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Introduction

Compositions created in Adobe After Effects can be exported from AE and then imported into PRIME. Minimum requirements are PRIME 4.0 and Adobe After Effects 2020.

This is a two step process

- 1. An After Effects script file exports the AE composition information to a JSON file.
- 2. From PRIME users can then import the JSON file to create the scene

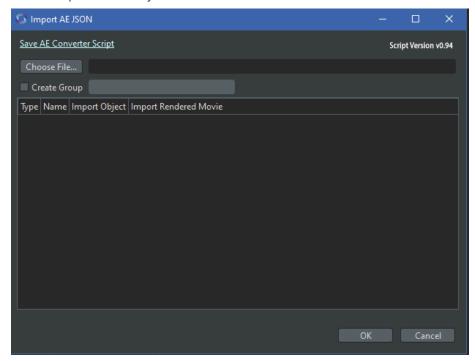
Any unsupported After Effects elements or effects are rendered as movie files which can be imported into the PRIME scene. See <u>supported</u> section for more details.

How to create the AE Script file

The After Effects converter script file can be generated within Prime Designer.

Select, File > Import AE. The Import AE JSON dialog will open.

Click on "Save AE Converter Script" to generate and save the script file "AE Comp Converter.jsxbin".



Once the AE script file is saved you can now proceed to use the script file within After Effects.



Using the converter script in AE

There are two ways to execute the script from AE

- 1. Run the script file
- 2. Install the Script file (this will install it as part of AE user interface for access anytime)

Run the Script file

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- 1. Click Open
- 2. PRIME Comp Export Dialog opens (see Exporting from After Effects below)



Install the Script file File > Scripts > Install ScriptUI Panel

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From the Window menu, select "AE Comp Exporter.jsxbin"



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The Exporter dialog, is now a dockable window within After Effects (see below for Exporting from After Effects options)



Exporting from After Effects

Export Options

AE Comp Exporter dialog has various options

General

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General Layers Transcode					
Destination directory:					
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Browse					
Create subfolder named like the project file					
Export composition mixdown					
Render layers with effects and incompatible types					
✓ Render masks					
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PROCEED					

Destination: the location of the JSON file and rendered layers

Export Composition Mixdown: This will mix all Audio tracks into a single mixed .aif file

Render Masks: Check this box to render all masks that are assigned to render the layers section. When unchecked no masks will be rendered, even if they are set to render in the Layers section.

After applying all General, Layer and Transcode preferences, hit PROCEED to generate the JSON file.



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Composition Layers

The Layers menu displays each layer within the selected composition and what it contains with regards to the export, for instance, the Media type and whether it contains Animation, Effects and/or Masks.

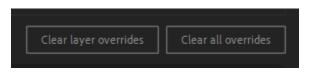
This list also determines what will be exported to the JSON file and what layers will be rendered out as separate files (the format preferences for rendered content is set in the Transcode section).



By default, layers that contain unsupported Effects, a Mask and/or a Track Matte are automatically set to render the content of that layer. Users can override the default settings by using the + or - for both Export (E) and Render Content (RC) settings. Overridden settings are indicated with (!).

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Overrides can be cleared or reset back to the default setting anytime using the 'Clear all overrides" button for the entire composition or select the desired layer/s and hit "Clear layer overrides"



Each composition referenced by the composition being rendered will render as a separate movie file. To import them with their own objects and animations each composition should be exported separately.

Only layers marked as E (Export to the JSON) will have the render option available. The file location for rendered content is set in the General tab. Any file format that is already supported by PRIME does not require rendering as the original file path will be written to the JSON file when that layer is set to be exported.

Masks

Masks are automatically rendered out as a separate additional file by default, either as a still file or animated as required. However, basic rectangular shaped masks (including the animation) can be imported natively into PRIME. Override this default setting when exporting if desired. PRIME creates the mask using 4 clipping planes.



Transcode

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Apply the preferred render formats for all file types



Importing to PRIME

Import options

File > Import AE

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Select a JSON file. If Create Group is unchecked, then all layers will be imported into PRIME's Scene Group. Alternatively, if Create Group is checked, then all layers will be imported into a newly created group within Prime's Scene Group. Imported elements appear at the currently selected Scene tree object.

All objects appear in the list for the associated selected JSON file. A user may select elements they wish to import as either an object or rendered movie. If a layer was rendered to a movie by the AE converter script, the Import Rendered Movie checkbox will be available for that layer. Unchecked layers are not imported.

Compositions are imported into PRIME's Default Action



Supported

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Best practices

- Ensure the output resolution and frame rates are the same in both PRIME and AE.
- Convert text imported from a PSD file into editable text in After Effects. Select the PSD text on the AE timeline, right click, and select Create > Convert to Editable Text. This ensures the text imports as editable text in PRIME.



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