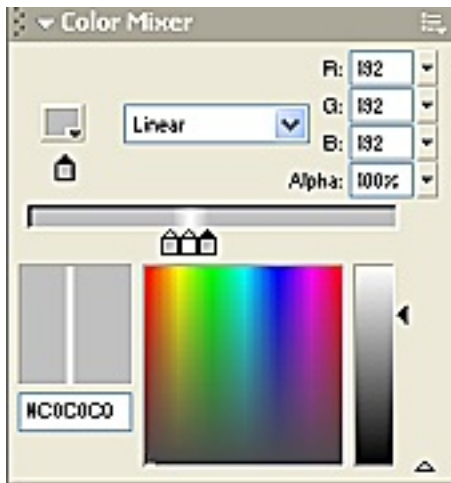


# Masking In Flash Mx - Advanced

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- 1) start by creating your text you want to be masked any color will do, but make sure it is static text.
- 2) Now create a new layer and name it "overlay".
- 3) On this layer make a rectangle (you may also use a circle) it can be bigger then your text or it can be smaller
- 4) Next open up the color mixer palette and choose linear in the drop down menu and make a gradient like bellow. ( you may of course use different colors then mine)



- 5) You can now fill your rectangle (or circle) with the gradient you have just created in the color mixer
- 6) Select the fill transform tool (f) and rotate the gradient like bellow



- 7) Have your shape just on the left of your text, then click somewhere on the timeline that you would want the effect to stop. (This will also control the speed. More frames=slower animation) Now I have chosing 45 so simply right click the frame and add a keyframe.

- 8) Now select all the frames and right click the first frame and choose "motion tween".
- 9) Add a frame to your text layer so that you have an equal amount of frames on both the text and overlay layer.
- 10) Move the "overlay" layer bellow the text layer,(so the text is on top).
- 11) Right click the "text" layer and choose "overlay".
- 12) Now create a rectangle that covers the whole movie, and drag that layer bellow the "overlay" layer.

That is it, if you want it to loop, go to your "overlay" layer and on the last frame add an "gotoAndPlay" action