

# Pulsing Text

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**Requirements:** I have created this with Flash Mx but I believe that flash 5 may also work

- 1) Start with creating your text on your very first layer. (Also choose the color and size)**
- 2) Next create another layer with the same text as the first layer. (I would recommend naming your layers) and choose a different color (for the glow) or you can keep it to black if you want. It is up to you!**
- 3) I named this layer bottom. Now still on this layer, select your text and Break it apart (ctrl+b for pc, and command b for Mac) After that break it apart once more. Now here comes what makes the difference. Go to modify > Shape > Soften Fill Edges. I used **6px** for distance, **4** for number of steps and **Expand** for direction.**
- 4) Now still on this layer, right click on frame **45** and Insert Keyframe now select from frame **1** to **45**, right click and choose Create Motion Tween also insert a keyframe on frame **30**. Now insert a keyframe on frame **2** & under color choose Alpha, set it to **0%**, then select frame **30** and set it to Alpha again, but set it to **100%** and finally do the same to frame **45** but it should be set to **0%**. Now we must get rid of keyframe **1**, Right click it and choose "Remove Frames", now you can drag keyframe **2** to the first frame, it is now keyframe one.**
- 5) Last step is simply to drag this layer below the other layer, so it will be the bottom layer.**

Now there probably is better ways of doing the effect, but this is one of many ways of doing it.