

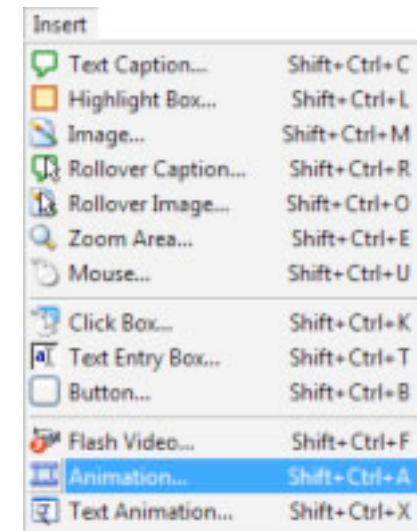
Animations

You can simply add animations to your slides too. Animations in this context refers to any '.swf', '.gif', '.avi' or '.fla' file – not to be confused with source files produced by stop-motion animation software.

TIP – *if you want to include stop-motion animation in your project, then best to save it as or convert it to a '.flv' file and follow the instructions for including a Flash Video above.*

If you need to, click the 'edit' tab to view the edit view.

From the 'Insert' menu, select 'Animation...'

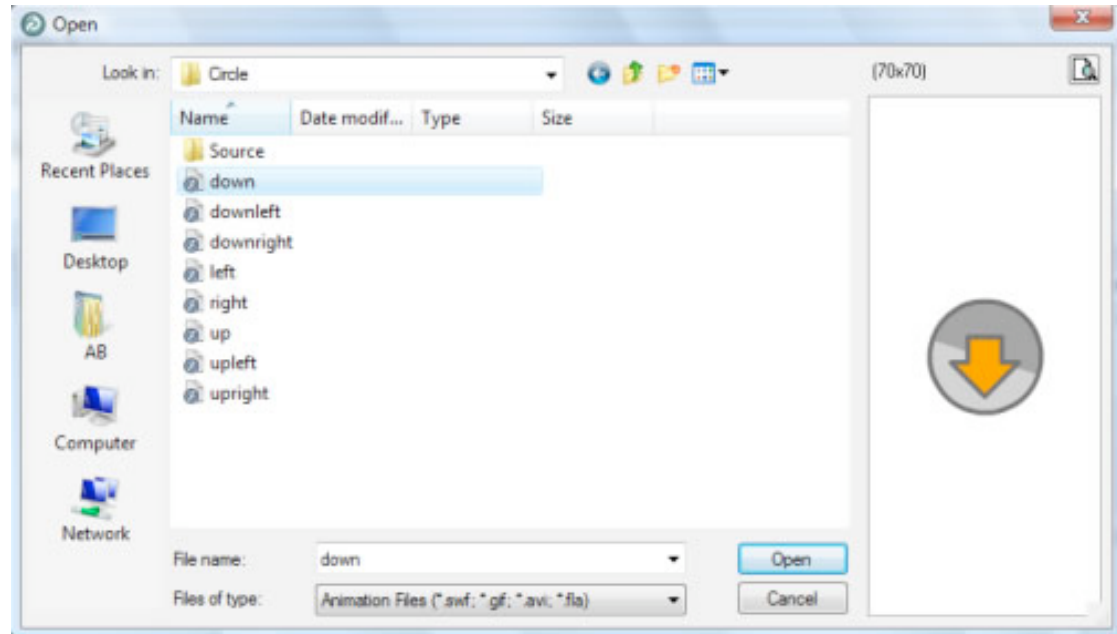


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The 'Open' dialog box will open, allowing you to locate your file.

Captivate 2 comes with two sets of animations that you can use – 'arrows' and 'highlights', but if you have another animation you wish to include then navigate to find your file.

With your file selected, click 'Open'.

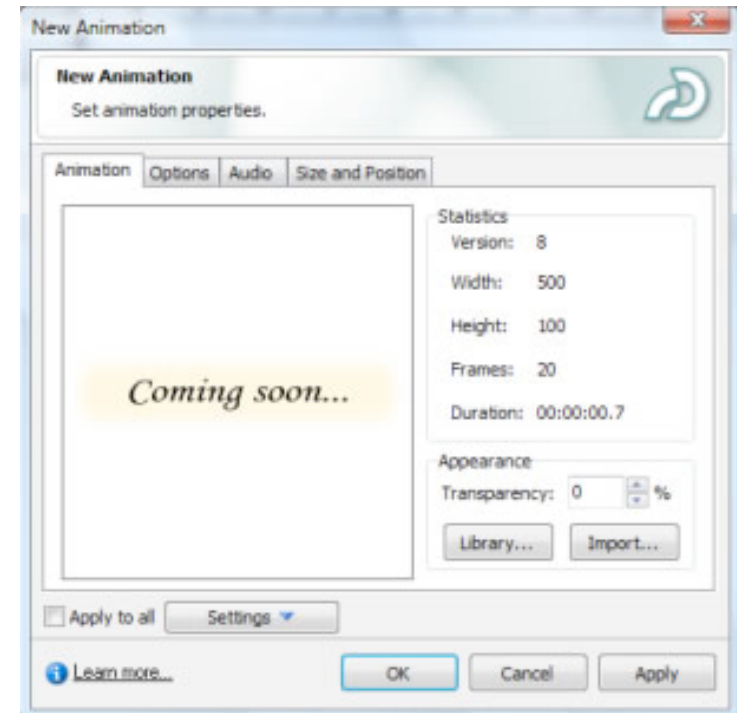


The 'New Animation' dialog box will open, showing your animation.

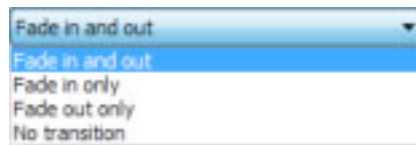
There are four tabs.

The first tab allows you to adjust the level of transparency the animation has.

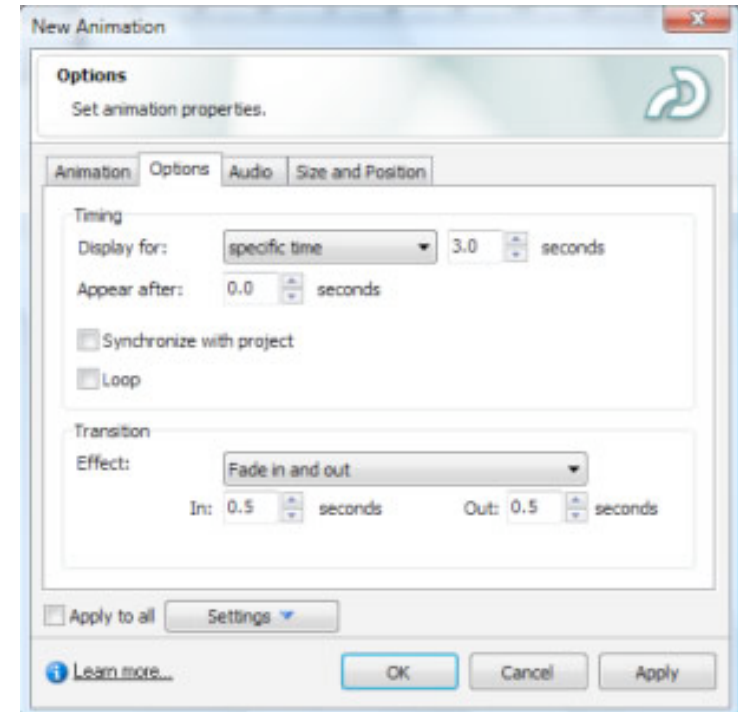
You have the option at the bottom of the dialog box to 'Apply to All'. Using the 'Settings' drop-down menu, you can apply to all the animations in your presentation the type you have chosen, or apply to all the animations on a particular slide.



The second tab 'Options' allows you to adjust how long the animation is displayed for, and whether the it fades in or out – there are four options here – 'fade in and out', 'fade in only', 'fade out only' and 'no transition'.



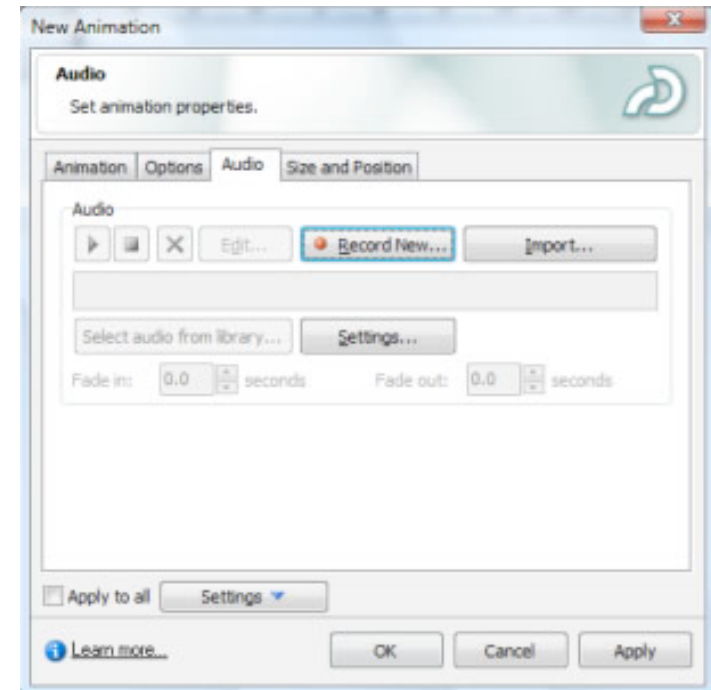
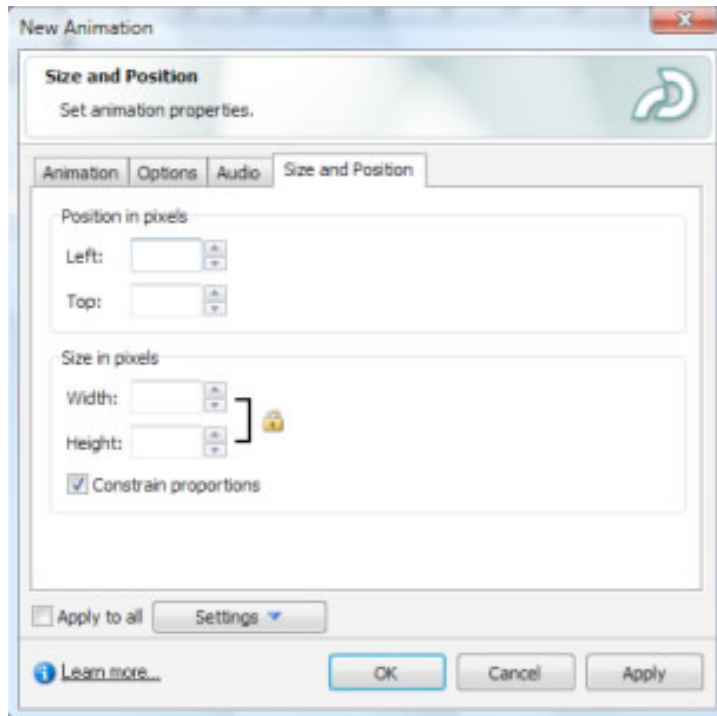
TIP – you may find it easier to adjust the start point and duration of the animation visually by clicking and dragging it on the timeline.



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The third tab allows you to add audio to the animation – this could prove useful to further direct attention in your project.

You can either record a new piece of audio, or import a sound file (for further details of how to do this, see the 'Audio' section of this course).



The fourth tab allows you to adjust the size and position of the animation on the slide.

TIP – you may find this easier by visually dragging the object on the slide instead.

Don't forget that objects on the timeline are hierarchical.

You may wish to make sure that the animation doesn't obscure any other objects you have placed on the slide.

