## Basic Input - Calculator

Step 1 - Start a new Flash Movie
Step 2 - Draw 3 separate textboxes on your canvas (do not get lazy and copy and paste them!)..... and give them the instance names (from top to bottom):
txtnum1
txtnum2
txtanswer


Step 3 - On the properties bar, change txtnum1 and txtnum2 to Input Text, and change txtanswer to Dynamic Text:


Step 4 - Click on each text box (separately) and click the Show border around text button on the properties bar...:


Step 5 - Click Insert $\rightarrow$ New Symbol...
Step 6 - type in cmdadd and click OK


Step 7 - With the rectangle tool draw yourself a button as shown in this diagram (next page!):


Step 8 - Right-Click and insert keyframes for each of the Up, Over and Down States:


Step 9 - Click back into Scene 1


Step 10 - Drag and drop the cmdadd button object from the library onto the stage:


Step 11 - Give an instance name to the cmdadd button - call it calculate:


Step 12 - With the button selected... click on the Actions panel (next page!):


Step 13 - Click the "Plus", and go Global Functions $\rightarrow$ Movie Clip Control $\rightarrow$ on


Step 14 - double-click "release":


Step 15 - ...now add this code in between the 'squiggly' (?) brackets! ....:

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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 on (release) \{ |  |  |
| 2 |  | var num1 |
| 3 |  | var num2 |
| 4 |  | var answer |
| 5 |  | num1 = int (txtnum1.text) |
| 6 |  | num2 $=$ int (txtnum2.text) |
| 7 |  | answer $=$ num1 + num2 |
| 8 |  | txtanswer.text $=$ answer |
| 9 | ) |  |
| 10 |  |  |

Step 16 - Save and preview... what do you think?


## Questions:

1. remove the int(.......) from the code... so it reads:
nural = txthural.tExt numi $=$ txtnuri2.text
What happens? Good or bad? When might I want this to happen?
2. Can you modify this code so that it does minus instead of add?
3. what is the difference between input text and dynamic text?
4. why do I have to have this bit of code -
on(release) \{
$\quad$ \}
what is it good for? Why would I need it?

## Extension:

1. Add to the calculator:
a. A minus button
b. A times button
c. A divide button...
2. Can you make it look like an actual calculator by adding buttons instead of textboxes for the numbers? This is quite a challenge...
