

# Flash Animation

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## CTLT: DIGITAL ARTS PROJECTS

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Difficult.

Making a flash animation is a versatile, creative way to convey an idea on YouTube, a website, or to a class. You have endless possibilities of expression using this project type. Creating a Flash animation is a great idea if you have a knack for drawing and would like to create a detailed project.

### TIMELINE:

Making a Flash animation requires a thorough understanding of the program Adobe Flash. Most people schedule appointments to learn the basics. It is much faster and easier than reading a manual or trial and error. Overall, once you know how to use the program, you can really let your creativity flow. The project can take **two to four weeks to complete, depending on your skill level.**

### The Breakdown of How Your Time is Spent:

- **2 to 3 hours, Appointments to learn Adobe Flash Basics:** Having someone help you learn Flash is vital to getting a animation made quickly and that works. 2 or 3, one-hour appointments will give you the skills to make a fabulous project. Email [CTLT@goucher.edu](mailto:CTLT@goucher.edu) with a number of times you are free to schedule an appointment with a Digital Arts Specialist.
- **15 to 24+ hours, Creation of the project:** Once you have the skills, use Flash create a animation. Some people only spend around 15 hours for a good project and others spend longer to get it how they want it. Depending on your expectations and the complexity and length of the animation, the project can take from about 15 to way over 24 hours of computer time.
- **5 to 15+ hours, Extra Time, Troubleshooting:** Getting the animation just how you want it takes some time. Although some people have little trouble setting up an animation, even veteran designers have to work around issues that pop up. You need to leave yourself enough time to deal with issues. Even if you are an expert, you should not expect to complete the project in under two weeks.

### EQUIPMENT:

- **A Computer with Flash**
  - All the library computers have Flash installed.
- **Wacom tablet (optional)**
  - Tablets can be found in the CTLT Lab or borrowed from the Service Desk.

### WHERE TO GET HELP:

- **Pick up a manual:** The CTLT has two short manuals that cover the basics of Flash, step by step. Pick one up in the CTLT and try it out before you start your project.
- **Have a problem with your project or need some quick tips?** Swing by the library and ask a specialist for some help (the Green Shirts) during library hours between 9am and 11pm on weekdays.
- **Schedule an appointment with a specialist:** Digital Arts Specialists are available to help with any part of the process. From learning how to set up your files to advanced skills for intense projects, request an appointment by emailing [CTLT@goucher.edu](mailto:CTLT@goucher.edu).