

Using Director in Q-Digital

Create a storyboard/flow-chart using your ideas generated by the elective theme.

Create a folder in the **shared** folder with your name on it. Put all your scans, video and sound in the folder. Make the stage of your Director file a maximum size of 1024 pixels wide x 768 pixels high
Name your file "yourname.dir"
Name all your other files correctly, for example .mov .mpg .avi .aif .wav .mp3

When importing sound use "standard import" for files under 500k. For larger files use "link to external file"
Keep all linked files (large sound files and video) next to your Director file in your folder.
Create an exit button or use lingo to return to a movie called "index.dir" (play movie "index.dir")

The tutorial will show you the basics of using lingo, behaviours, interaction and animation. These basics can go a long way however to creating a complex interactive (or linear) piece. Explore these basics first before using the built-in library of behaviours. The library contains very complex scripting and can be quite confusing to customise.

Sound files can be taken from music CDs by using iTunes to convert them to mp3 files.

Useful lingo

go to the frame (halts playback head)
go to "0" (goes to marker called 0)
sound stop 1 (stops sound in channel 1)
set the volume of sound 1 to 400
sound fadeout 1,1*60
cursor 200 (blank cursor)
cursor -1 (normal cursor)
set the stagecolor to 249
set the stagecolor to random (256)
(the stage).bgColor = rgb(255, 153, 0)
set the blend of sprite 2 to 0

The following sends playback head to a random marker (of 10)
on exitframe
set num=(10)-1
go line random (10) of the labellist
end

Useful links

www.qdigital.net/viscom/tutorials

Sound

www.partnersinrhyme.com
www.findsounds.com
www.soundogs.com
www.wavsource.com

Advanced Director Studies

www.adobe.com/support/director/
www.director-online.com
www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/learning/director/
www.adobe.com/products/director/resources/integration/flash/quick_comparison.html

Shockwave examples

www.fbe.unsw.edu.au/learning/director/resources/cool.asp
www.ertdfgcvb.ch