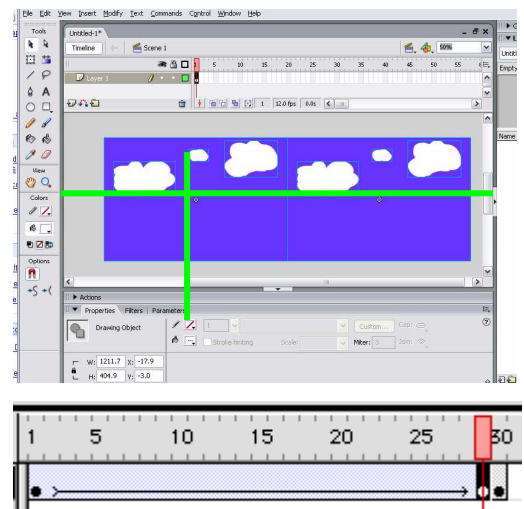
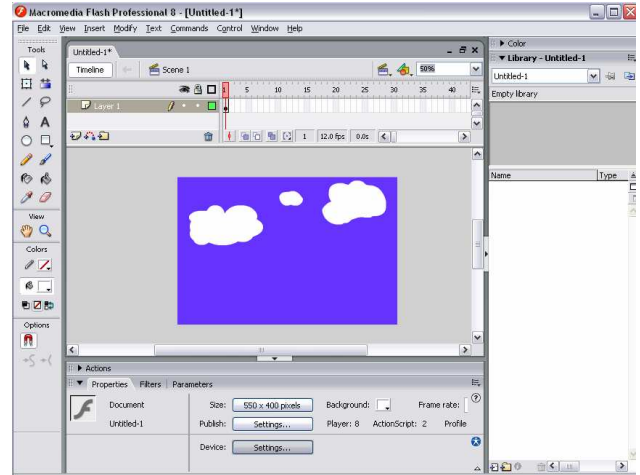


# Continuous Looping Background

The looping background effect gives the illusion of continuous movement.

We'll create the effect by creating 2 versions of the same background.

1. Begin by creating a simple blue rectangle
2. Make the rectangle a little larger than the stage – it is important there is no outline.
3. Draw clouds using the circle tool or the paint brush.
4. Select everything then copy and paste to the right of the original graphic.
5. Line the two graphics up side by side. Then use the arrow keys on the keyboard to one of the graphics over until they are touching.
6. Select all (Control-A/Command-A) and make both graphics a new symbol. (F8)
7. Create a keyframe at Frame 30.
8. Right Click anywhere in the timeline between Frame 1 and Frame 30 and select Create Motion Tween.
9. Show your rulers under the view menu and drag out a guide to mark a cloud in the first half of the image.
10. Click on Keyframe 30 and then on the symbol on the stage. Now hold down your left arrow until the duplicate of the cloud you first marked is in the same position.
11. Click on Frame 29
12. Create a keyframe by pressing F6.
13. Delete Frame 30. This is to prevent the movie from playing the same frame twice when the movie repeats.

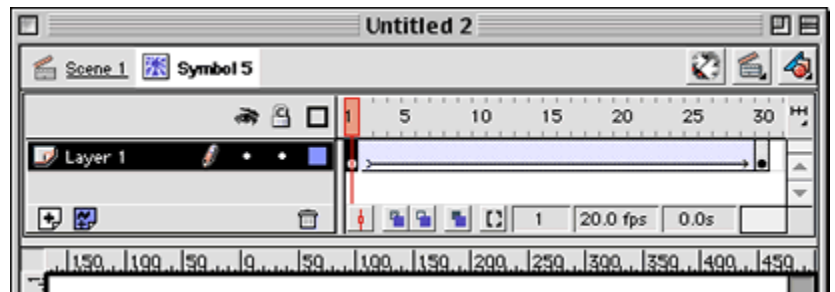


## Step 2: Make the animation a movie clip

1. Select all the frames.
2. Click on Frame 1 and drag to Frame 30 to select all the frames.
3. Copy the Frames by right-clicking anywhere on the selected frames and select Copy Frames.
4. Create a new symbol by going up to Insert>New Symbol... and choose Movie Clip.
5. Right Click on Frame 1 and choose Paste Frames.

## Step 3: Add the Movie Clip to the movie

1. Click back on Scene 1.
2. Create a new layer.
3. Add the movie clip "Background" to the new layer.
4. Delete Layer 1. Layer 1 has the original animation on it and we no longer need it because we created the movie clip that contains the original animation.



## Step 4: Test your movie

Click Command-Return/Control-Return to test your movie.