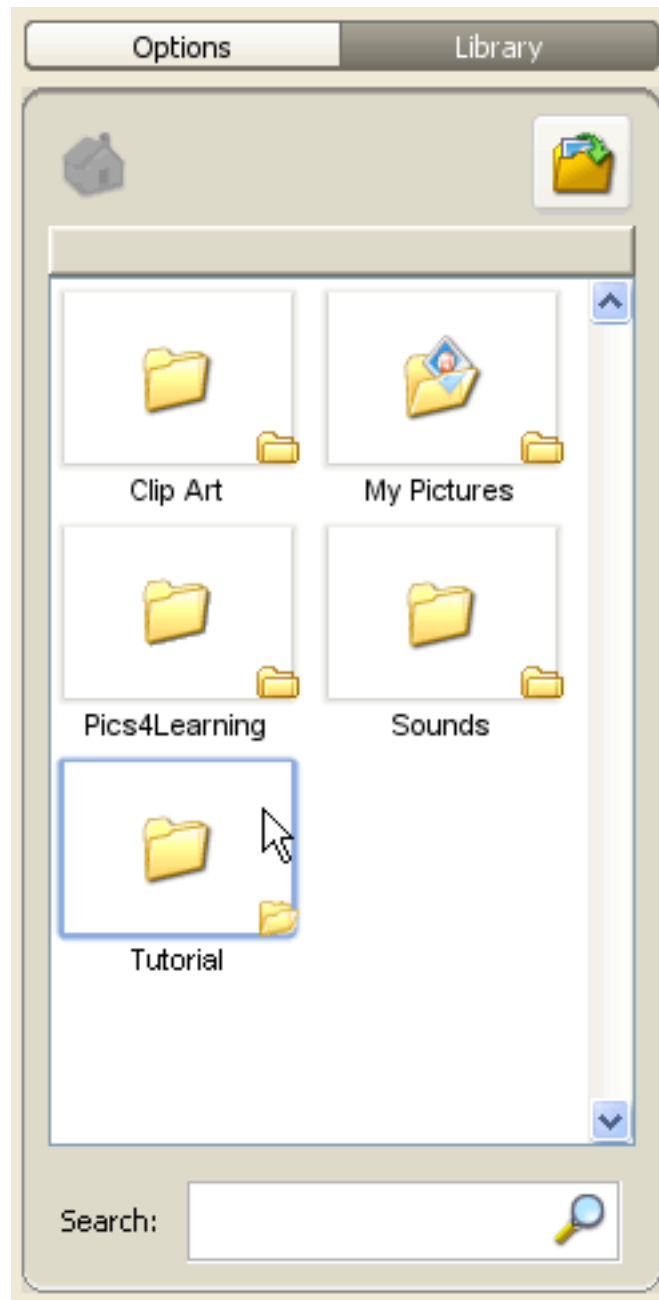
If you have taken your own pictures with a digital camera or drawn them in program like Pixie or Twist, you can add them using the Add Images from a Folder button in the Preview area.



Click the Library tab.



You will see the folders in the Library.



Double-click the Tutorial folder to open it.

Click the Storytelling folder to select it.



Click and drag this folder into the Preview area.

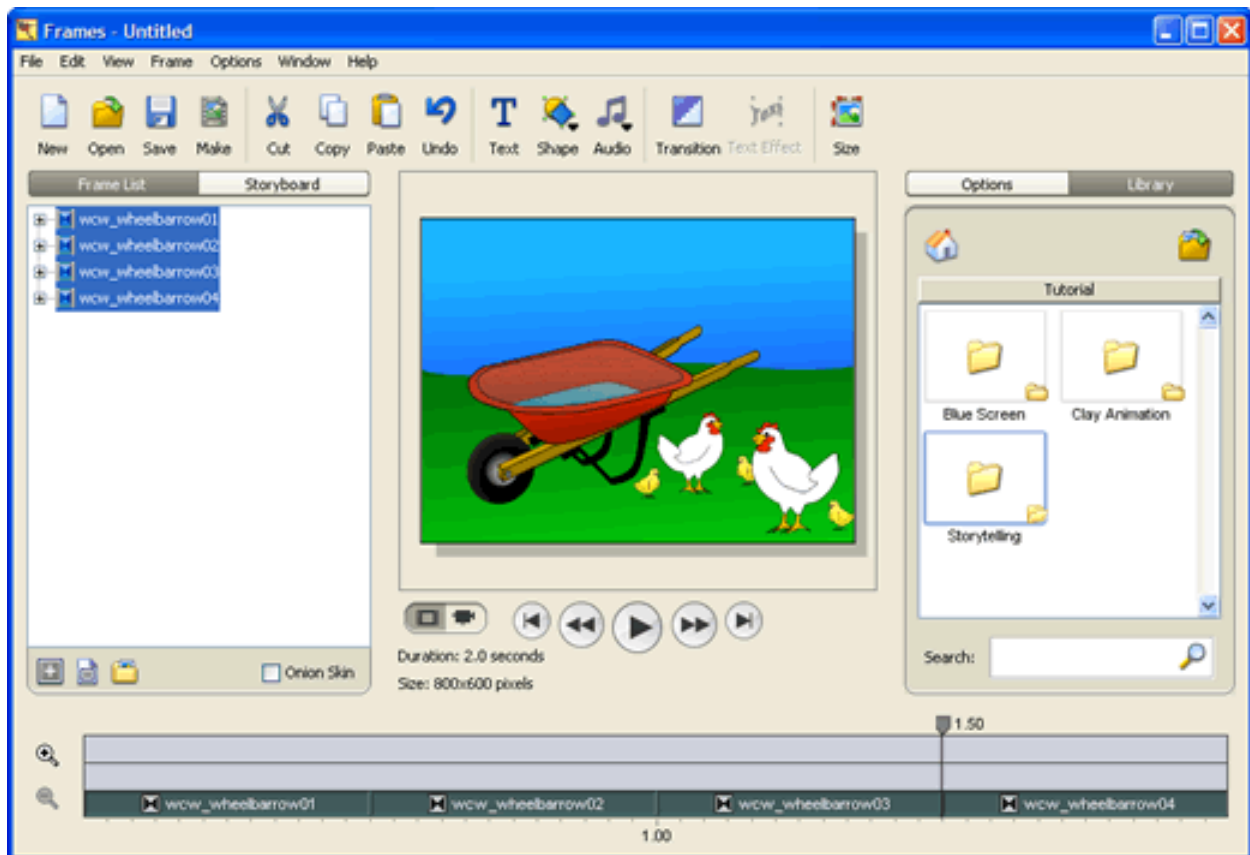
You will see the cursor change to show that you are adding the frames in this folder.



Let go of the mouse button.

You will see each frame in the Frame List.

You will also see the last frame in the Preview area.



If you see the Storyboard, click the Frame List tab.



## Preview the Animation

You can preview the animation.

The timeline is currently set to the last frame.

Click the First Frame button in the Preview area.



Click the Play button in the Preview area to watch the animation.

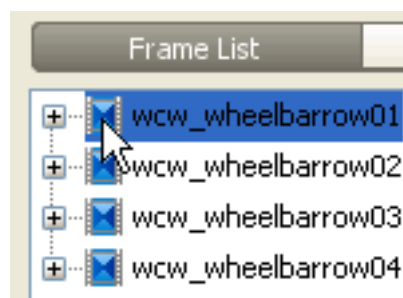


The animation will end at the last frame.

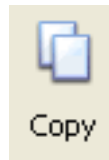
## Copy and Paste a Frame

You can copy and paste frames.

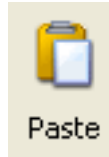
Click the first frame in the list.



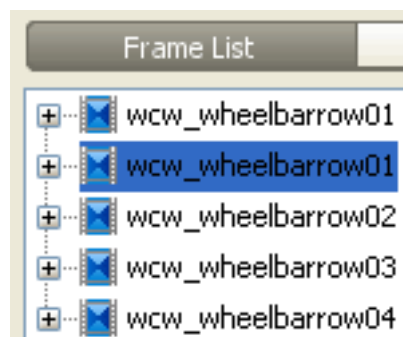
Click the Copy button on the toolbar.



Click the Paste button on the toolbar.



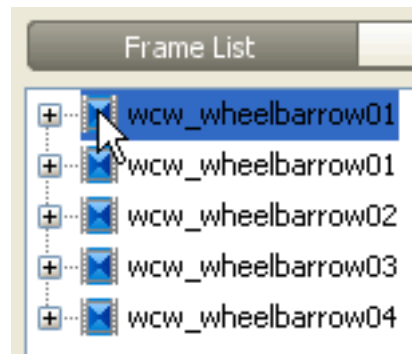
A copy of the first frame will be pasted after the first frame.



## Change Frame Duration

You can change the length of time a frame is shown.

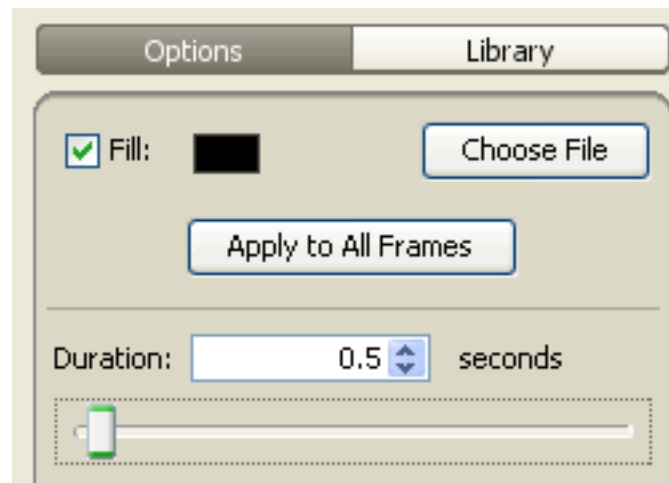
Click the first frame of the animation.



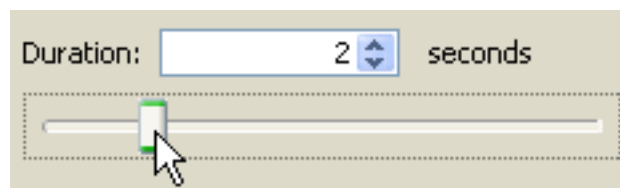
Click the Options tab to see the editing options for the frame.



You will see the duration for the first frame.

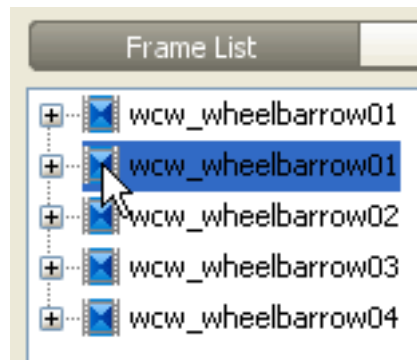


Click and drag the Duration slider to the right to make this frame last 2 seconds.



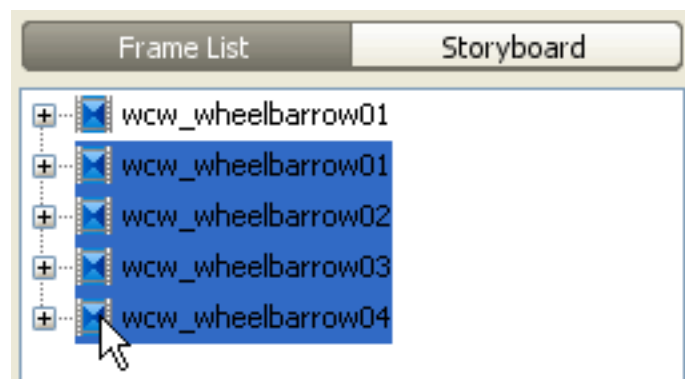
You can change the duration on more than one frame at a time.

Click the second frame.

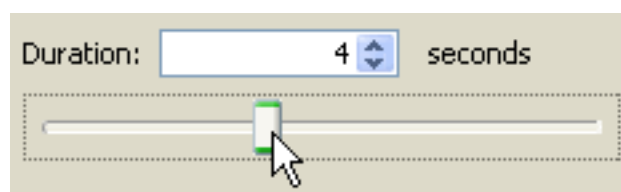


Press and hold the Shift key on the keyboard.

Click the last frame in the animation. This will select all these two frames and all the frames between them.



Click and drag the Duration slider to the right to make each frame show for 4 seconds.



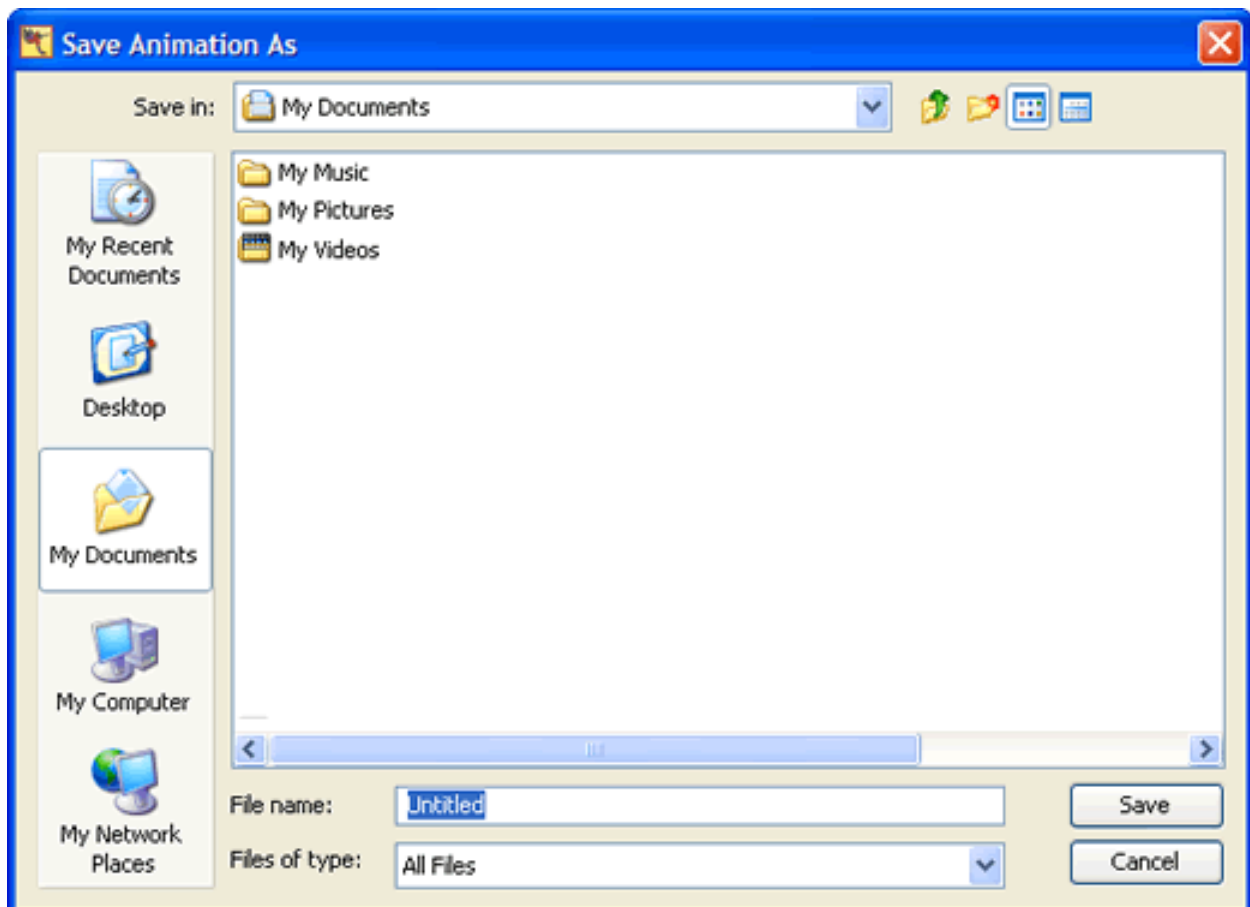
## Save the Animation

You should save the Frames file as you work on it.

Click the Save button on the toolbar.

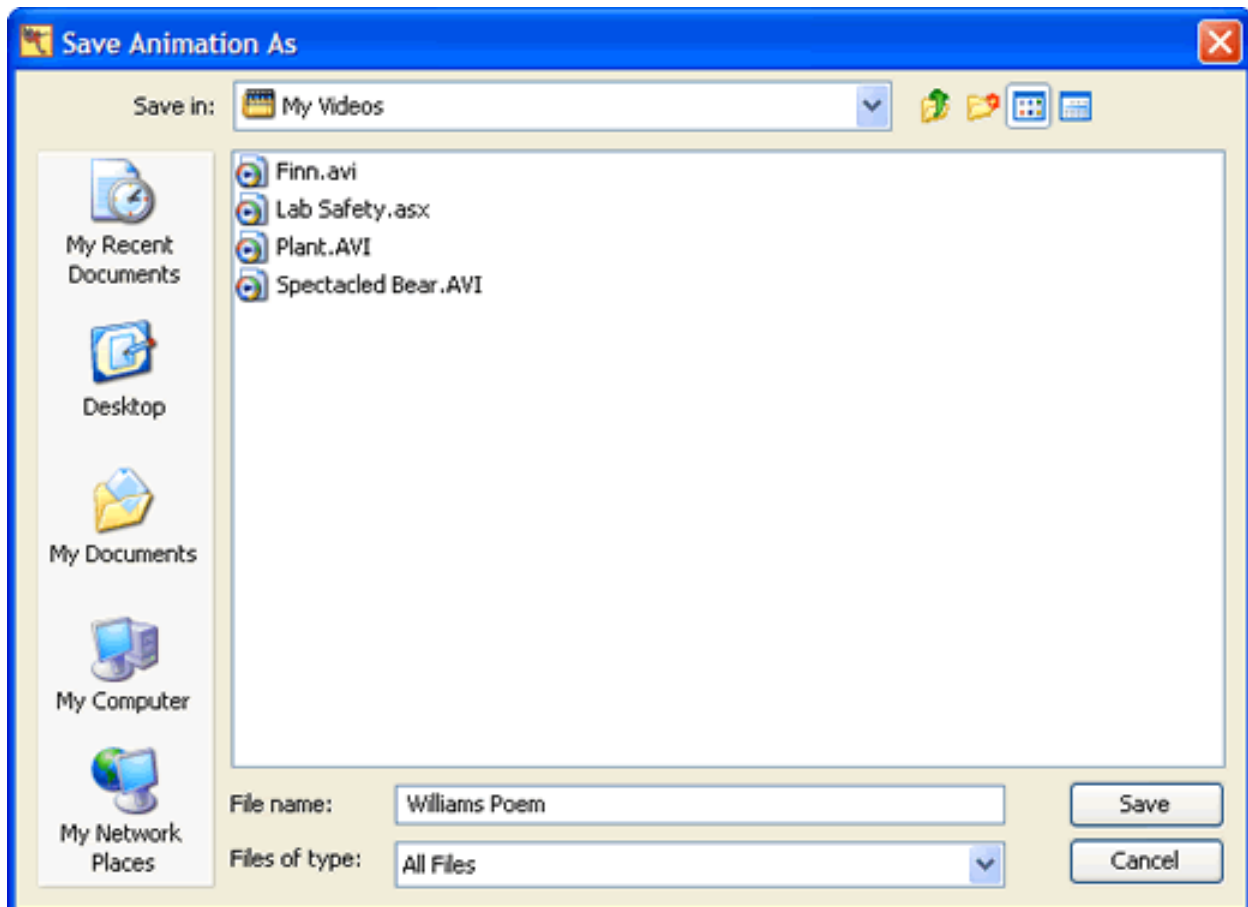


You will see the Save Animation As dialog.



Type a name for the animation in the File name field.

Use the Save in pull-down menu to choose the place you want to save the file.



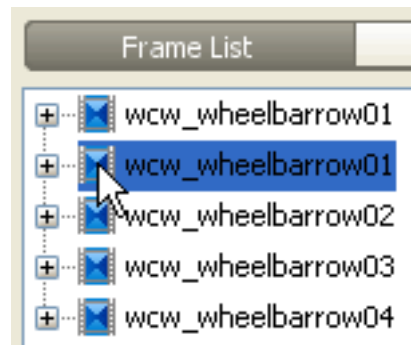
Click the Save button.

The animation will be saved.

## Add a Text Object

You can add text so the viewer can read the lines of the poem.

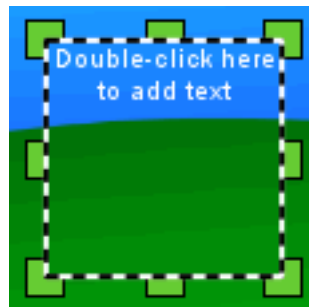
Click the second frame in the Frame List.



Click the Text button on the toolbar.



You will see a text object in the middle of the frame.



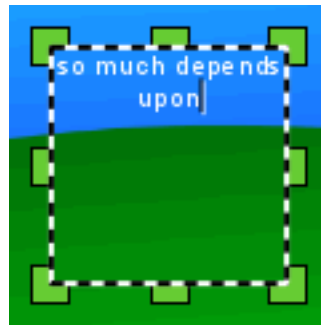
Double-click the text object.

You will see a blinking cursor.

Type: so much depends

Press the Enter key on the keyboard.

Type: upon



Click the frame outside of the text object when you are done.

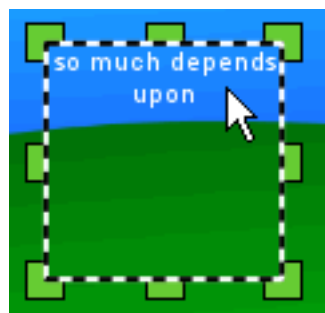
The text object will no longer be selected.



## Format Text

You can change the way text looks.

Click the text object to select it again.

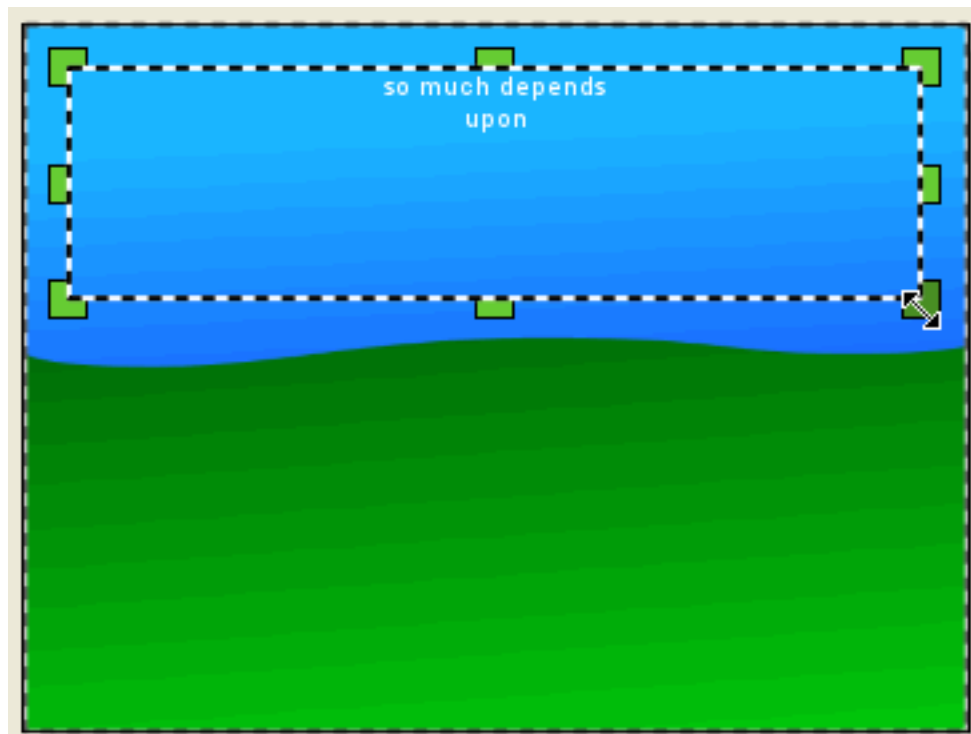


Move the cursor over a corner handle.

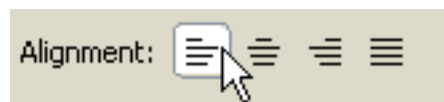
It will change to two arrows.



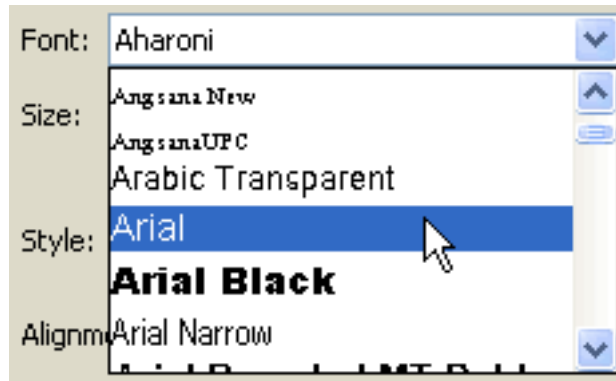
Click and drag the corner handles away from the center of the text object until it takes up most of the sky in the picture.



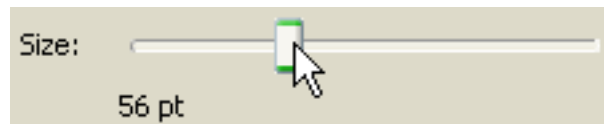
Click the Left Alignment button on the Options panel to change the alignment.



Click the Font pull-down menu on the Options panel to choose a new font.



Click and drag the Size slider on the Options panel to make the font larger.

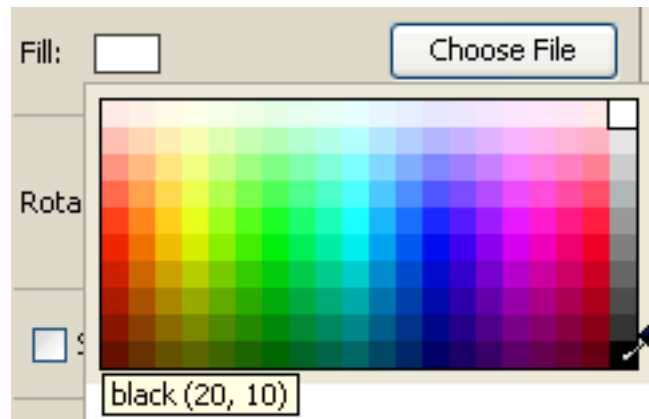


The preview will change as you drag the slider.

Click the Fill color box to choose a new text color.

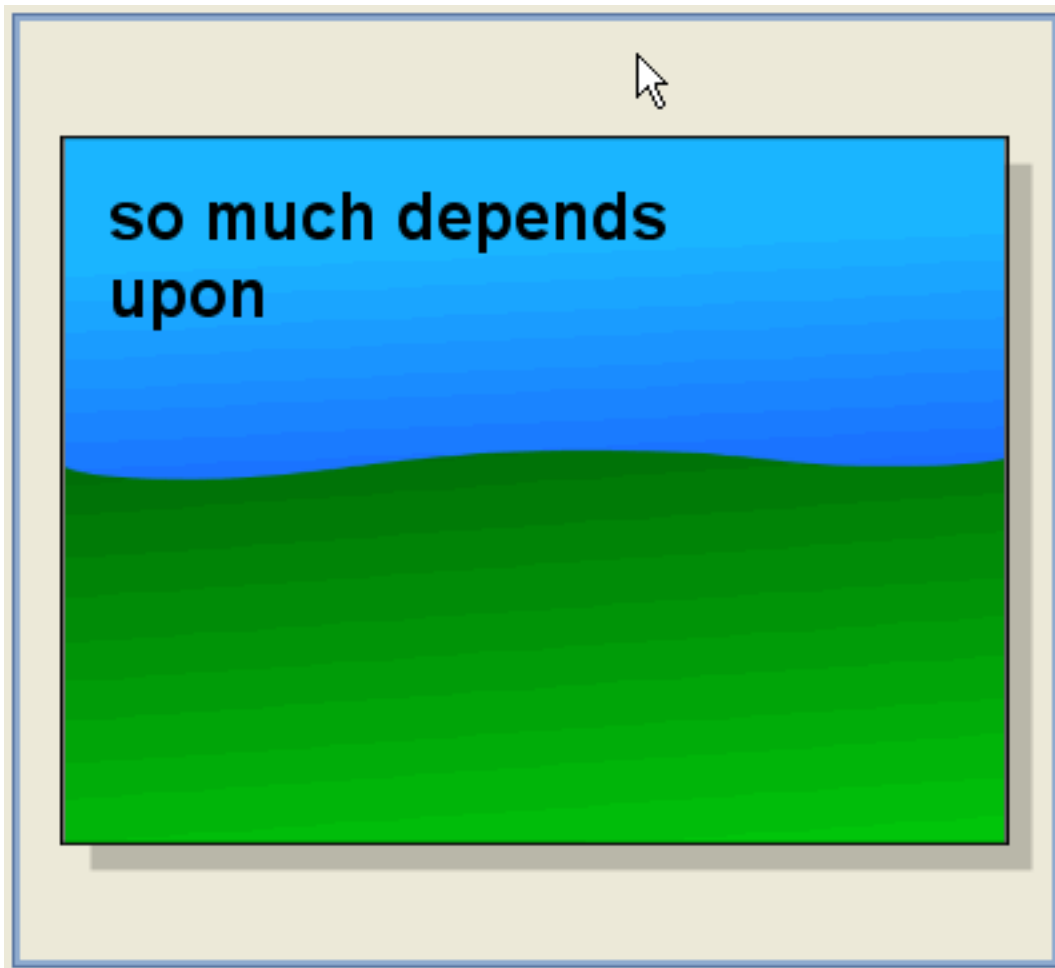


You will see a color palette.



Click the color you want for the text.

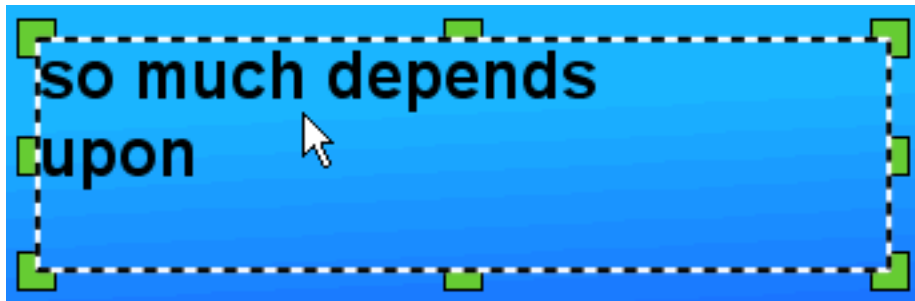
Click the gray area around the preview when you are done.



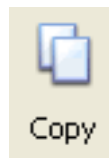
## Copy and Paste a Text Object

You can copy and paste a text object from one frame to another.

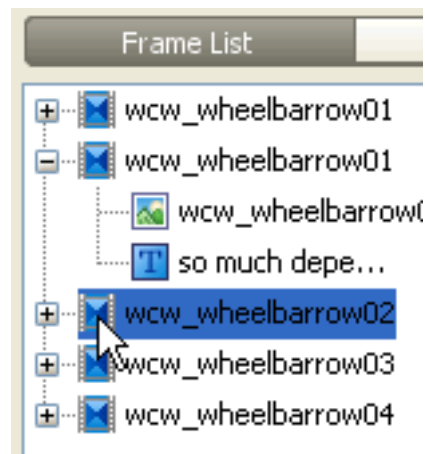
Click the text object to select it.



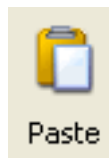
Click the Copy button on the toolbar.



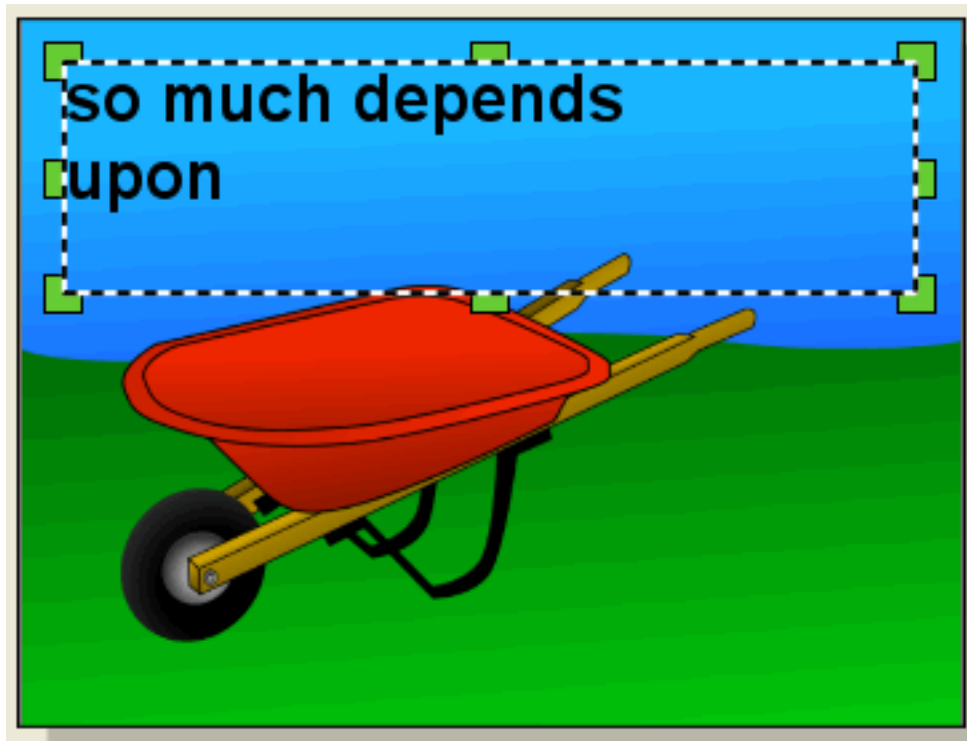
Click the next frame in the Frame List.



Click the Paste button on the toolbar.



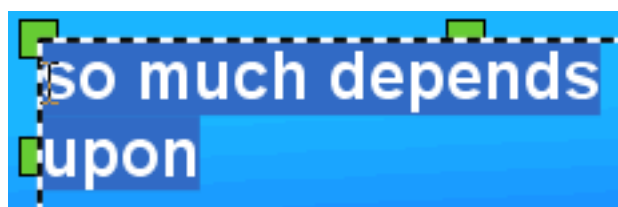
You will see the text object on this frame.



Double-click the text object.

You will see a blinking cursor.

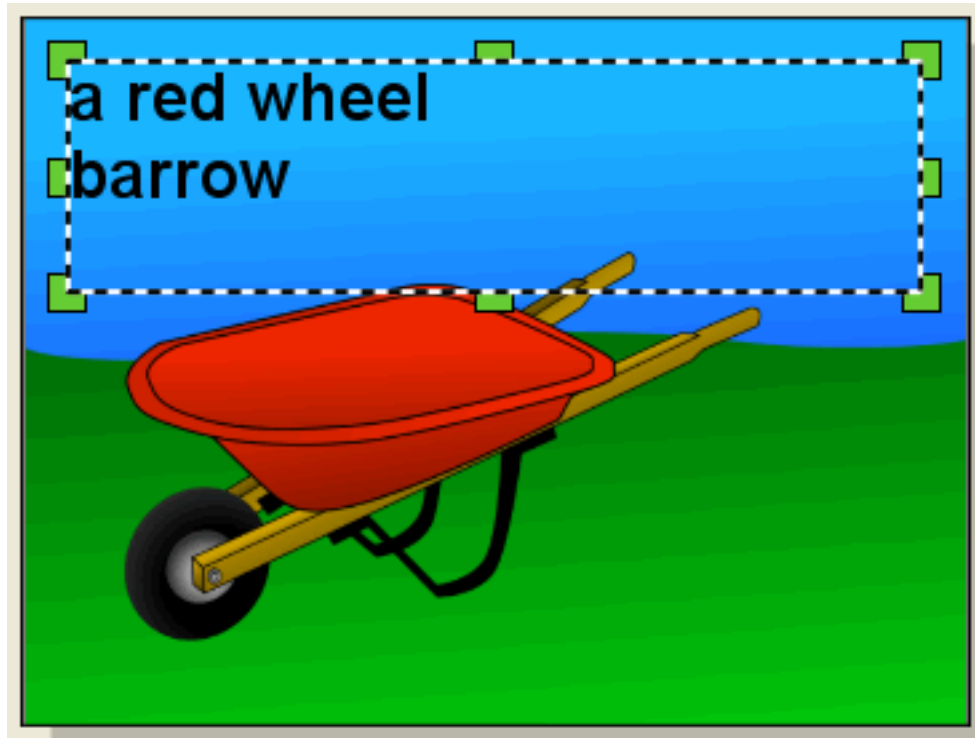
Click behind the last letter of the second line and drag to the left of the first letter of the first line to select all of the text.



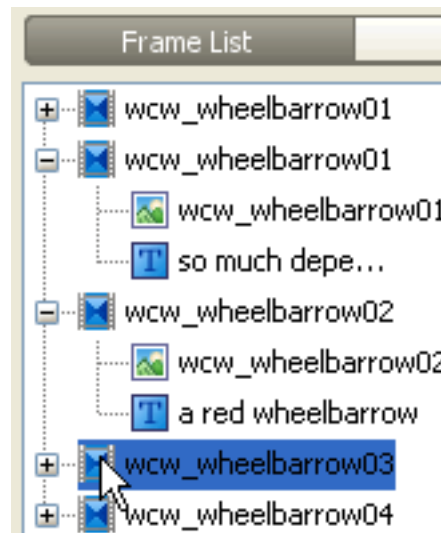
Type: a red wheel

Press the Enter key on the keyboard.

Type: barrow



Click the next frame in the Frame List.



Click the Paste button on the toolbar.

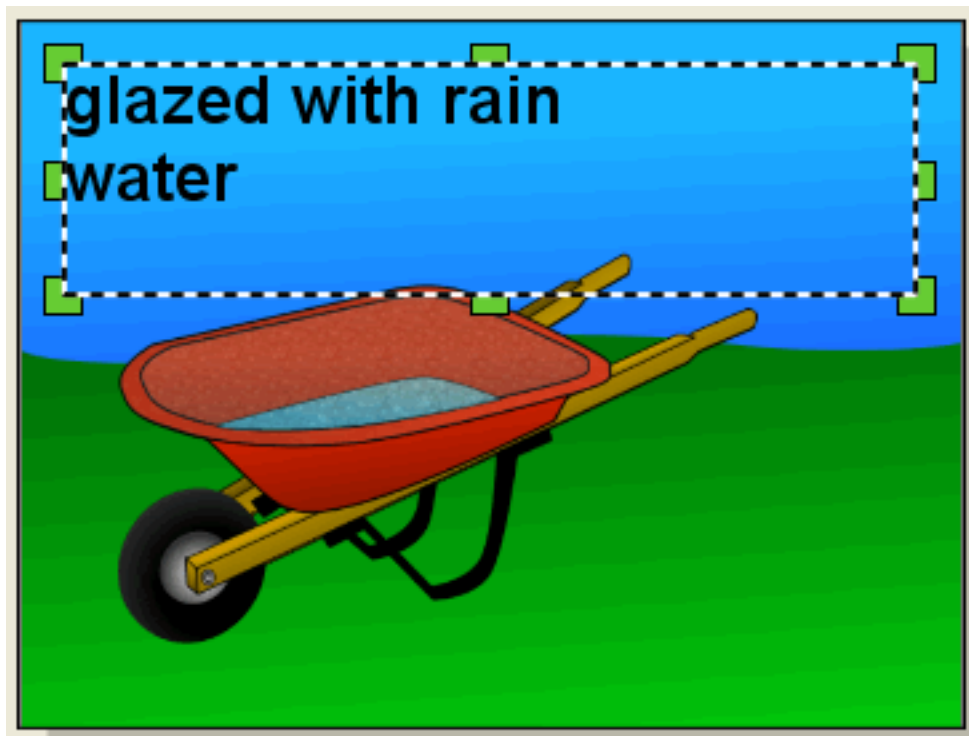


Double-click the text object and select all the text.

Type: glazed with rain

Press the Enter key on the keyboard.

Type: water



Click the next frame in the Frame List.

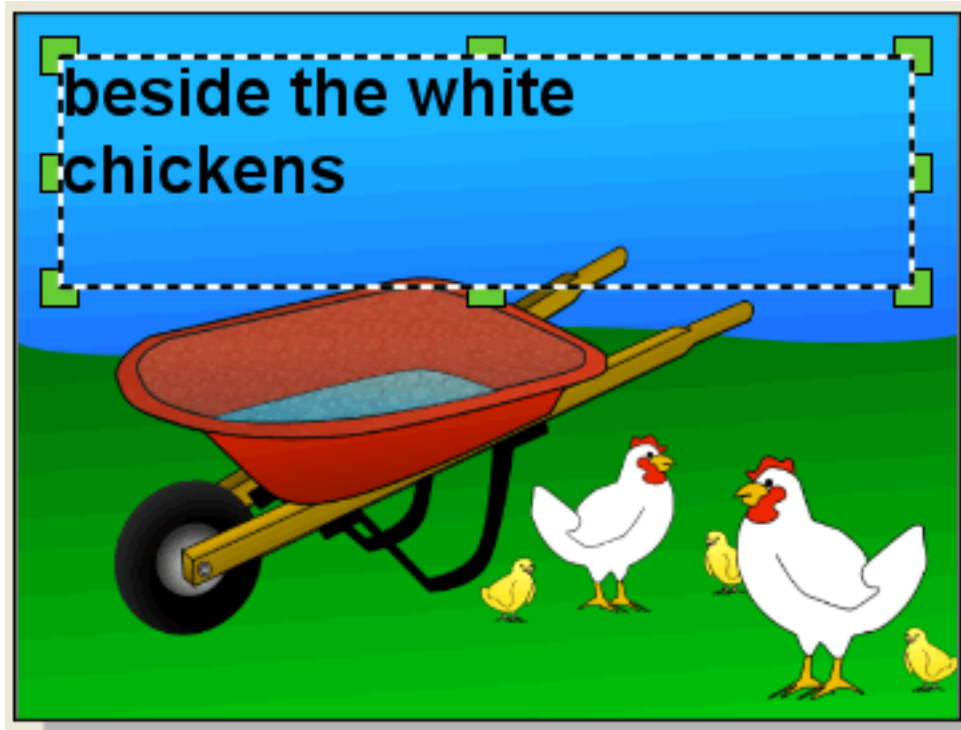
Click the Paste button on the toolbar.

Double-click the text object and select all the text.

Type: beside the white

Press the Enter key on the keyboard.

Type: chickens



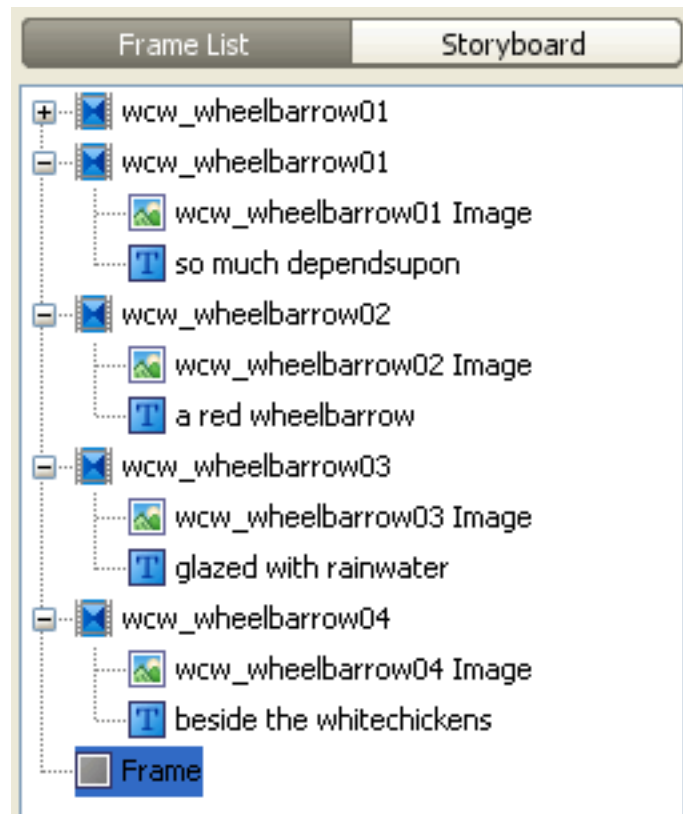
## Add a New Frame

You can add more frames to an animation such as a frame for a title.

Click the New Blank Frame button at the bottom of the Frame List.



You will see a new frame at the end of the list.



Click the Text button on the toolbar.

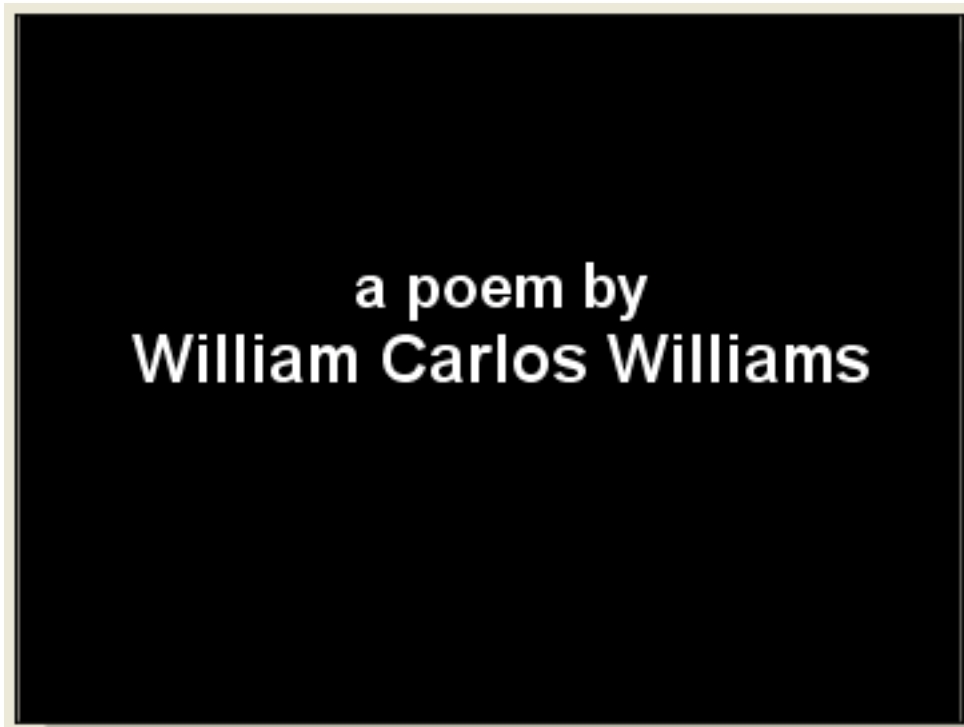


You will see a text object in the middle of the frame.

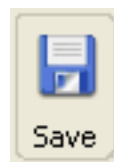
Use the skills you have learned to add and format text that says:

a poem by:

William Carlos Williams



Click the Save button on the toolbar.



Click the First Frame button in the Preview area.



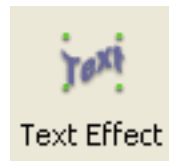
Click the Play button to see a preview of the movie.



## Add a Text Effect

You can add effects to your text.

Click the Text Effect button on the toolbar.

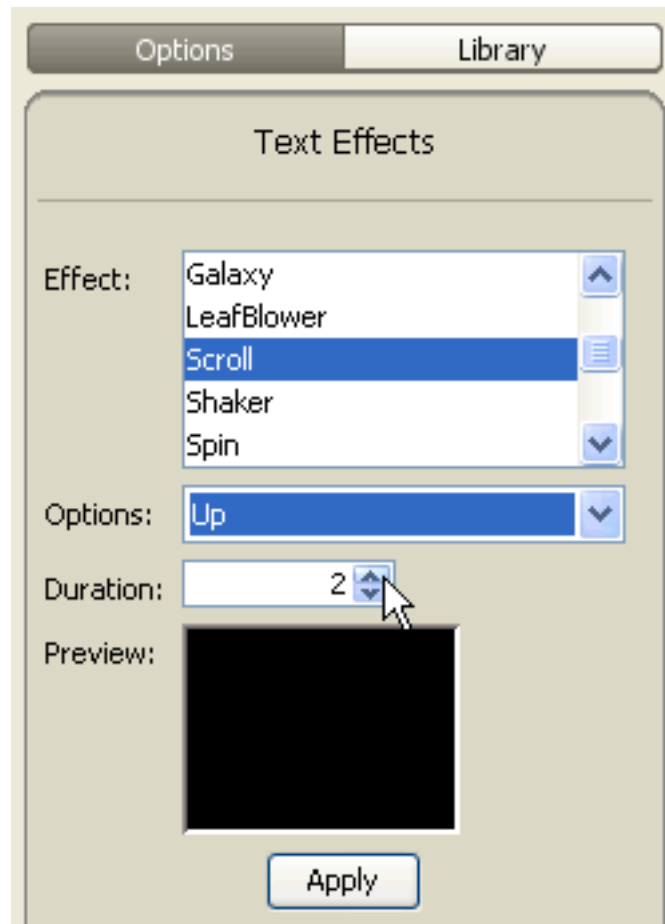


You will see the text effect options in the Options panel.

Click Scroll in the Effect list.

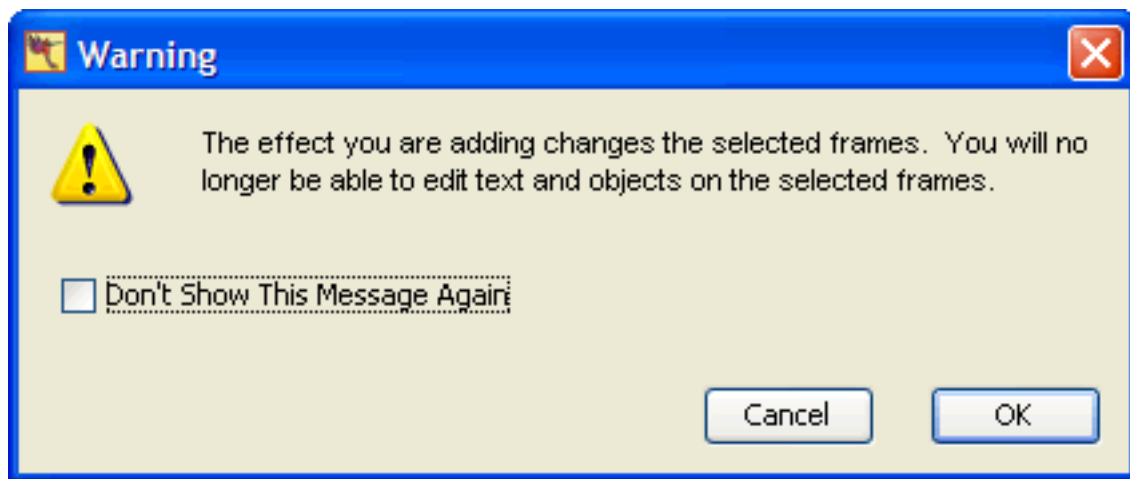
Use the Options pull-down menu to choose Up.

Use the up Duration arrow to change the duration to 2 seconds.



Click the Apply button.

You will see this Warning message telling you that the text cannot be edited after the text effect is run.

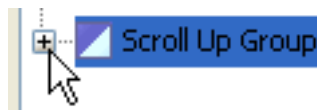


Click the OK button.

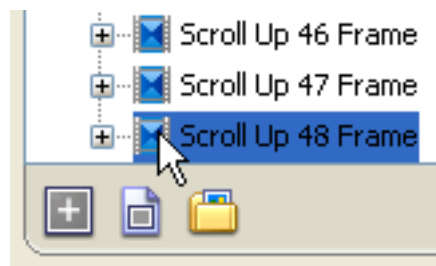
Frames will render the frames needed for the text effect.

You will see the frame turn into a group in the Frame List.

Click the plus symbol next to the group to see all of the frames.



Click the last frame in the group.



Change the duration on this last frame to 4 seconds.

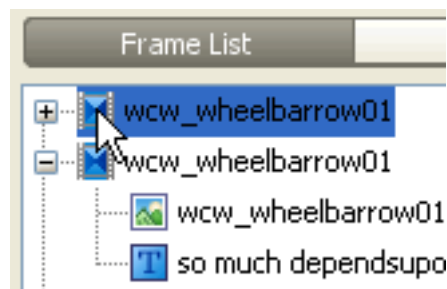


## Add a Transition

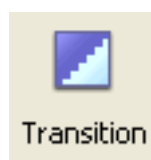
You can add transitions between frames.

Transitions are added after the selected frame.

Click the first frame in the Frame List to add a transition between frames one and two.



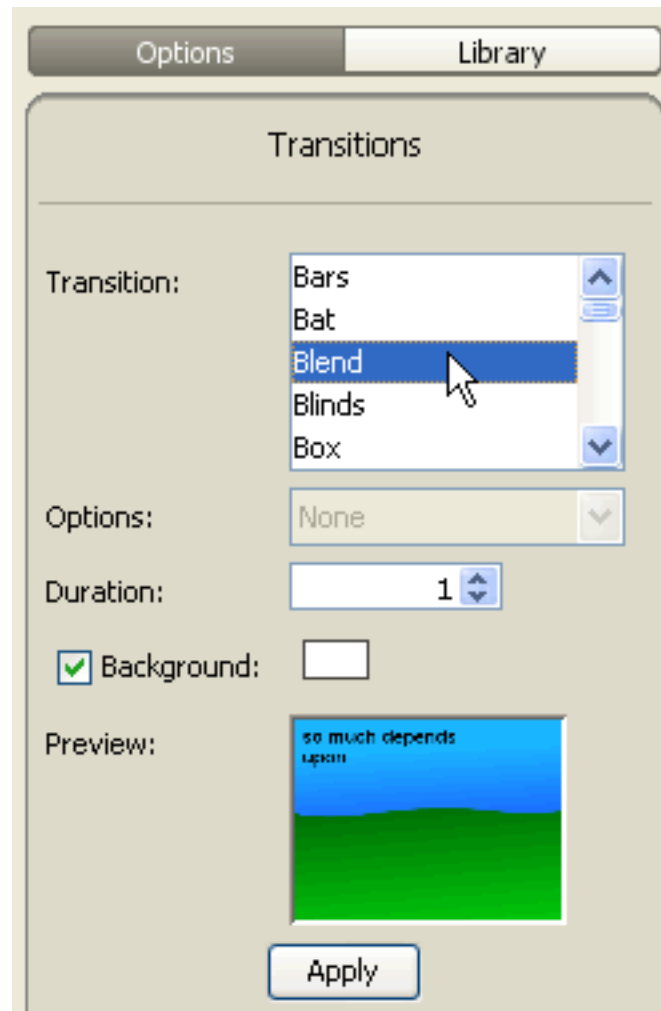
Click the Transition button on the toolbar.



You will see the transition options in the Options panel.

Select Blend from the Transition list.

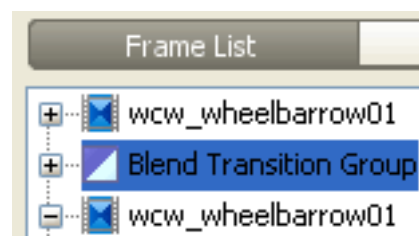
Leave the Duration set to 1 second.



Click the Apply button.

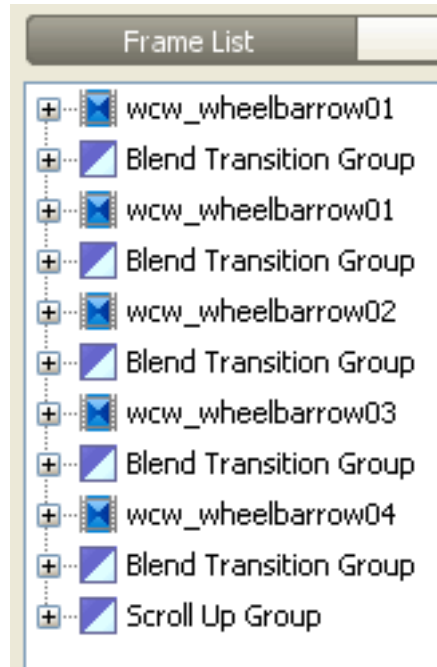
You will see the transition frames being processed.

You will see the transition in the Frame List.



Add this same transition between each of the frames in the animation.

When you are finished, a collapsed Frame List will look like this:



## Add Sound

You can add sound to an animation.

Click the First Frame button in the Preview area to have the sound start at the beginning of the animation.



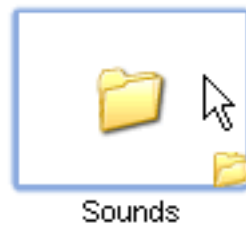
Click the Library tab.



Click the Home button.



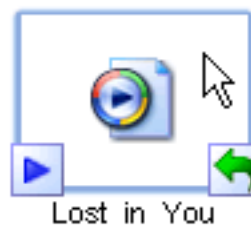
Double-click the Sounds folder.



Double-click the Music folder.



Find and click the Lost in You sound.



You will see buttons on the sound.

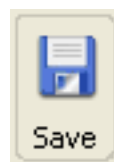
Click the Add button.



The sound will be added to the animation starting at the first frame.



Click the Save button on the toolbar to save the changes you have made.



Click the First Frame button in the Preview area.



Click the Play button to see a preview of the animation.



## Make a Movie

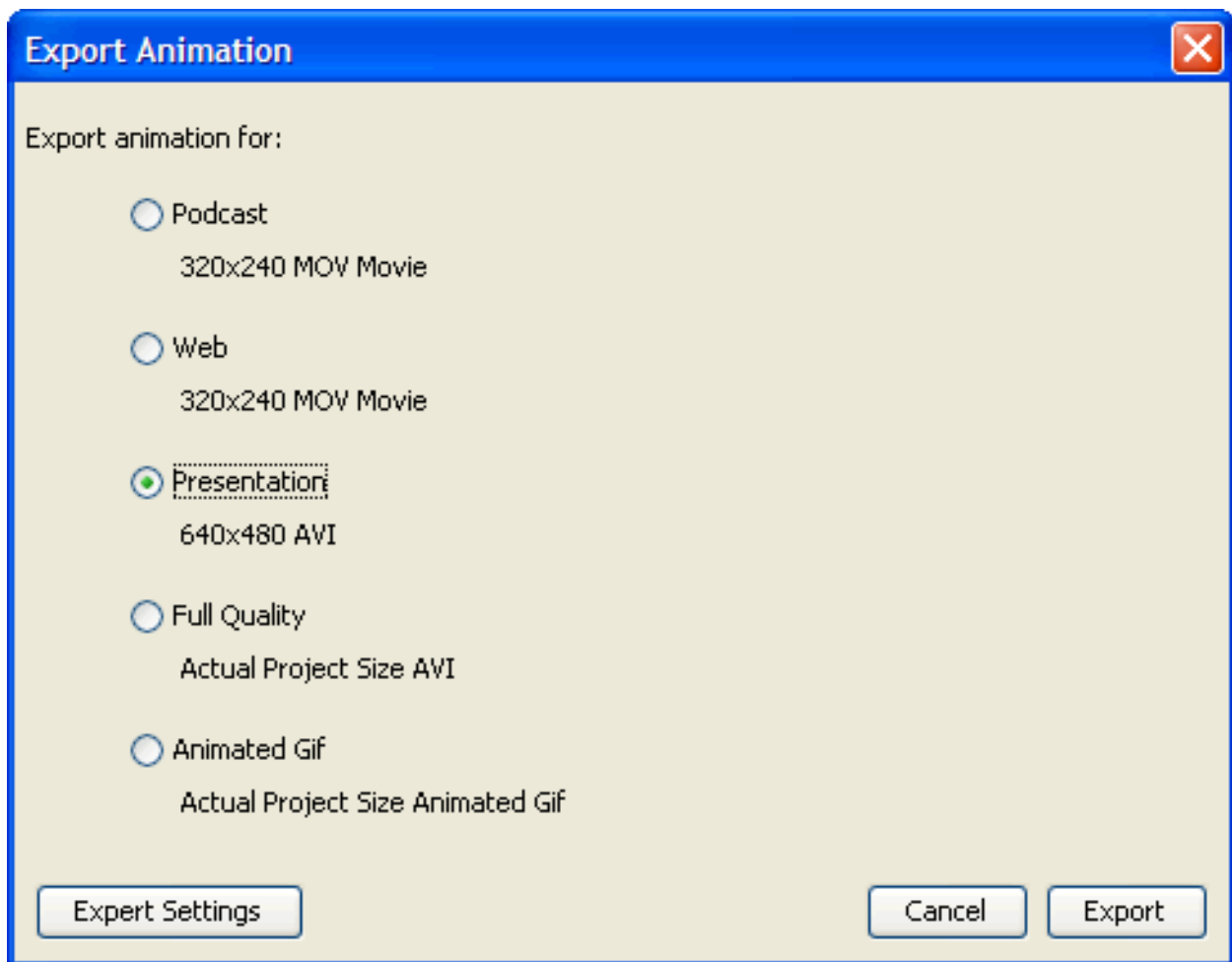
You can export the animation as a movie file you can share with other people.

Click the Make button on the toolbar.



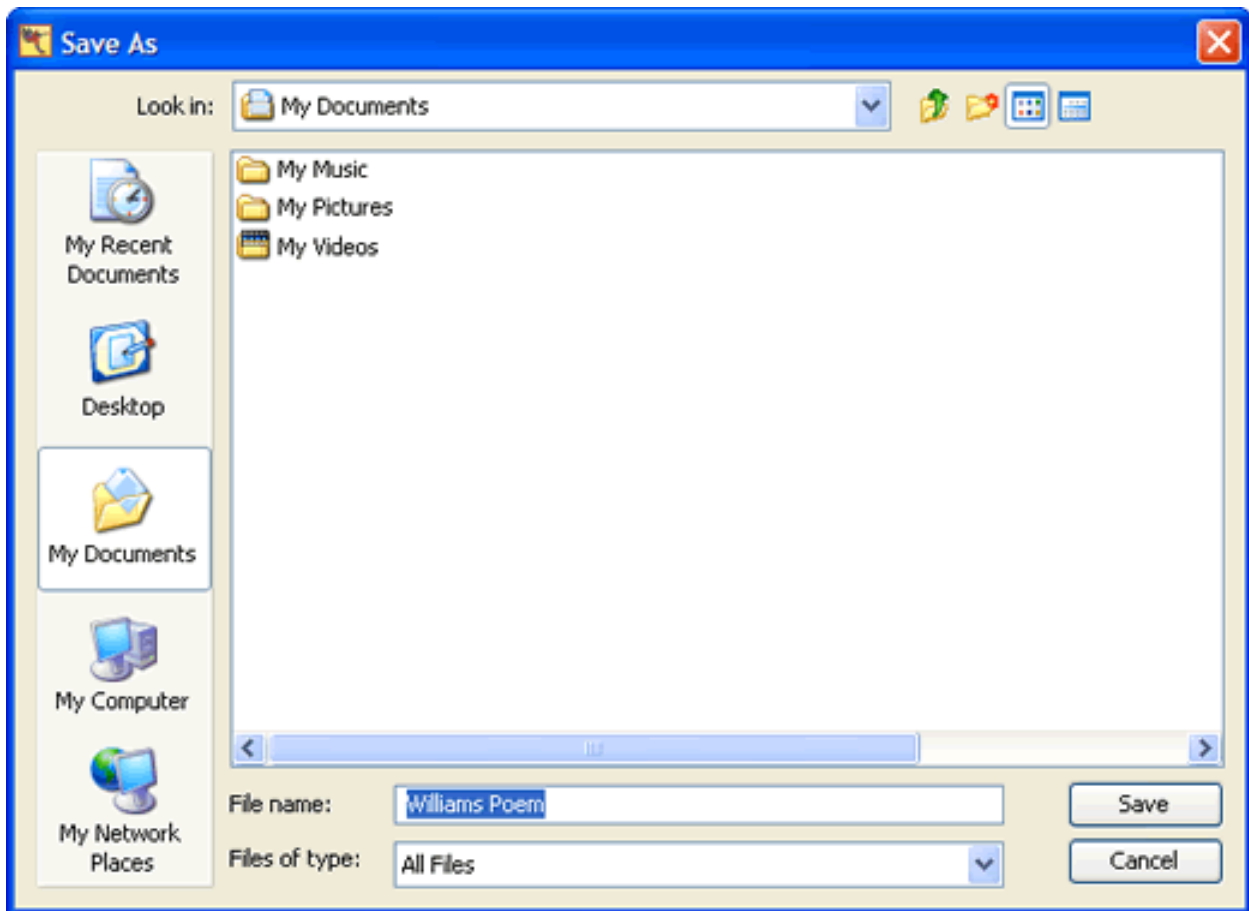
You will see the Export Animation dialog.

Click the Presentation radio button.



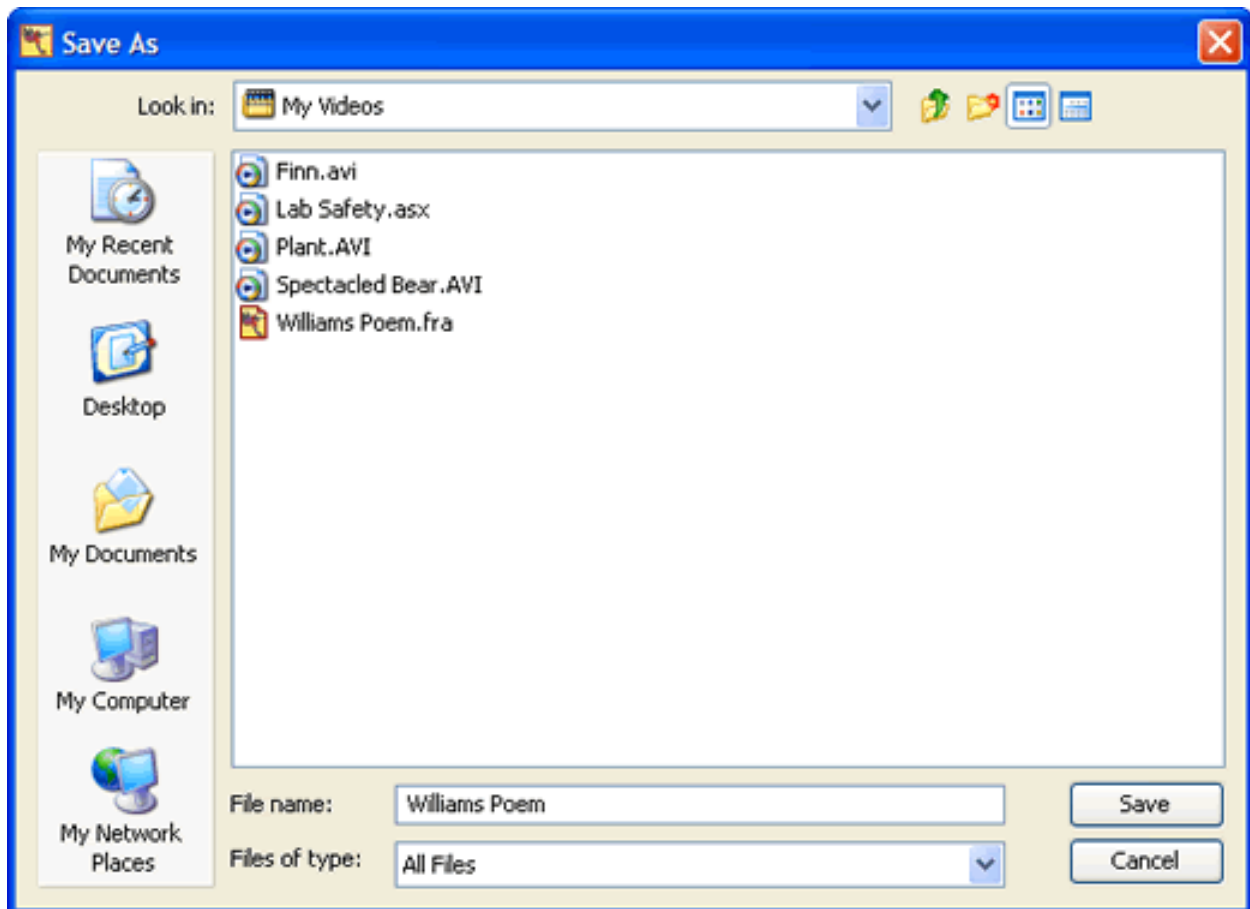
Click the Export button.

You will see the Save As dialog.



Use the Save in pull-down menu to choose a place to save the file.

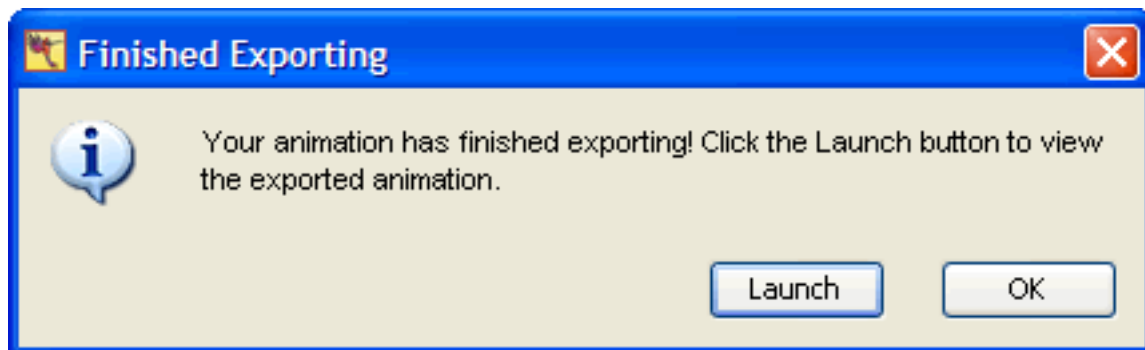
The name of the Frames file is already in the File name field.



Click the Save button.

Frames will create the movie.

When it is finished, you will see a Finished Exporting dialog.



Click the Launch button to watch your movie.

## Conclusion

Go to the File menu and choose Exit.

Congratulations! You have created an animated movie using Frames.

In this Recipe, you learned how to:

Open Frames

Add a folder of images

Copy and paste a frame

Preview an animation

Save an animation

Add a blank frame

Add text

Format text

Add text effects

Add transitions

Add sound

Make a movie