

Motion Graphics Introduction: Lesson 3

Tips and Tricks, Notes and Hotkeys

Word 'Em Up!

You're doing a great job and learning a lot! Hopefully After Effects is looking a little less scary when you open it up. Here are the notes and hotkeys from today's lesson "Word to the Wise".

Working with Audio

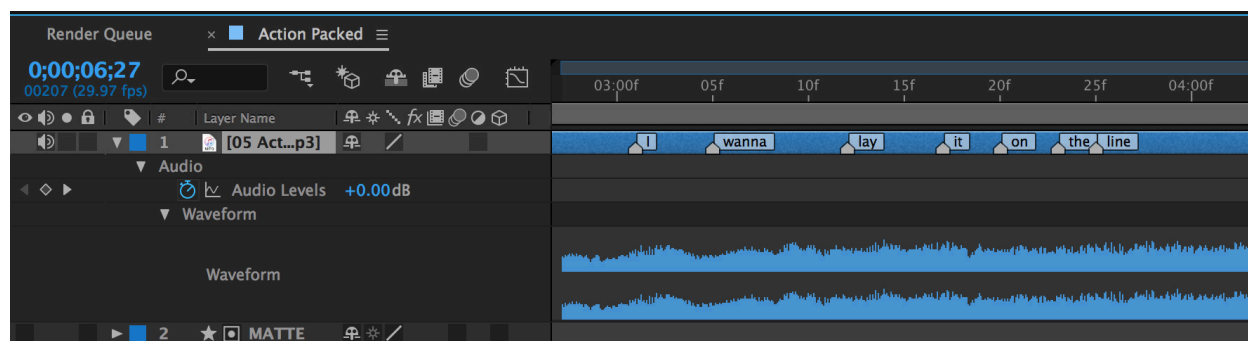
Audio Scrubbing **Hold down on Command while moving the CTI**

Layer Markers **Control + 8 (or * on numeric keypad)**

Double-click to add notes to markers

Command + Click (or right click) to delete markers

Audio Layer Waveform **Select a Layer, then Audio > Waveform**

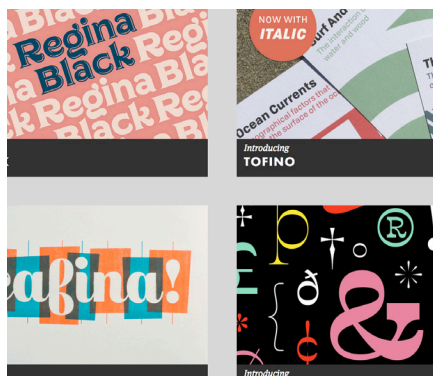


Useful Design Resources

Here are the websites I mentioned in the lecture. Click on the thumbnails to check 'em out!



Coolors.co is what I use to quickly generate color palettes for projects.



LostType.com is a great place for pay-your-own-price fonts.

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More Hotkeys!

Home / Fn + Left Arrow Moves CTI to start of Comp
End / Fn + Right Arrow Moves CTI to end of Comp
J Jump to previous visible keyframe (or marker)
K Jump to next visible keyframe (or marker)
` Turns on/off Title & Action Safety

Composition Hotkeys using Brackets

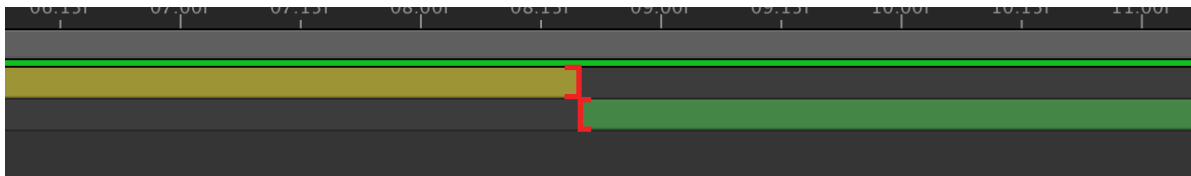
Super useful! Use these! Save time!

[..... Move start of layer to current time
] Move end of layer to current time

Option + [..... Trim layer to start at current time
Option +] Trim layer to end at current time

Command + [..... Move layer down in the layer stack
Command +] Move layer up in the layer stack

Shift + Command + [..... Move layer to the bottom of the layer stack
Shift + Command +] Move layer to the top of the layer stack



Layer ends look like brackets. Sort of. Kinda.