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Overview of Scrollytelling Project

Steps to take

- 1. Animate in Adobe After Effects
- 2. Install the bodymovin add on
- 3. Convert animation to json file
- 4. Drag and drop it in lottie website to view the animation
- 5. Use code to animate it on scroll.

Lottie Animations

- 01_Cover https://lottiefiles.com/share/rdgseik8
- 01_Cover without Logo https://lottiefiles.com/share/jgitxsov
- 02_Gov https://lottiefiles.com/share/eqravj6k
- 03_Gov https://lottiefiles.com/share/zr2ommfg
- 04_Gov https://lottiefiles.com/share/zqoxvx9n
- 05_Key Loved Ones https://lottiefiles.com/share/dftwvmpm
- 06_Key Loved Ones https://lottiefiles.com/share/4pf2baej
- 07_Cover https://lottiefiles.com/share/vhejrhl5
- 08_Gov and Loved Ones https://lottiefiles.com/share/tht2czrc
- 09_Cover https://lottiefiles.com/share/zi08qyw5

Bodymovin



1. Bodymovin is an Adobe After Effects extension. It is used to export Adobe After Effects animations as .json files. The download link is in here https://aescripts.com/bodymovin/.

2. Not all Adobe After Effects features are supported. The supported features are as listed in the link above.

JavaScript Libraries





- 1. Lottie-web is used to load the .json files onto the webpage.
- 2. ScrollTrigger by GSAP is used to sync the .json files (the animations) to the user's scroll, as well as to set different parameters to tweak the scrollytelling experience.
- 3. The links to the respective libraries are as follows.
 - a. Lottie-Web: https://github.com/airbnb/lottie-web/wiki/loadAnimation-options
 - b. ScrollTrigger: https://greensock.com/docs/v3/Plugins/ScrollTrigger
- 4. The code that I used for scrollytelling is a combination of both lottie-web and scrolltrigger. Most of the code that I have used came from here. https://github.com/chrisgannon/ScrollLottie. I will explain the codes more in depth later on in this guide.

Useful Links for Beginners to Web Development

- 1. Knowing basic HTML, CSS and JavaScript will help greatly.
- 2. These are the two crash courses I feel is good for beginners to web development.
 - a. HMTL&CSS: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4cUxeGkcC9ivBf_eKCPIAYXWzLIPAm6G
 - b. JavaScript: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4cUxeGkcC9haFPT7J25Q9GRB ZkFrQAc
 - c. You do not need to watch all the videos, just watch to the point you feel that you understand enough to continue on with this project.

HTML&CSS

I used divisions (div) to hold different animations.

The loader class is used to house the loading placeholder. This gif I used will need to be replaced by cpf's current placeholder.

```
<div class="key government-2"></div>
<div class="pie-chart government-3"></div>
<div class="cover loved-ones-cover-4"></div>
<div class="key loved-ones-5"></div>
<div class="pie-chart loved-ones-6"></div></div>
```

The rest of the divisions holds the different animations. Classes like government-2 and loved-ones-5 need to be created to be referred to later. Classes like key and pie-chart are being reused.

JavaScript In-Depth

```
//loading screen with a 0.25 seconds delay after for first animation to not look laggy
window.addEventListener("load", () => {
loader.style.display = "none";
html.style.overflowY = "visible";

setTimeout(() => {
const titlePage = lottie.loadAnimation({
container: document.querySelector(".government-cover-1"), // the dom element that will contain the animation
renderer: 'svg',
loop: 0,
autoplay: true //it is true here as the designers want the first animation to be auto played
path: "./animations/01_Cover.json", // the path to the animation json
rendererSettings: {
   preserveAspectRatio: 'xMidYMid slice'
}
});
titlePage.setSpeed(0.8); //1 is the current speed;
}, 250);
});
```

This portion houses the code for the loading placeholder, as well as for the first animation to be played. What the code does is once the JavaScript is loaded, I will set the placeholder class display to be none, and start the first animation.

```
////LOTTIE ANIMATION FUN
const ScrollLottie = (obj) => { //https://github.com/chrisgannon/ScrollLottie
    let anim = lottie.loadAnimation({ //https://github.com/airbnb/lottie-web/wiki/
    container: document.querySelector(obj.target), //div to place the animation in
     renderer: 'svg', //render the json file as an svg
                                                        Lottie.loadAnimation
     loop: false,
    autoplay: false,
    path: obj.path, // the json file path
    rendererSettings: { //https://github.com/airbnb/lottie-web/wiki/Renderer-Settings
       preserveAspectRatio: obj.aspectRatio} //keep aspect ratio of svg
   let timeObj = {currentFrame: 0}
   ScrollTrigger.create({ //https://greensock.com/docs/v3/Plugins/ScrollTrigger
    trigger: obj.target,
       scrub: true,
      pin: obj.pin,
      start: obj.start,
                                                        ScrollTrigger.create
      end: obj.end,
      onUpdate: self => { //whenever the user scrolls,
       frame to show
       if(obj.duration) {
        gsap.to(timeObj, {
         duration: obj.duration,
         currentFrame:(Math.floor(self.progress * obj.totalFrames) + obj.startingFrame),
         onUpdate: () => {
          anim.goToAndStop(timeObj.currentFrame, true)
         ease: 'power1.out'
         anim.goToAndStop(self.progress * obj.totalFrames +obj.startingFrame , true)
```

This is the code for the loading of lottie animations onto the webpage. It contains two functions from lottie-web and ScrollTrigger. lottie.loadAnimation (from lottie-web) is used to load lottie animations (json files) onto the webpage. and ScrollTrigger.create (from ScrollTrigger) allows us to set up different parameters for the scrollytelling experience.

The in-depth explanation of these codes can be found here.

- a. Lottie-Web: https://github.com/airbnb/lottie-web/wiki/loadAnimation-options
- b. ScrollTrigger: https://greensock.com/docs/v3/Plugins/ScrollTrigger

Reusable JavaScript Parameters

```
ScrollLottie({
    target: ".government-2", //the division the lottie animation will be in
    path: "./animations/02_Gov.json", //downloaded json file
    duration: 1, //adds smooth scrolling, can set any number
    end: "+=1200%", //how many percent of the viewheight a user has to scroll to finish
    totalFrames: 708, //get this from the website. essentially the total frames for the
    start: "top 99%", //where trigger starts
    pin: false,
    startingFrame: 15, //usually 0, unless we want animation to start from a later frame
    aspectRatio : 'xMidYMin meet' //toggle svg aspect ratio setting
});
ScrollTrigger.create({
 trigger: ".government-2",
  start: "top top",
  end: "1000%",
  pin: true,
});
```

This is the reusable portion of the code. Whenever I add in a new animation, I will have to do so in this format. I will call the ScrollLottie function, and then call the ScrollTrigger.create function.

```
ScrollLottie({
    target: ".government-2", //the division the lottie animation will be in
    path: "./animations/02_Gov.json", //downloaded json file
    duration: 1, //adds smooth scrolling, can set any number
    end: "+=1200%", //how many percent of the viewheight a user has to scroll to finish
    totalFrames: 708, //get this from the website. essentially the total frames for the
    start: "top 99%", //where trigger starts
    pin: false,
    startingFrame: 15, //usually 0, unless we want animation to start from a later frame
    aspectRatio : 'xMidYMin meet' //toggle svg aspect ratio setting
});
ScrollTrigger.create({
  trigger: ".government-2",
  start: "top top",
  end: "1000%",
  pin: true,
```

This is the ScrollLottie function. For each new animations, I just need to call ScrollLottie, which is a function already created above.

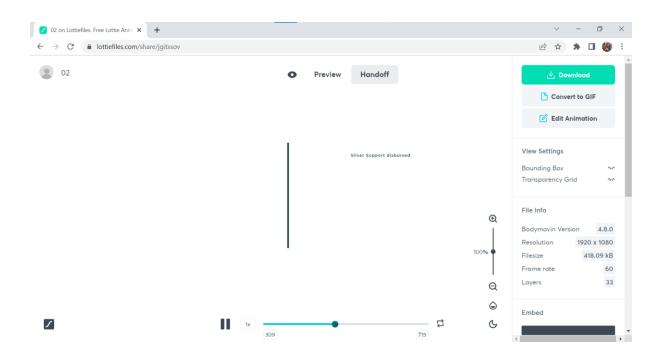
- 1. target: the division the lottie animation will be in
- 2. path: the location of the json file
- 3. duration: adds smooth scrolling, can be set to any number
- 4. end: how many percent of the viewheight the user must scroll to finish an animation
- 5. totalFrames: the total frames of the lottie animation
- start: where the scrolltrigger starts
 (https://greensock.com/docs/v3/Plugins/ScrollTrigger/start)
- 7. pin: determine if we want to pin the div when scrolltrigger starts
- 8. aspectRatio: toggle the svg aspect ratio (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-us/docs/Web/SVG/Attribute/preserveAspectRatio)

```
//trigger for div to be pinned, has to be seperated from above ScrollLottie function as I
want the animation to play at a different instance compared to when i want to pin it...
ScrollTrigger.create({
   trigger: ".government-2",
   start: "top top",
   end: "1000%",
   pin: true,
});
```

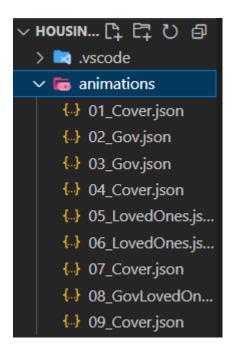
This is the trigger for pinning the division. I have this as I want the animation to be played early, but I only want the division to be pinned only when it resides in 100% of my viewport.

Example of how to add in a new Animation

1. DXC wants a new animation added, the lottie link is as shown. https://lottiefiles.com/share/jgitxsov



2. Upon clicking the link, you will get sent to this webpage. Click Handoff, and download the lottie animation as a json file.



3. Create an animation folder and save the downloaded json file in that folder. In this case, you can see that 02_Gov.json is saved in the animations folder.

```
<div class="key government-2"></div>
```

4. A div is created to house the animation, and give it a class of government-2. Key is also a class given to it, to be able to set the background image and vice versa in css.

CSS for key class

```
ScrollLottie({
         target: ".government-2", //the division the lottie animation will be in
         path: "./animations/02_Gov.json", //downloaded json file
         duration: 1, //adds smooth scrolling, can set any number
         end: "+=1200%", //how many percent of the viewheight a user has to scroll to finish
         totalFrames: 708, //get this from the website. essentially the total frames for the
         start: "top 99%", //where trigger starts
         pin: false,
         startingFrame: 15, //usually 0, unless we want animation to start from a later frame
         aspectRatio : 'xMidYMin meet' //toggle svg aspect ratio setting
     ScrollTrigger.create({
       trigger: ".government-2",
       start: "top top",
       end: "1000%",
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       pin: true,
```

5. The final thing left to do is to call the 2 functions, ScrollLottie and ScrollTrigger.create.