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## MATRIX-STYLE ANIMATIONS!



This is a two-step process.

- First, we'll remove the background from a picture;
- Next, we'll insert that picture into a new picture and animate the new combined picture



Your Magic Assistant –  
Edit – Undo



Don't be afraid to experiment –  
you can always Edit-undo your last step.

Here are the important tools:



The **Crop tool** will select just the part you want to keep - just select and double-click

First, let's learn how to remove the background from a picture:





Magic Wand Tool (W)

## The **Magic Wand**

**Tool selects areas by color**  
**Select areas you want to remove and hit the DELETE key**



If the Tool Options box for the magic wand tool isn't open, you can open it by double-clicking.

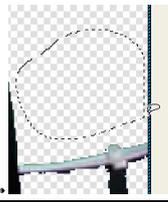
If the magic wand selects **too much**, you can adjust the tolerance level to a lower number



Lasso Tool (L)

At some point, it's easier to select areas to delete with **the lasso tool**

Tip – after you've selected an area, that selection can

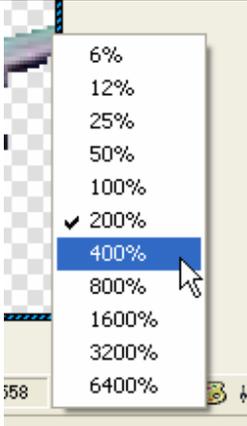


be moved around to other areas...

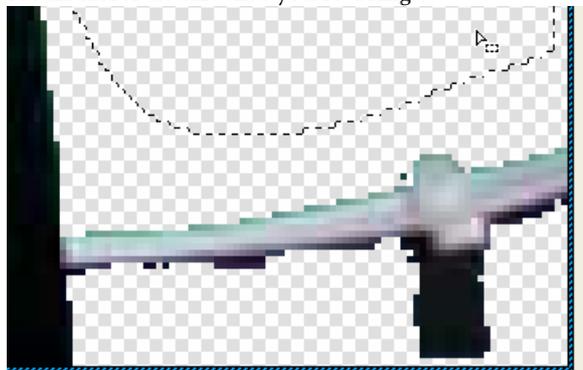


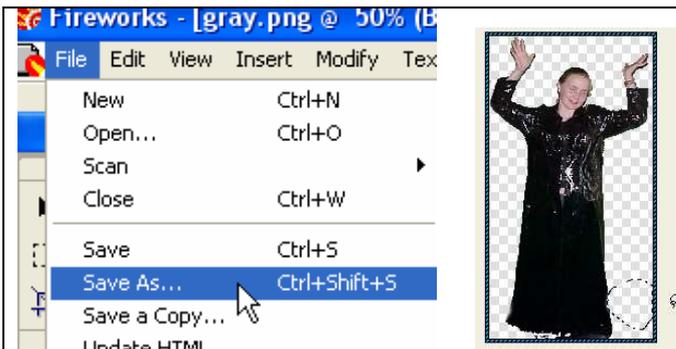
Just drag and select

and delete.



You may also want to change the view to be able to see in closer detail what you're doing...

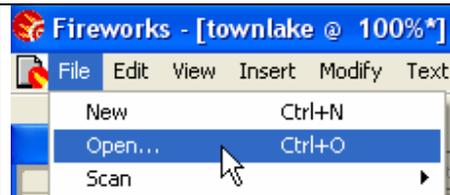
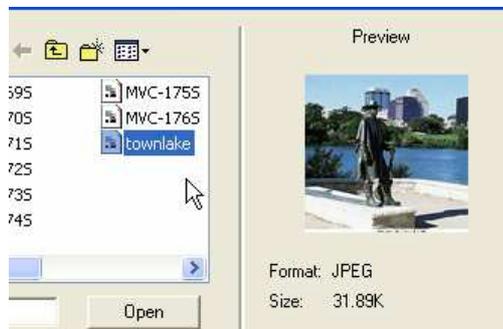




When you've removed the background, save the picture where you can find it again.

The native .png format is fine.

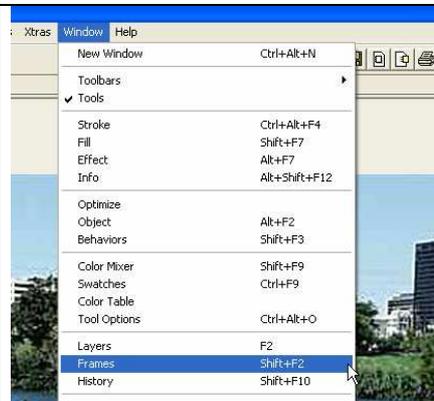
## Step two - the animation

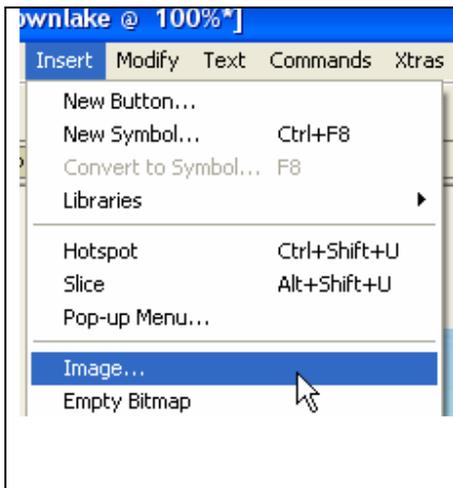


**Select Background!**

Open the picture you want as your background...

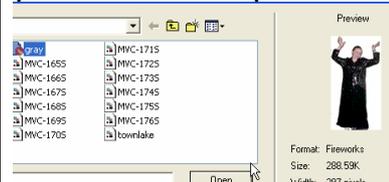
Go to Window and pull down to Frames to open up our animation menu





Now bring in the picture of yourself...

Go to **Insert** and pull down to **Image**. Find the picture of yourself that you saved...

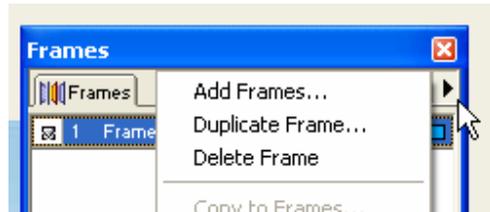


Click **Open** and you get a little half square thing - click and drag this to the size you want your picture to be...



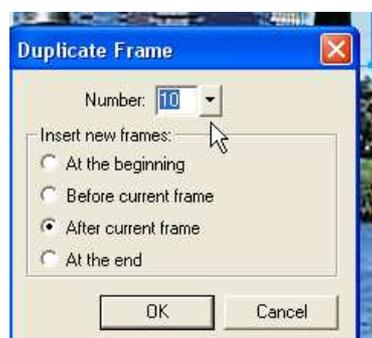
When there's a blue line around your picture, that means you can change it - you can move it around and re-size it

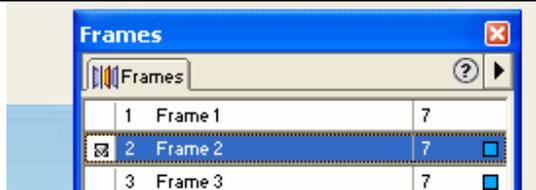
Now for more of the animation part...



There's a little triangle at the top right of the Frames menu - click on that and another menu pops out...

Choose Duplicate Frame - choose as many as 10 frames...





Click on Frame 2 and notice that your picture is still there in the new frame...

Make sure the picture is highlighted by the blue line and then move the picture somewhere new...

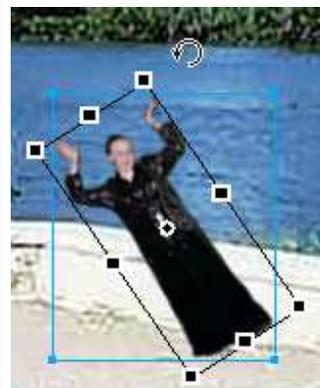


Find the VCR style controls and play the movie - note that your picture seems to move between Frame 1 and 2.

Now go to the different frames and change your picture's position in each one.



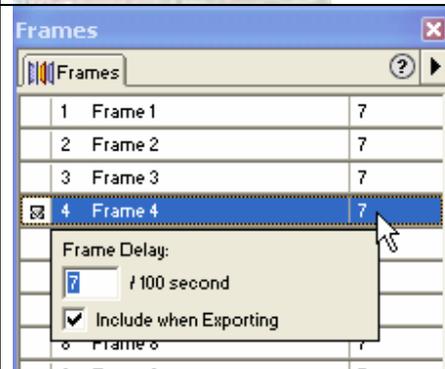
You can also modify the picture with the Scale, Skew & Distort tool.



To get the Matrix effect, make most of the frames move quickly, and choose one or two to hang for several seconds.

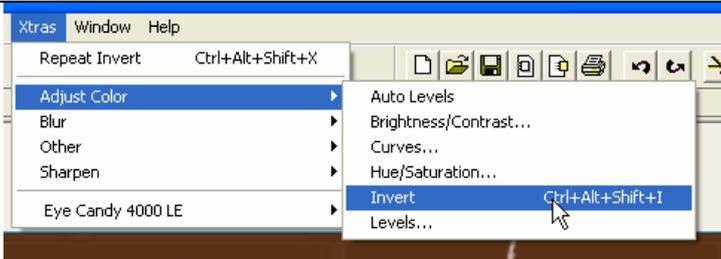
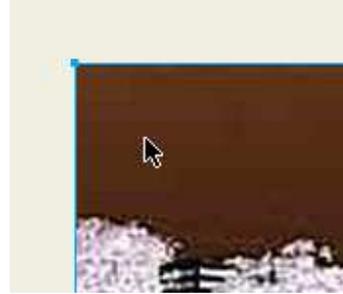
When the number in the frame delay box is higher, the frame will move slower.

Most people like to make the first & final frames a little longer as well.





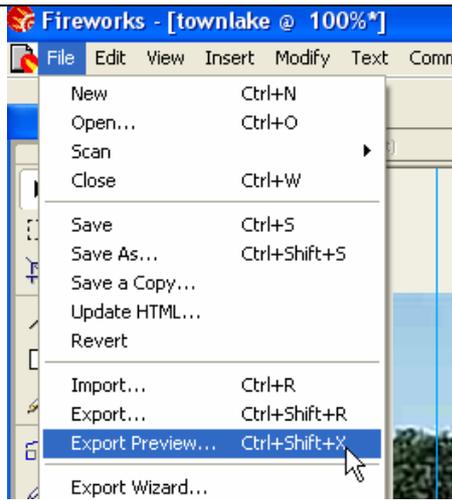
To give a special effect to one or more frames, select the entire picture - click outside the picture, then click on the picture to select - you can tell it's selected when there's the same blue line highlighting the box:



Then go to Xtras - Adjust Color - Invert.



You can also add in more than one picture of yourself, in different positions, to make the animation even more fun - it just takes more time.



If you want to **save** your animation, you'll need to follow these directions

First, go to File - Export Preview



Make sure to select "Animated GIF" as the format.

And click the Export button

