

# CHARACTERISTIC

## ABOUT

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Characteristic is an After Effects script to simplify working with animated typefaces. Rather than dragging each character from the project folder to your timeline, Characteristic is a dockable UI panel that enables you to type out your word(s)/sentence and see your animated type on-screen in seconds.

Features include:

- Set font size and tracking with animatable options
- Stagger each character with a animatable slider or randomly
- Automatic font spacing with the scripts built-in character detection
- Slim interface to match the Character UI panel to easily dock behind
- Case sensitivity option as well as placing the animated typefaces at the current composition time

## INSTALL

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1. Place the extracted contents of Characteristic.zip into your After Effects ScriptUI folder.

Example paths:

Mac:

**~/Applications/Adobe After Effects CS6/Scripts/ScriptUI Panels/**

Windows:

**C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe After Effects CS6\Support Files\Scripts\ScriptUI Panels\**

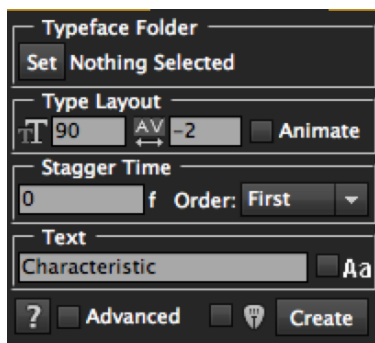
2. Relaunch Adobe After Effects if currently open.
3. Launch the script by going to the Window menu and selecting Characteristic.

## TUTORIAL

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A video tutorial on how to use Characteristic and setup Metrics for animated typeface authors can be found at [aescrpts.com/characteristic](http://aescrpts.com/characteristic)

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- Import your animated typeface into a project
- Select the folder containing the characters and click "Set" in Characteristic
- Select the font size and tracking amount
- "Animate" option enables dynamic and keyframable controls
- "Stagger Time" will offset each character in the timeline. The "order" option controls which way the characters will animate on

- Type in your text and, if you would like your text to be case sensitive (and your animated typeface supports it) check the "Aa" box
- To place your text at the current time in the composition check the box next to the create button
- Click "Create"
- Find the dynamic and keyframable controls inside of the null layer to which all of the characters are parented