FCPX: 2.6 TITLES & TEXT

In this tutorial, you will learn how to use preset titles, how to customize preset titles, and how to make your own titles.

Titles Browser

As seen in the 1.1 INTERFACE tutorial, click on the “T” icon in the Toolbar to show or hide the Titles Browser. Title and Text presets are divided into categories: 3D, 3D Cinematic, Build In/Out, Bumper/Opener, Credits, Elements, and Lower Thirds. You can also select All to browse through all categories together.

To preview a Title or Text in the Playback window, skim your cursor over the thumbnail and it will appear in the Playback window.

To search for a Title or Text, type in the search bar located across the bottom of the browser.

To add a Title or Text to your Timeline, drag and drop it, or place your playhead on the frame or time you want your Title to start, and double click the Title in the browser. To substitute one title for another in your Timeline, put your playhead on the Title in your Timeline, and double click the new Title in your browser.
Customize Title or Text

After selecting a Title or Text preset and adding it to your timeline, select it, and open the Inspector window by clicking on the Inspector icon in the toolbar.

The inspector window is located to the right of the Playback window. There are four tabs in the Inspector: Title, Text, Video, and Info. We will concentrate on Title and Text.

Title

Each Title will have different settings for you to customize. Play with the different settings to achieve the look that you are going for.

For example, I have selected the Activate Title. Under Title in the Inspector, the only option I have is to show background or not. The Title originally comes with a light gray background. I can remove this background and view the video that is under it, or see black if nothing is under it.

You can also change the background color by adding a solid or graphic background by choosing one from the Generator's Browser and putting the Title above the Generator which will act as a custom background.
Text

The next tab in the Inspector is Text. Here, you can type the text you wish to appear in the Title, and change the size, font, and more.

To type something in the place of the default title, click on the Text in the Playback window, and type under the “Text” in the Inspector window.

Click the arrow next to Advanced to view more options.

Play around with the different effects under the Text properties (3D Text, Face, Outline, Glow, and Drop Shadow). Click on the box next to each to activate or deactivate it.

To remove an aspect of the Title, click on it in the Playback window, and click on the blue box next to Face to deactivate it.

To modify the effect settings, hover your cursor near the reset button until “Show” appear. Click on “Show” to show the effects settings.

To change the color of Text, click on “Show” for “Face” and click on the color box. A window will appear for you to choose a color to change your text to.
To make a moving Title go faster or slower, extend or trim the title by clicking on the end of the Title and pulling it left to make it faster and right to make it short. You can also select the Title, and browse through the Ret ime options in the Toolbar for more.

**Custom Title**

If you want a blank space to customize your own Title, select the Custom title in the Title Browser. You can find this Title under Build In/Out or by searching “Custom” in the search bar. Drag and drop it, or double click it, to add it to your Timeline.

In the Inspector window under “Title”, you will notice many more options compared to the preset Titles.

Play around with these options to achieve the look that you are going for.

Edit the Text the same way you would a Preset.