

# Text Formatting

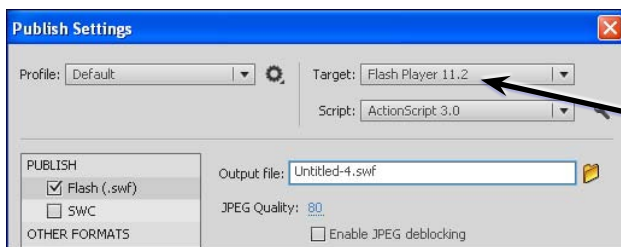
Flash is now widely used in the creation of web page layouts or content for mobile devices such as mobile phones, iPods, iPads, etc. Because of this, recent versions of Flash have introduced far greater text formatting features, many of which are similar to those in design programs such as Adobe InDesign and Adobe Illustrator.

The new text features are called the Text Layout Framework (or TLF for short) and they require Flash Player 10 or later to be viewed. If you need to provide content for use on previous Flash Player versions, the text can be set to Classic Text, but this reduces the amount of formatting features that you can use.

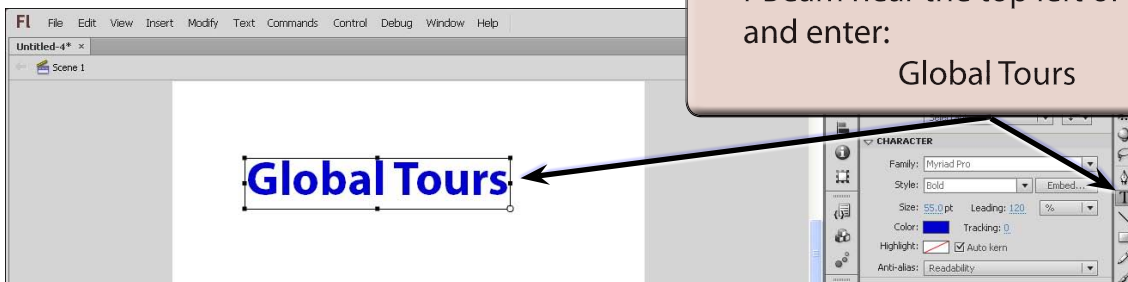
## The Text Layout Framework

Some simple text will be entered and formatted using the TLF Text options.

- 1 Load Flash or close the current file and create a new ACTIONSCRIPT 3.0 file.
- 2 Display the FILE menu and select PUBLISH SETTINGS.

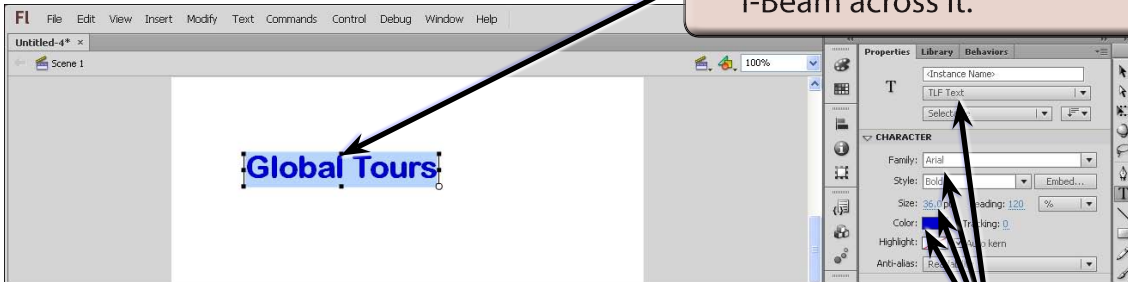


- 3 Check that the PLAYER is set to FLASH PLAYER 10 or later and select OK.



- 4 Select the TEXT TOOL, click the I-Beam near the top left of the stage and enter:  
Global Tours

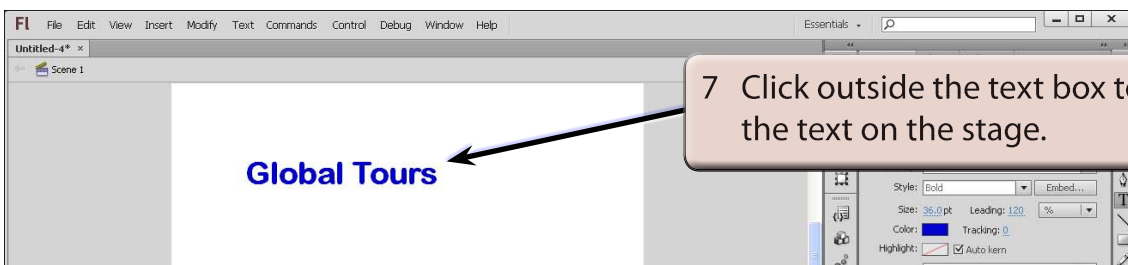
5 Highlight the text by dragging the I-Beam across it.



6 In the PROPERTIES panel check that the TEXT ENGINE box is set to TLF TEXT then set the font FAMILY to ARIAL, the STYLE to BOLD, the SIZE to 36 point and the text COLOUR to BLUE.

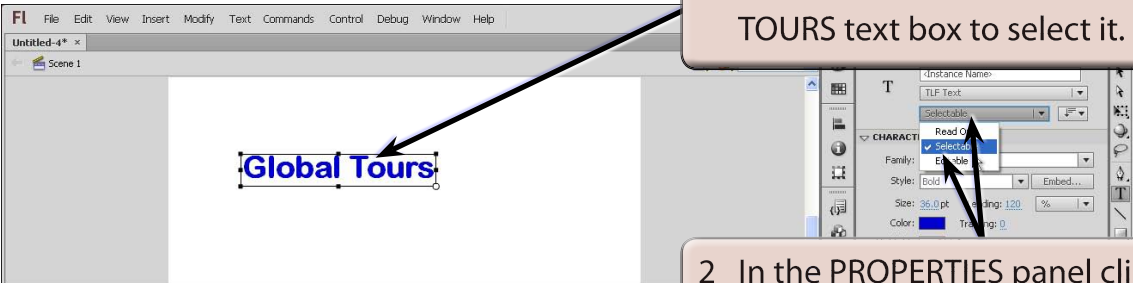
**NOTE:** The text SIZE can be entered by clicking in the POINT SIZE box in the PROPERTIES panel and entering the required size or by dragging the bottom border of the POINT SIZE box.

7 Click outside the text box to view the text on the stage.

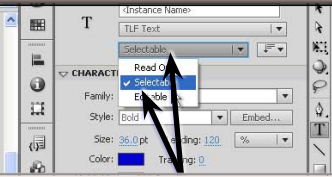


## Selectable Text

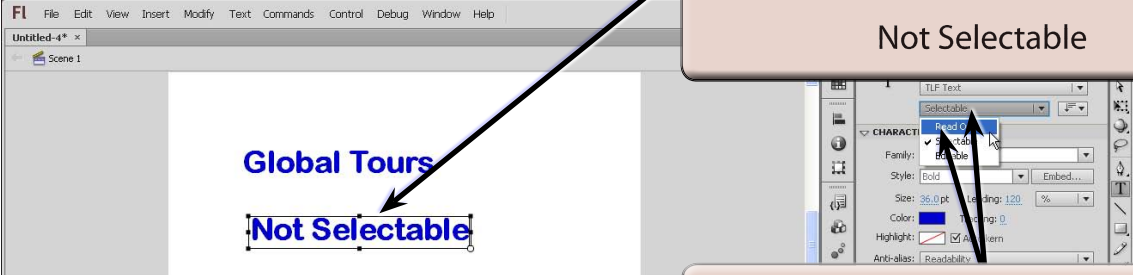
You can allow text from a Flash file to be copied and pasted within a web site. This might be useful if you are providing information on a web site that others may wish to use. Only a whole text box can be made selectable, not individual words. You can also make the text editable within the web site.



1 Click the I-Beam in the GLOBAL TOURS text box to select it.

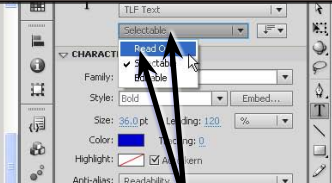


2 In the PROPERTIES panel click on the TEXT TYPE box and select the SELECTABLE to enable the text to be selected.

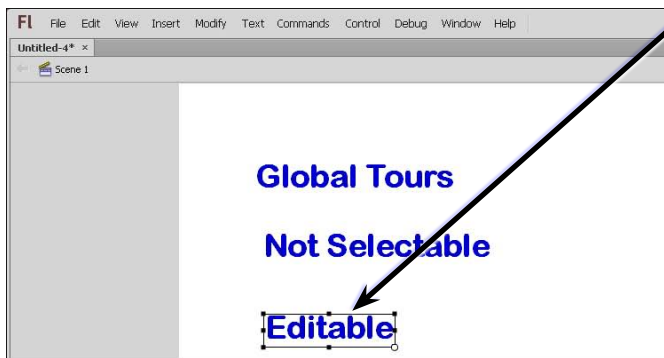


3 Click the I-Beam under GLOBAL TOURS to add another text box and enter:

Not Selectable



4 In the PROPERTIES panel click on the TEXT TYPE box and select READ ONLY.




The screenshot shows the Adobe Flash CS6 interface. On the stage, there are three text boxes: "Global Tours", "Not Selectable", and "Editable". The "Editable" text box is selected with a bounding box. An arrow points from the text box to the Properties panel on the right. In the Properties panel, the "Text Type" dropdown menu is open, and "Editable" is selected. Another arrow points from the "Editable" option in the dropdown to the text box.

5 Add another text box under NOT SELECTABLE and enter:  
**Editable**


6 In the PROPERTIES panel click on the TEXT TYPE box and select EDITABLE.

7 Display the CONTROL menu, highlight TEST MOVIE and select TEST.



The screenshot shows the Adobe Flash CS6 interface. The text "Global Tours" is highlighted with a blue selection box. An arrow points from the text to the instruction box on the right.

8 Highlight GLOBAL TOURS and the text can be selected (and copied if need be).



The screenshot shows the Adobe Flash CS6 interface. The text "Not Selectable" is highlighted with a blue selection box. An arrow points from the text to the instruction box on the right.

9 Try highlighting NOT SELECTABLE and you should not be able to do so.