

Bless all those plugin makers you know who you are

Do you like rich textured gnarls and tweaking them, then this one just for you.

If you follow this Tutorial you will gain some insight in /- radial blur - waves2 - flux / Combo flame.

Just 3 transforms and a Final FX.

And end up with a most tweak able base Gnarl base fractal.

Plugins needed (waves2 and flux) which is included in the Zip download.

Ok let's begin.
Unzip plugins and put in Apo plugin folder.
Don't know where that folder is?
Easy just do this

Unzip folder,

Click right on your apo7x desktop icon. Click left on Open file location. Your apo7x folder will open. In your apo7x folder copy and paste the (unzipped) plugins in the plugin folder.

Open notepad note called smosuper grad.

included in zip download.

Copy all content in this document. (Click anywhere on page then, Press Ctrl. A /followed by Ctrl. C)

And that's that.

Now we ready to go.

Start up Apo

Create new Flame

Click Editor.

Click new flame

Now let's set the main settings

Click gradient to open the adjustment window.

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<u>Scale =6.6</u> //Later come back here to tweak//
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Gradient

Click gradient then click right on the default or existing gradient.

Little window pops up, click paste and the gradient you copied from my gradient text file will now be there for you to use. (Try to get this right for this tutorial, you can change it later)

Click on Image size

Let's make it 800 wide x 600 high a nice proportion for this flame.

You can make yours bigger or change it if you like or when you finally render it.

Rendering

Gamma =3 //Later come back here to tweak//

Brightness = 20 //Later come back here to tweak//

Vibrancy =1

Camera

Zoom =0

X-Position = 2.9

Y -Position =0

Rotation = 90

You can change them all later when you do final adjustments (tweak).

Ok let's go for it.

On TX 1

weight 0.05 //Take note zero.zero five//

color = 0.722

color speed = 0.44

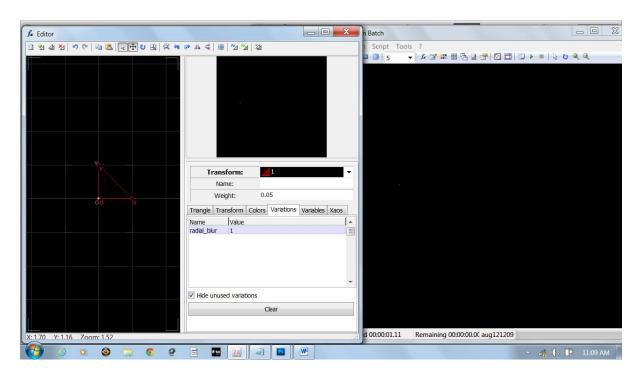
Opacity := 1

Variations

Linear := 0 radial blur := 1

Variables

radial blur angle := 1



See nothing great yet don't panic its ok just go on.

Add transform.TX2 On TX 2

Weight 10 Color =0.97 color speed=0.9 Opacity := 1

Variations

Linear := 0

waves2 := 1.00337

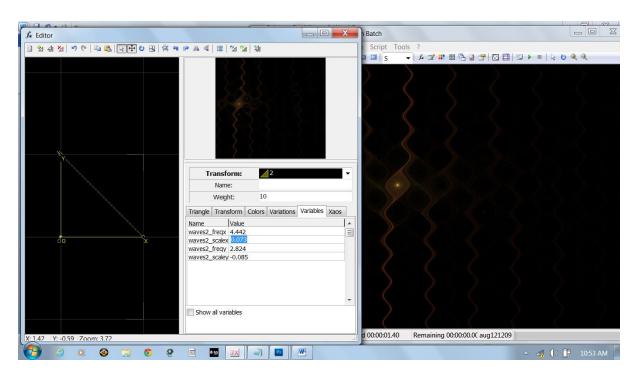
<u>Variables</u>

 $waves2_freqx := 4.5079$

waves2_scalex := -0.041699

waves2_freqy := 2.83897

waves2_scaley := -0.0199852



Add transform.TX3 On TX 3

weight 0.5

Color =0

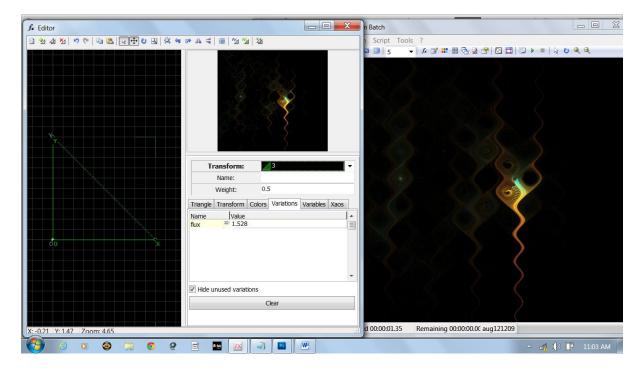
color speed=0.2

Variations

Linear := 0

flux := 1.5

Variables

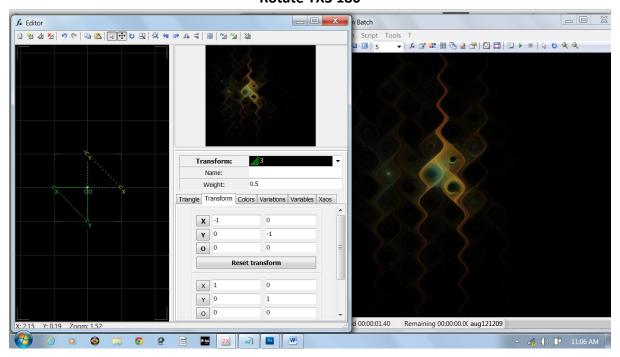


And there you have it your base gnarl flame quick and easy .

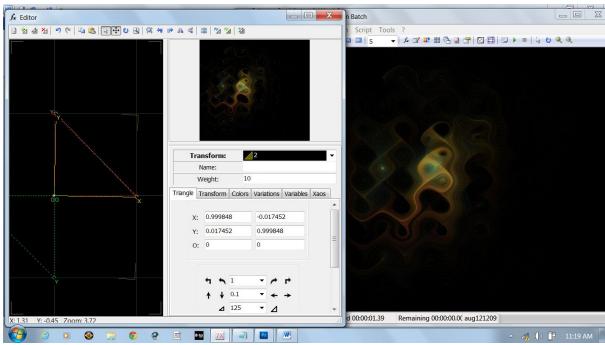
Save your flame so you don't have to do it all again.

Have fun with this one of my fav styles.

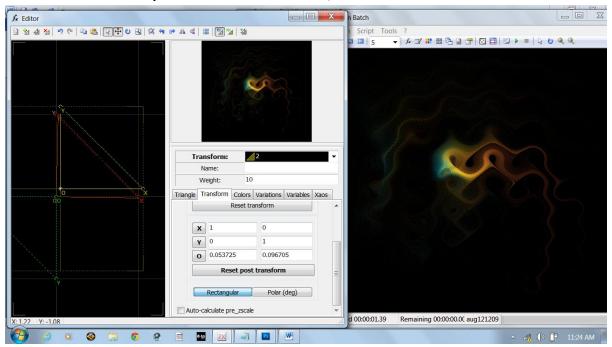
Rotate TX3 180



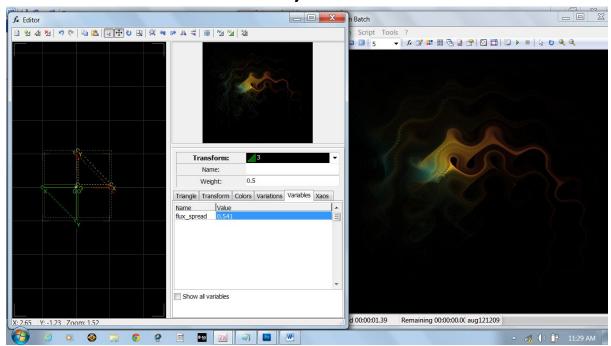
TX2 slight rotation =1 degree



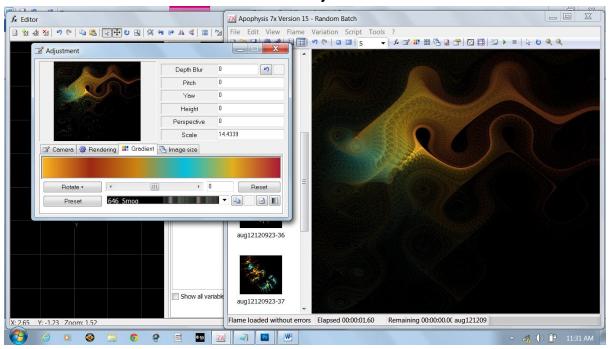
Tx2 post transform movement, same scale no rotation



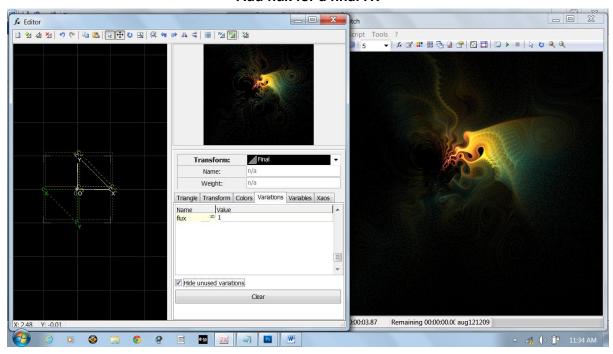
Some flux adjustment on TX3



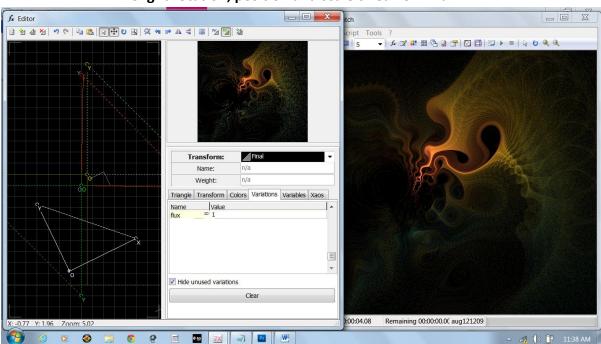
Small scale adjustment



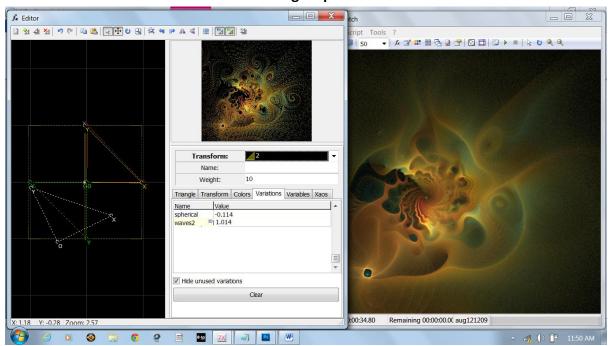
Add flux for a final FX



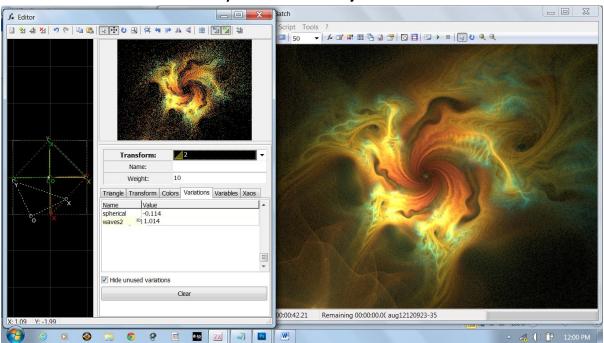
Slight rotation, position and scale tweak on final FX



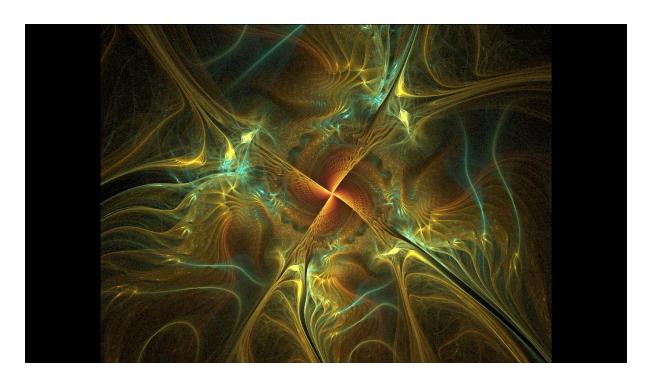
More tweaks slight spherical on TX2



Finally some rotational adjustments



Tweak



Tweak parameters For study and tweaking only

<finalxform color="0" symmetry="1" flux="1" coefs="-1.038064 0.222114 -0.222114 -1.038064 0.278049 -0.031576" flux_spread="1.641" />

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</palette>

</flame>

When rendering this flame set quality to

Density to at least 4000 but (type it in there it works) 10 000 to20 000 is best. (Will show texture best but takes time,)
Filter radius to 0.2
Oversample to 2

LOVE AND LIGHT STRAIGHT TO DA HEART and always remember LIVE LIFE ALIVE.

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