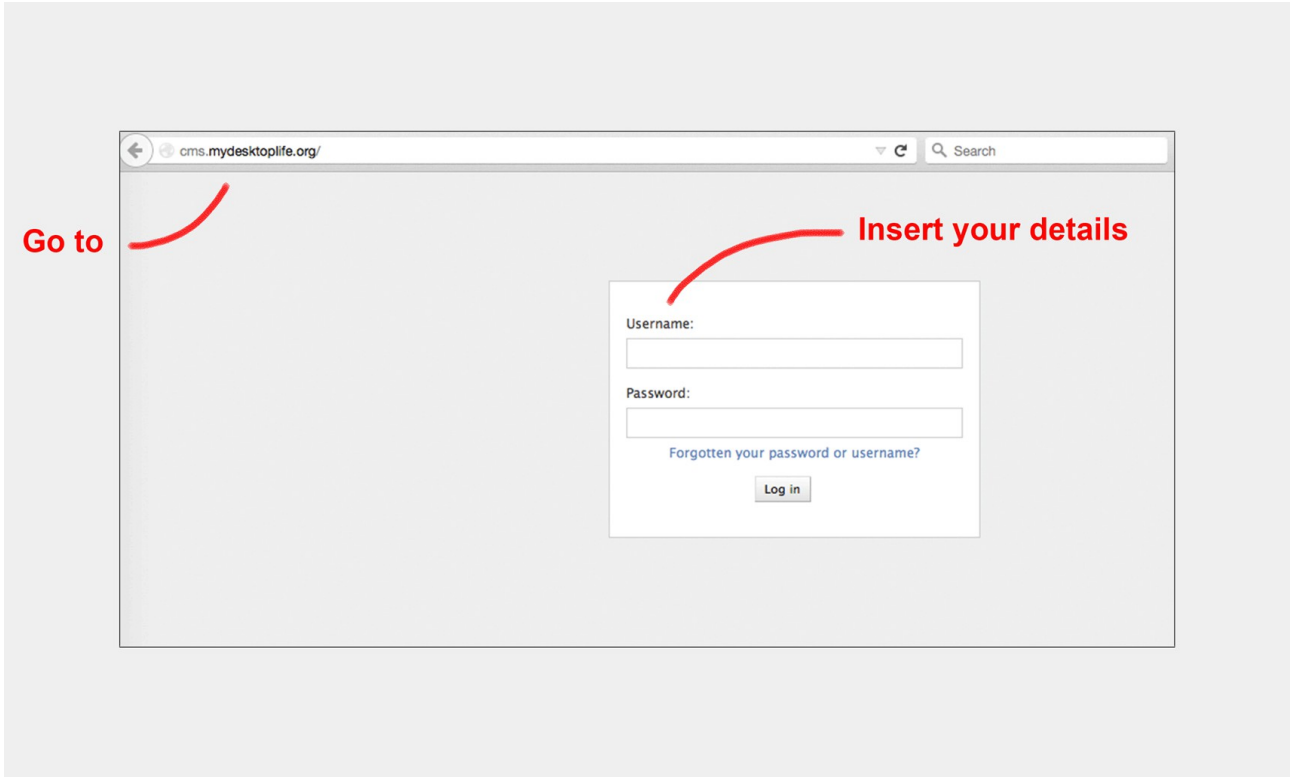
QuickStart

MAIN ICONS	RESOURCES ICONS	SCENE / ACTOR EDITOR	SCENE / TIMELINE EDITOR
Films	Images	New Image Actor	New Background Event
Resources	Backgrounds	New Text Actor	New Image Event
Log In	Sounds	New External Resources	New Text Event
Log Out	External resources		New Sound Event
Admin	Rename		New External Event
Create a new film	Copy		Splice
	Delete		Save
			Save as

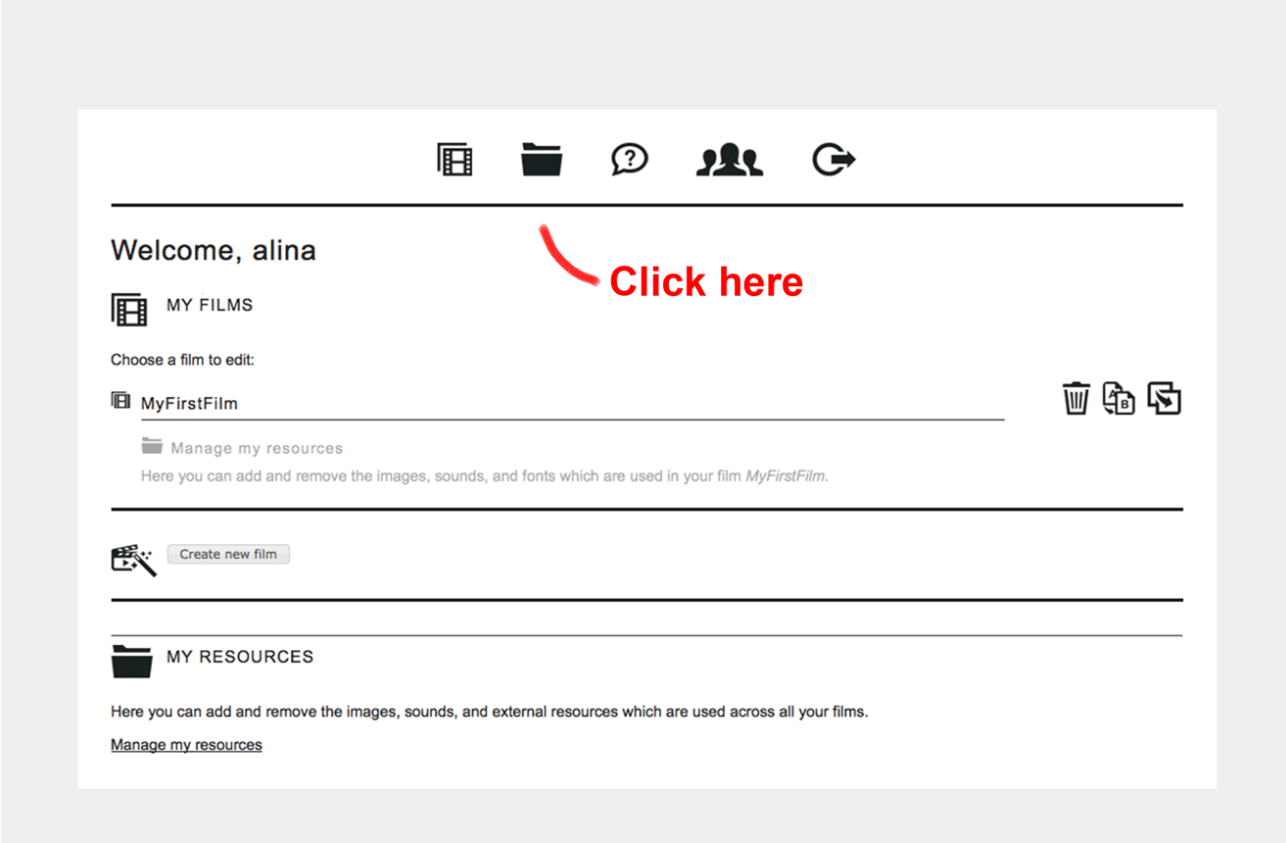
HOW TO Begin

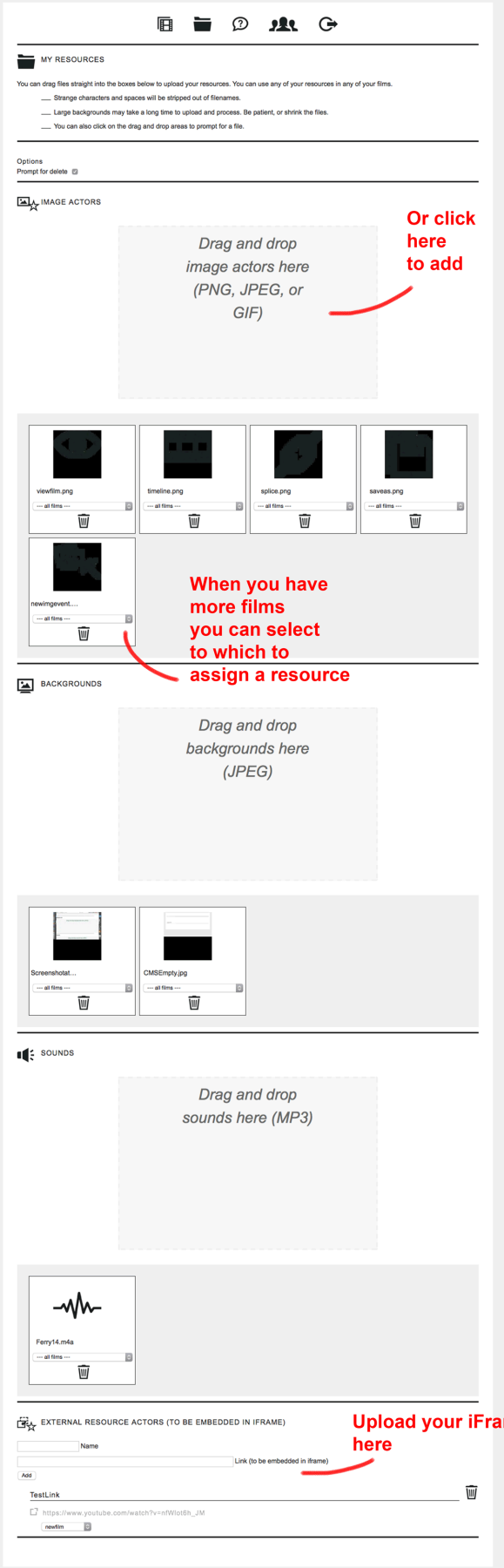
Important!
Make sure you have the latest version of software on your computer. Disable pop-up blockers to ensure a good working experience.



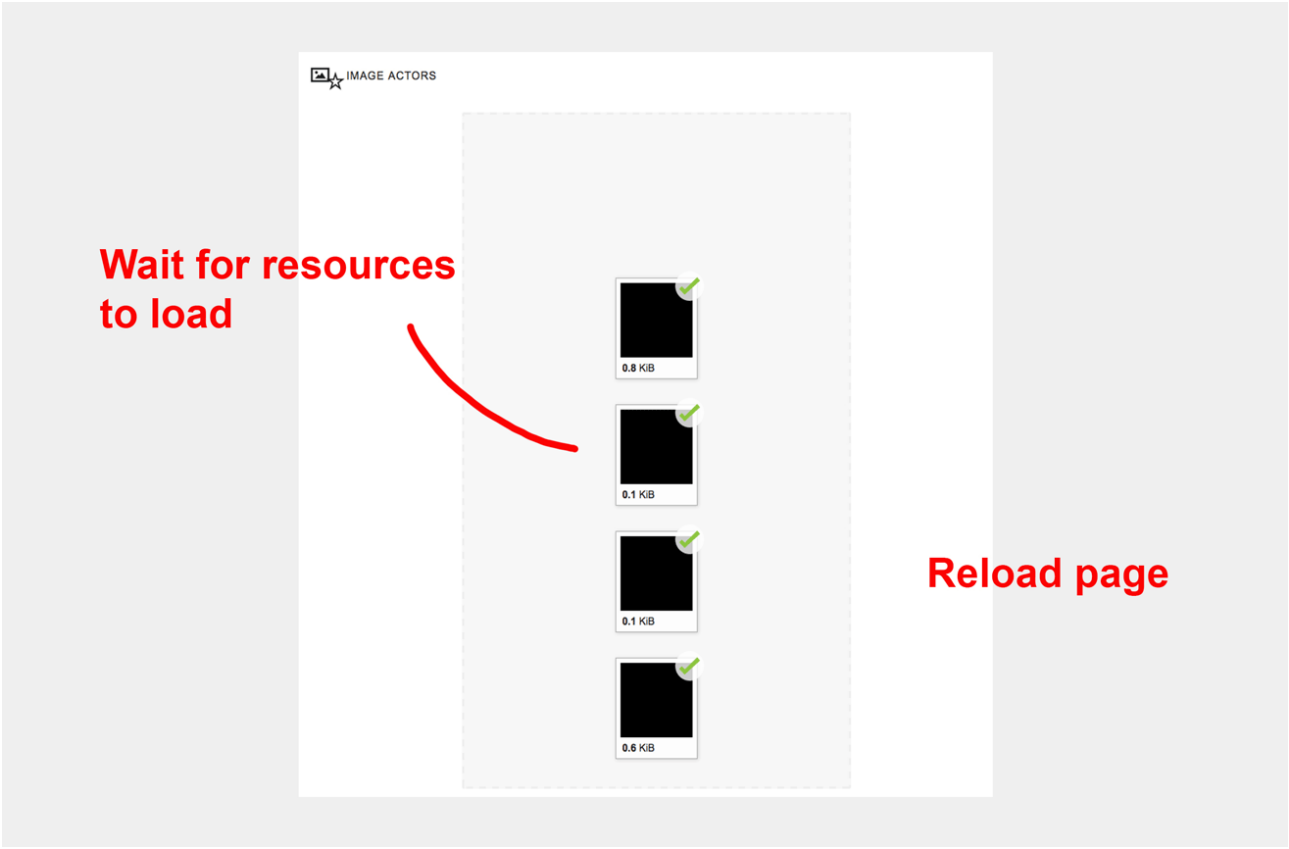
HOW TO Load Resources

Go to **My Resources** and have some images, backgrounds, sounds, external links ready (use several of each, to have more to choose from when creating your Film).




MY RESOURCES
You can drag files straight into the boxes below to upload your resources. You can use any of your resources in any of your films.
Strange characters and spaces will be stripped out of filenames.
Large backgrounds may take a long time to upload and process. Be patient, or shrink the files.
You can also click on the drag and drop areas to prompt for a file.
Options
Prompt for delete
IMAGE ACTORS
Drag and drop image actors here (PNG, JPEG, or GIF)
Or click here to add
viewfilm.png
timeline.png
splice.png
saveas.png
newimgevent....
When you have more films you can select to which to assign a resource
BACKGROUNDS
Drag and drop backgrounds here (JPEG)
Screenshotat...
CMSEmpty.jpg
SOUNDS
Drag and drop sounds here (MP3)
Ferry14.m4a
EXTERNAL RESOURCE ACTORS (TO BE EMBEDDED IN IFRAME)
Upload your iFrames here
Name
Link (to be embedded in iframe)
Add
TestLink
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfWlot6h_JM
newfilm

Double click in the area where you can load your resources, for each type of resource. You can also "drag and drop" resources from your computer screen into the browser window.



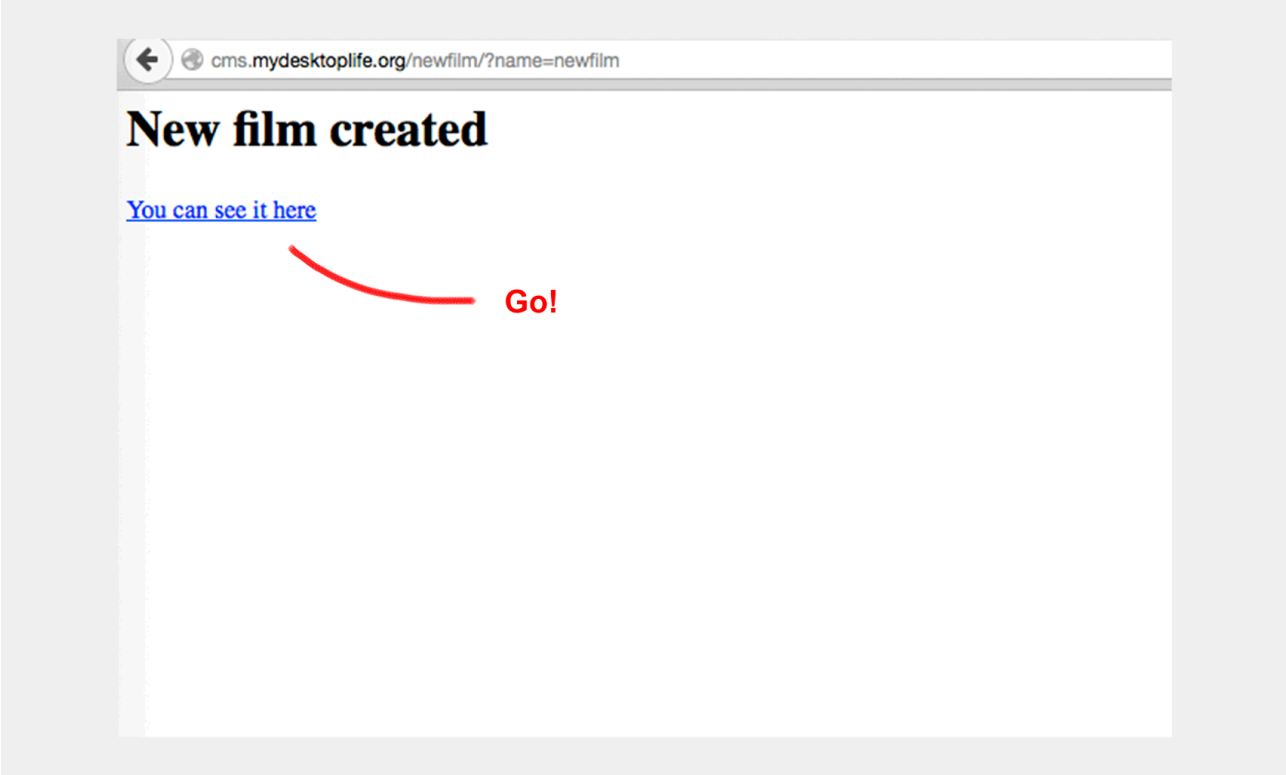
Guidelines when preparing your resources:

- No strange characters or spaces in names
- Maximum upload limit is 25MB. Files of this size will be rejected. Files larger than 2MB will trigger a warning but they will load, though they can cause performance issues. Keep your files light for easy handling!

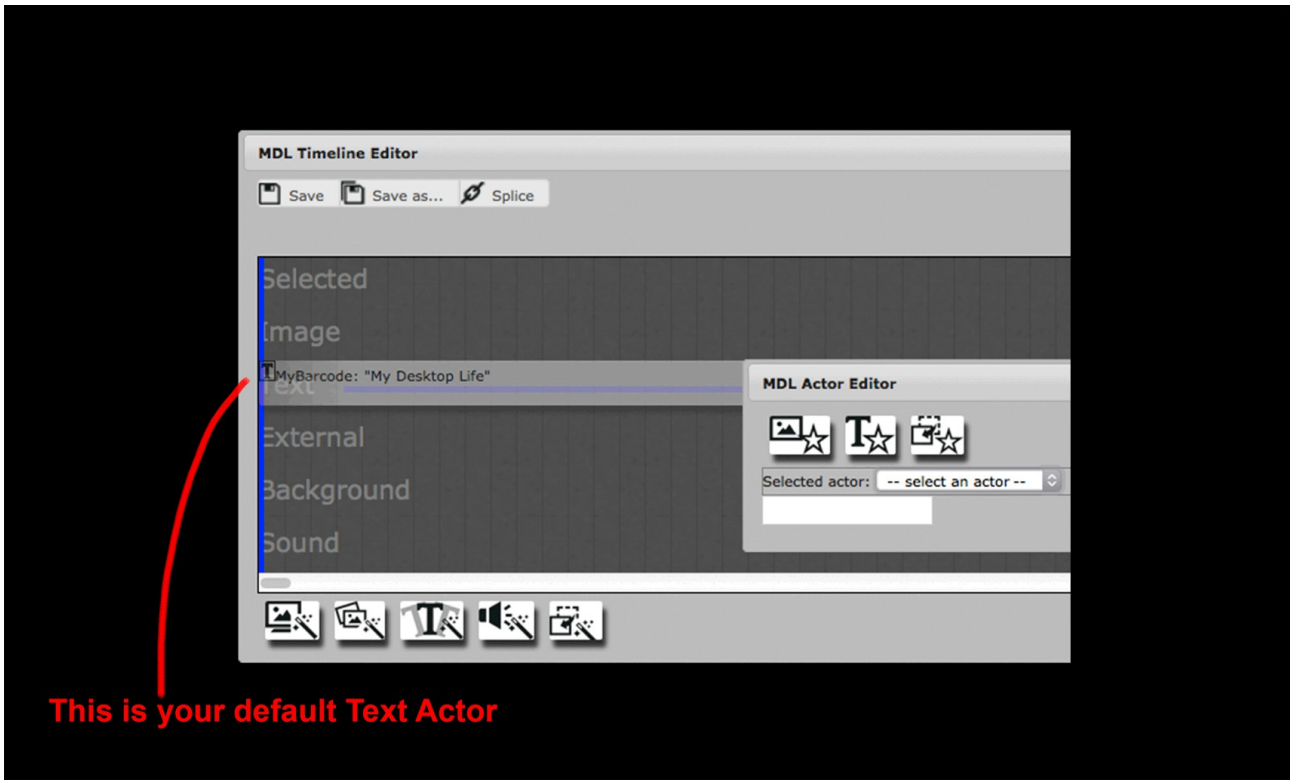
After you have loaded all of the Resources that you want to use, click on the **My Films** section at top (icon) and click then on **Create a new Film**.

HOW TO Make a film

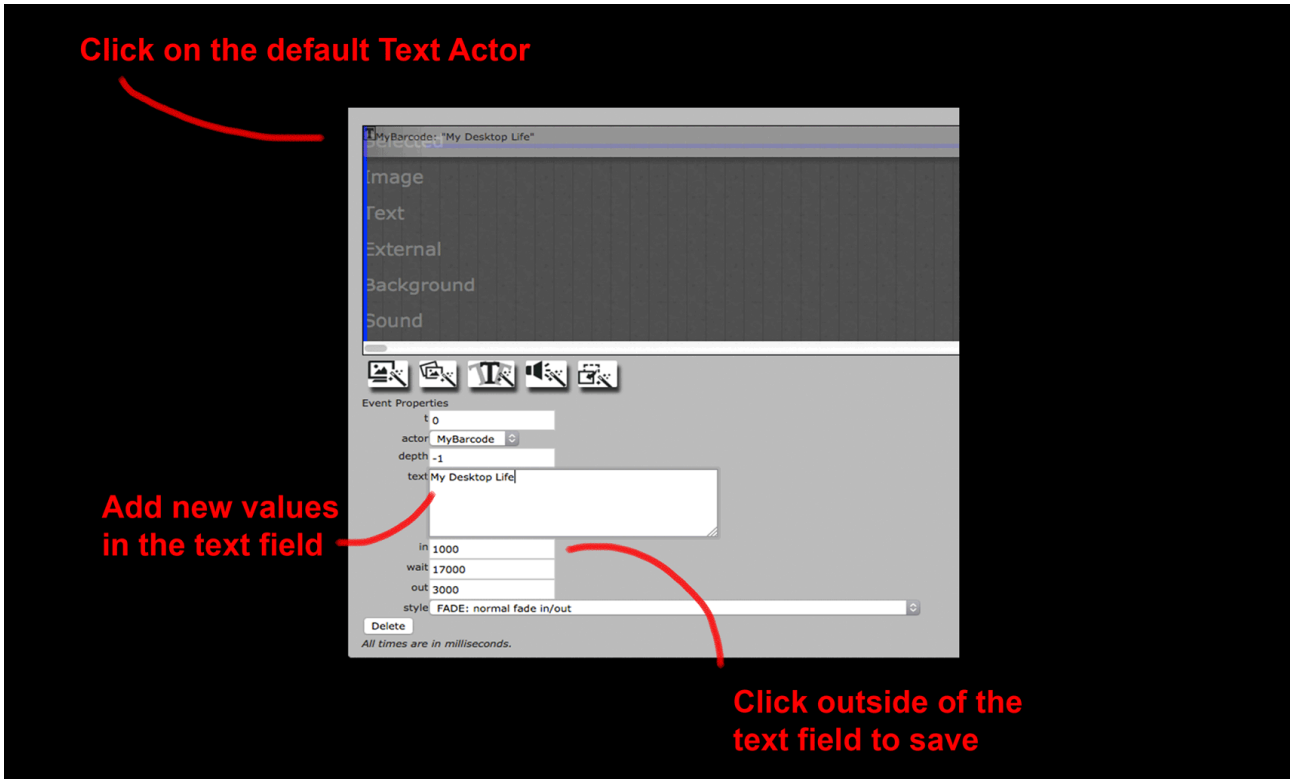
Add a name without spaces (lower case, upper case and other special characters are allowed).

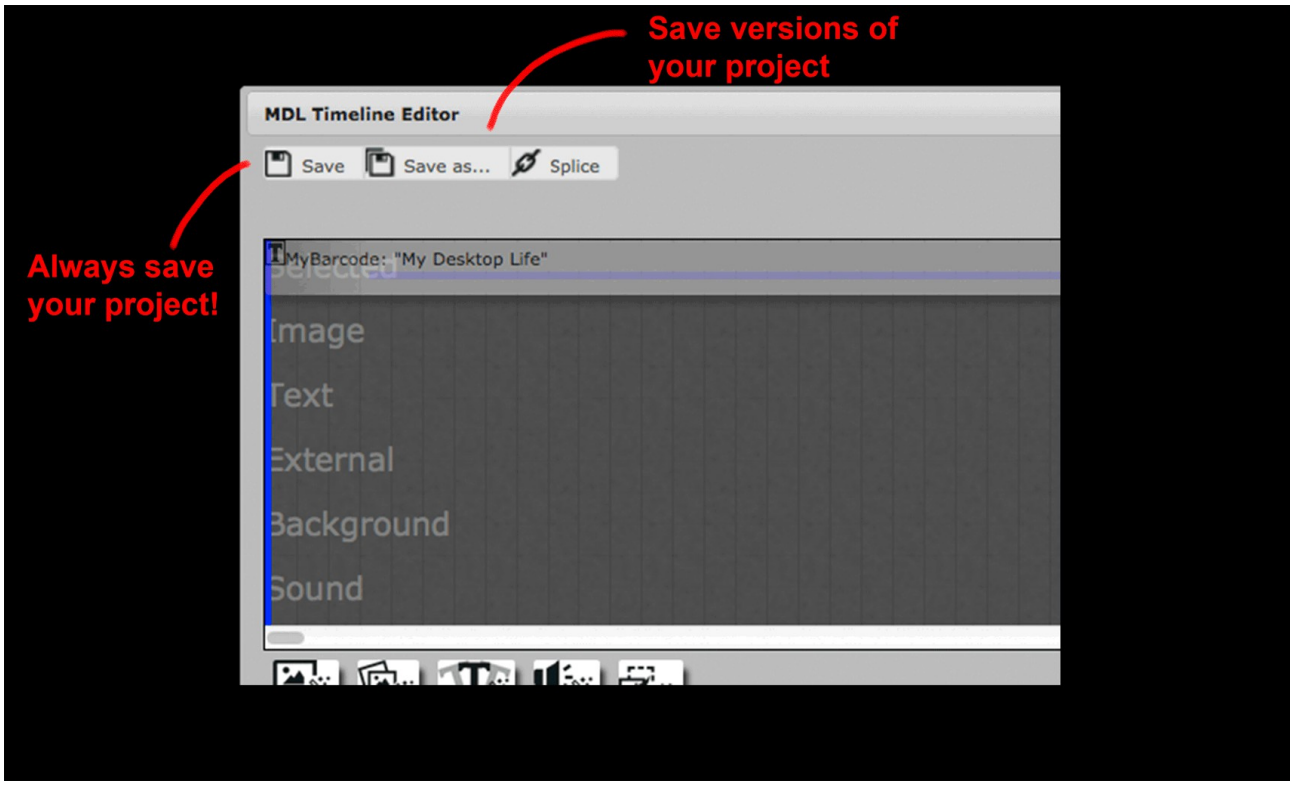


Load all your resources before you start creating a film.
There is a default text Actor in the Timeline which you can look at and test.



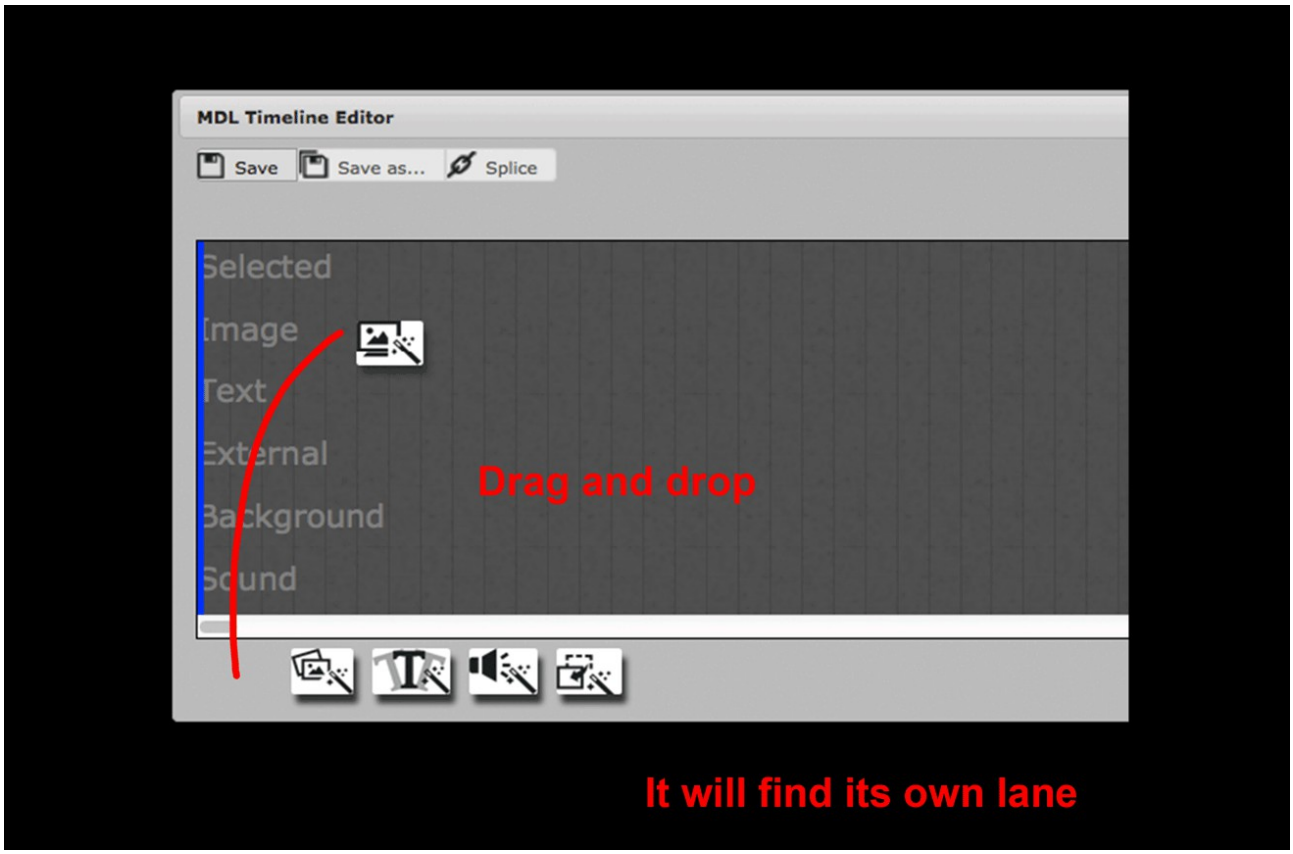
Important!
Save your project. Or **Save As** to create a new version of the same file.


Click on the default Text Actor
MyBarcode: "My Desktop Life"
Image
Text
External
Background
Sound
Event Properties
t 0
actor MyBarcode
depth -1
text My Desktop Life
in 1000
wait 17000
out 3000
style FADE: normal fade in/out
Delete
All times are in milliseconds.
Add new values in the text field
Click outside of the text field to save

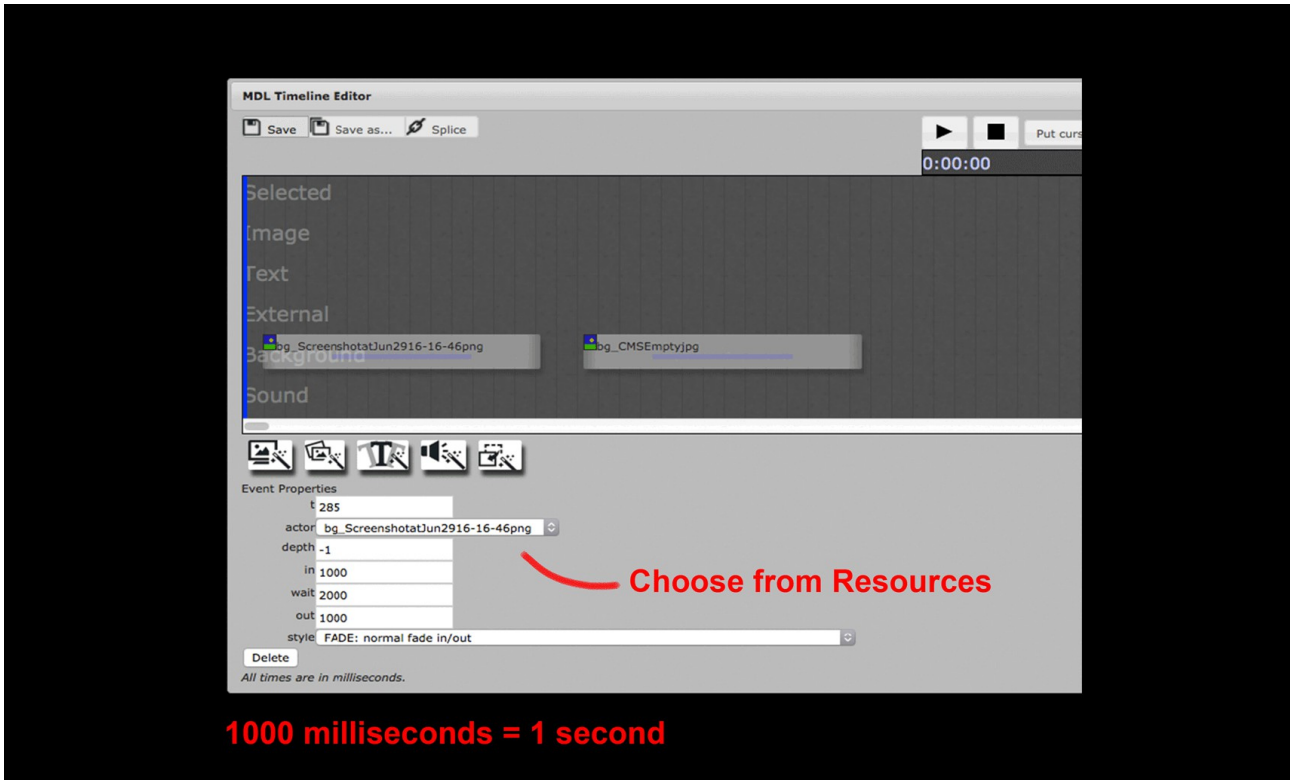

Save versions of your project
MDL Timeline Editor
Save
Save as...
Splice
Always save your project!
MyBarcode: "My Desktop Life"
Image
Text
External
Background
Sound

HOW TO Add Background

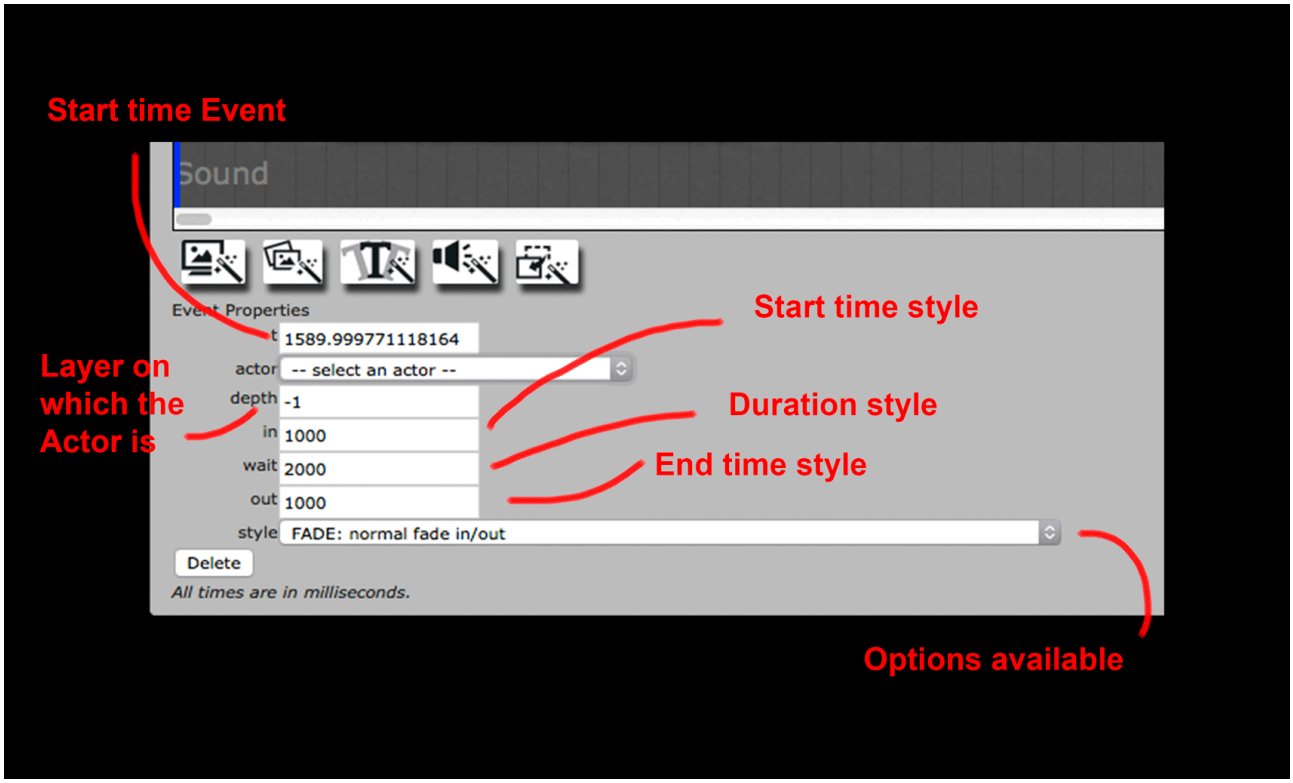
Drag and drop this icon onto the Timeline.



Select your Background in the dropdown menu.
Save this information by clicking on the next text field.

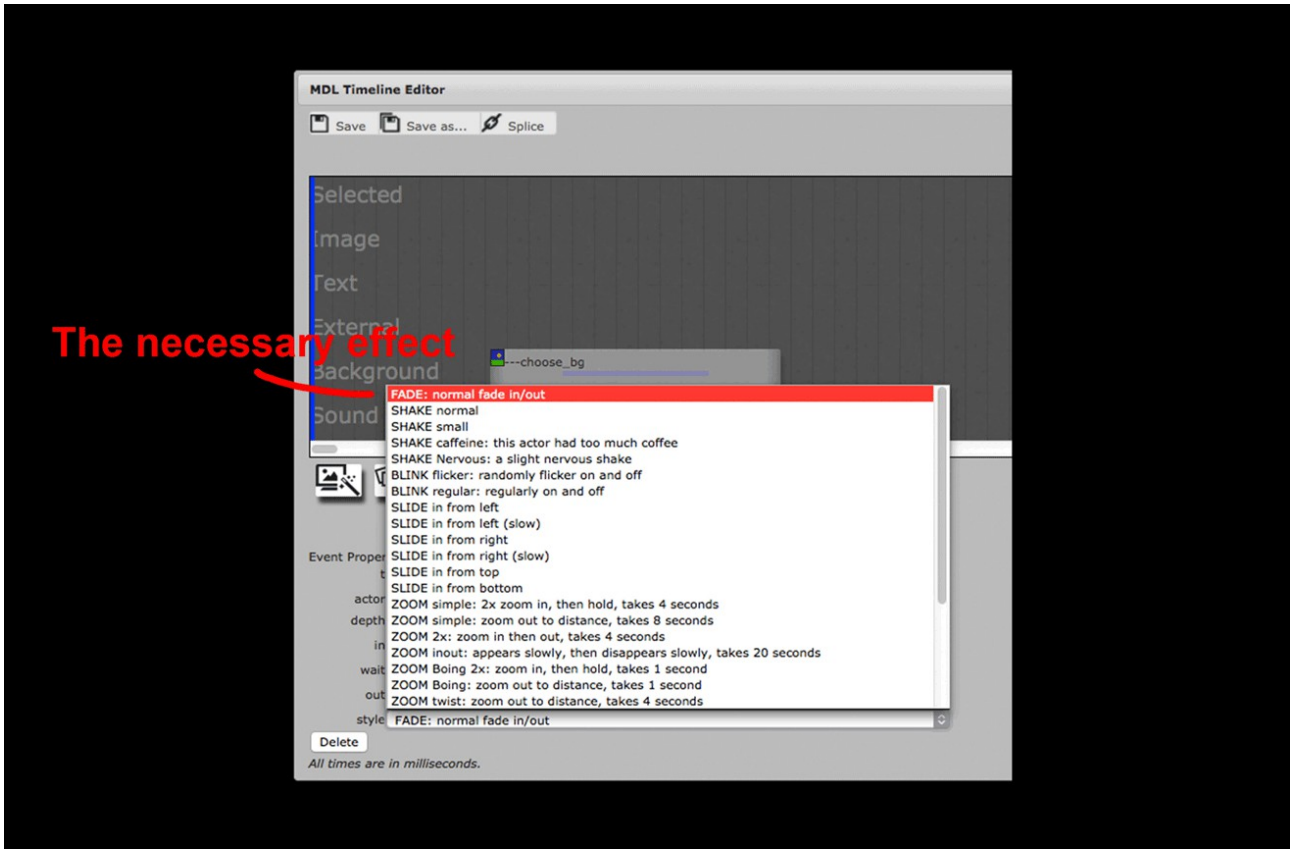


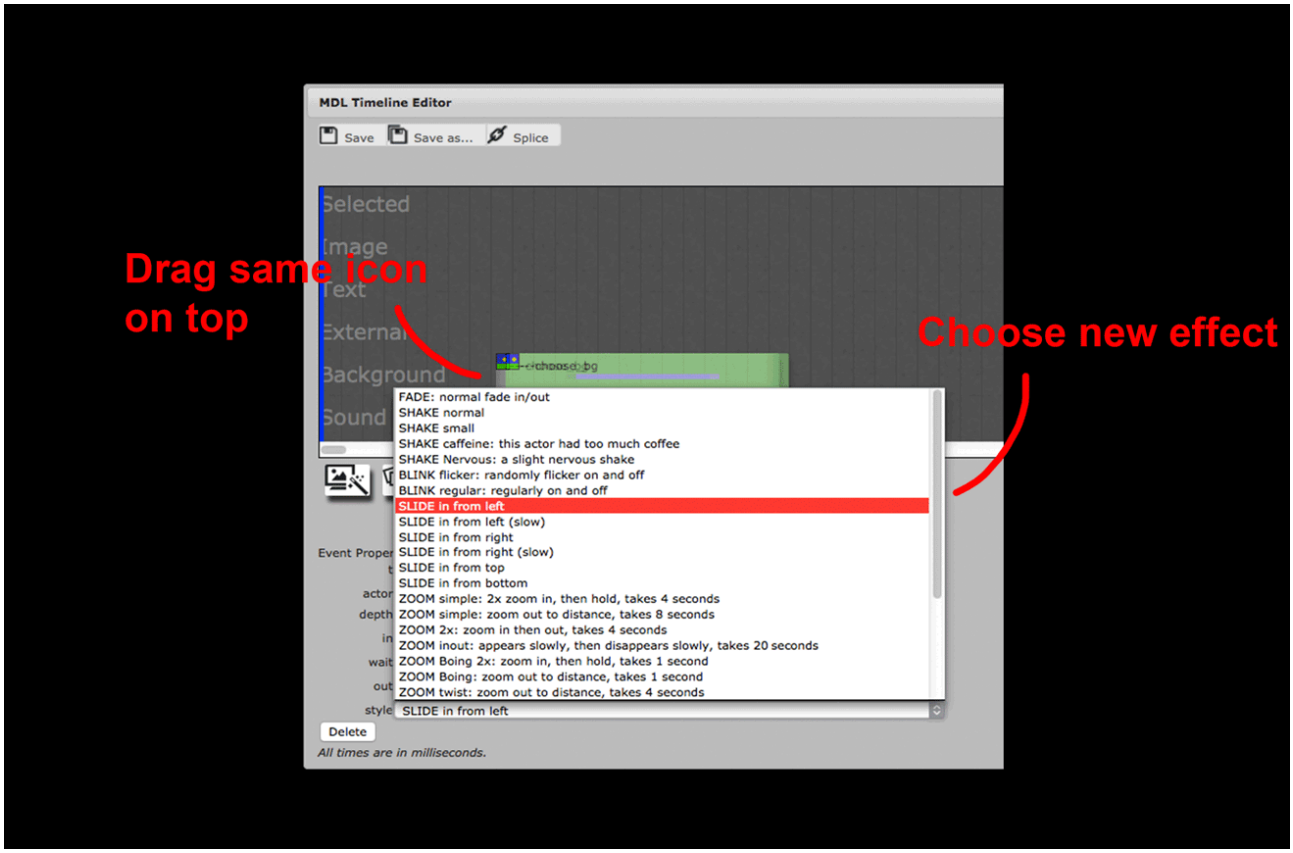
Functions for the Background Event:
t - start time of the event in milliseconds.
Actor - choose from Resources.
Depth - keep -1 as default.
In - fade in time of the event. If the fade in time is 1000 milliseconds your picture will take one second to go from invisible to visible.
Wait - duration of display.
Out - fade out time of the event. If the fade out time is 1000 milliseconds your picture will take one second to go from visible to invisible.
Style - fade in/fade out activates your image. Add another style on top.



HOW TO Add Effect

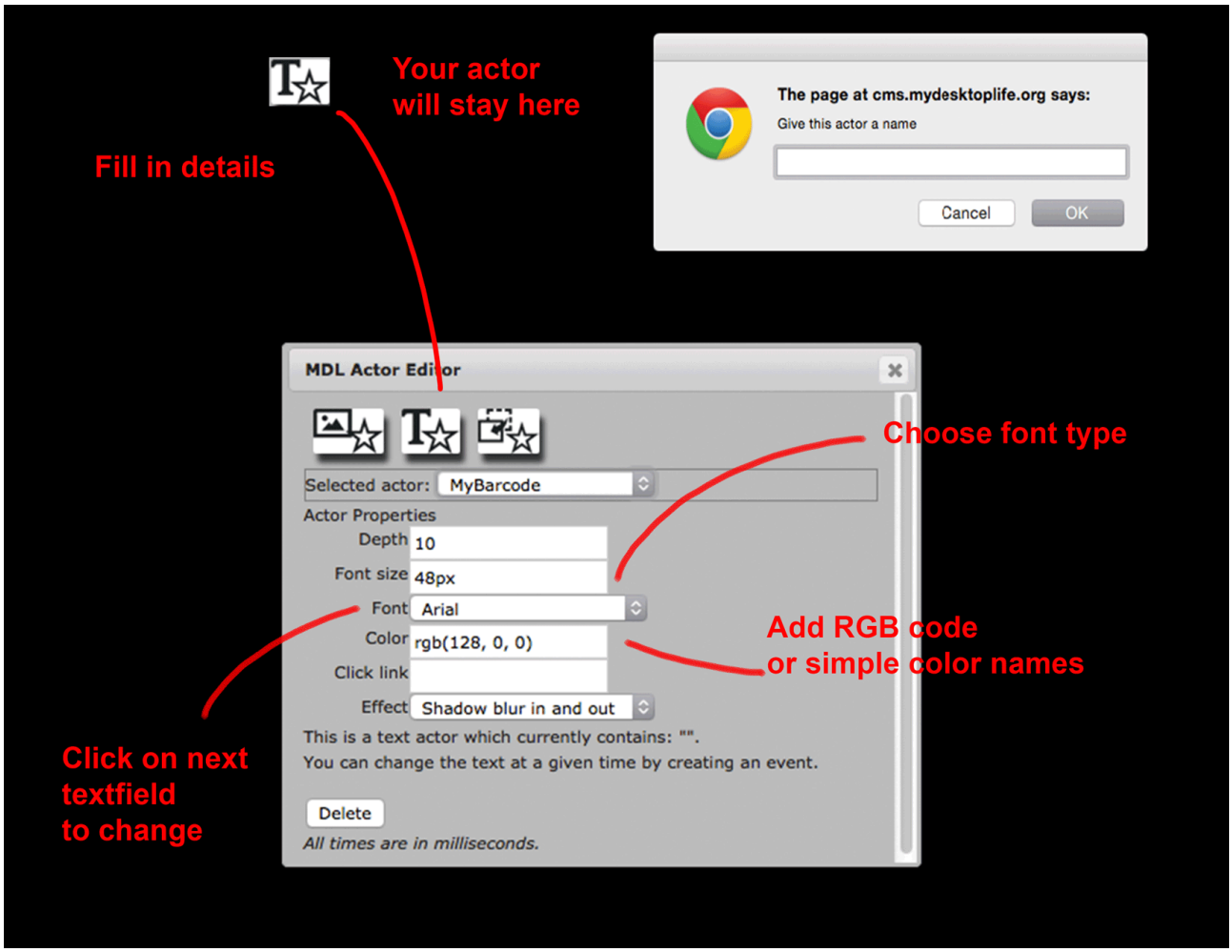
Fade in/Fade activates your image, it is the **necessary Effect**. To apply another effect (Zoom, Slide, etc) drag the same icon on top and choose the effect.





HOW TO Add Text Actor

Use the Actor Editor. Drag and drop this icon onto the Stage.
Select various options for your Text Actor:

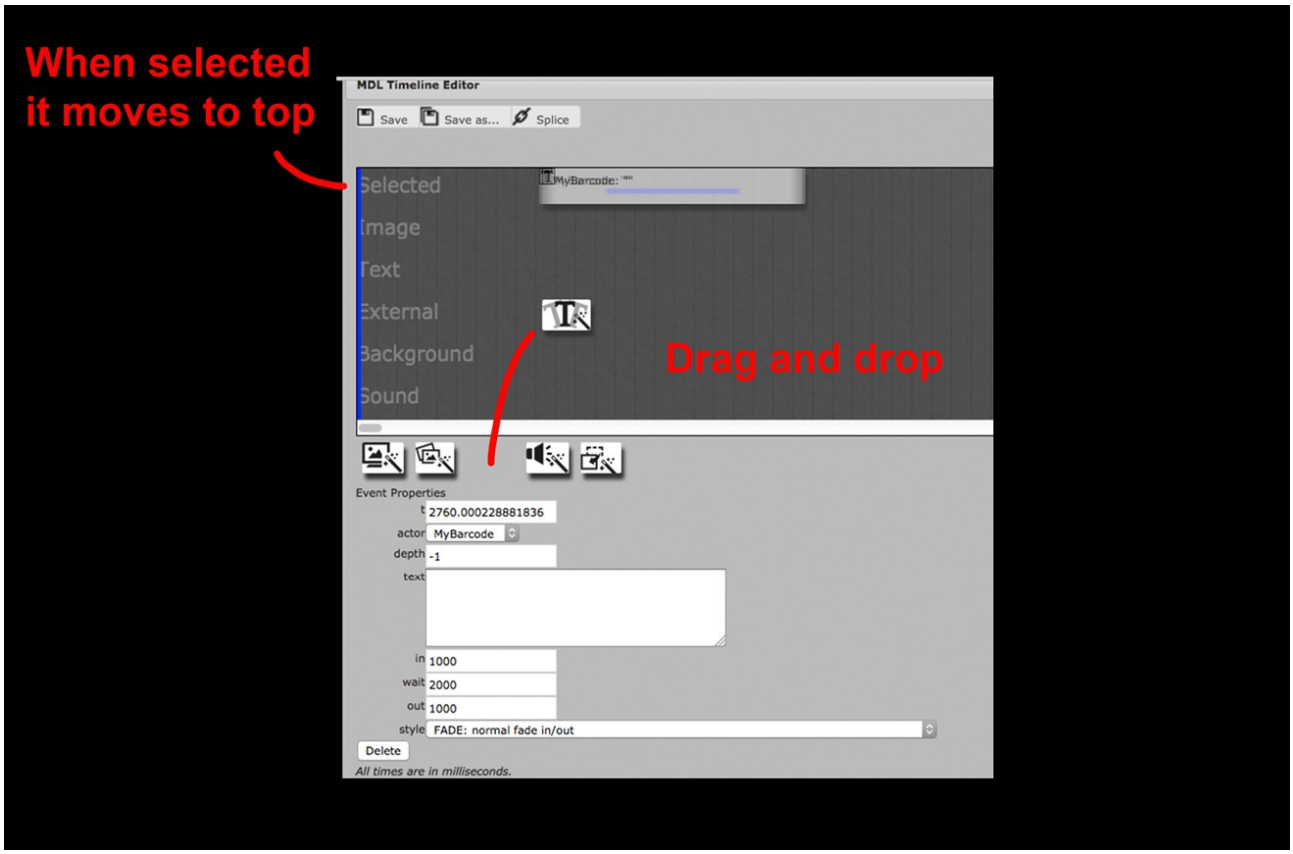


Depth - keep +10 as default and your texts and pictures will come on top of the backgrounds.
Font size - input a number.
Font type - choice of 9 different fonts.
Color - write a simple color (white, black) and it will be immediately picked up. Or use RGB values.
Click link - if you link outside of MDL, it will open in a different window. If you link inside MDL (if you have another film), it will link inside the same browser window. Find a personal way to indicate that this is a link. Nothing differentiates regular text from linked text.
Effect - to choose from 5 text effects.

Events will arrive in the order you place them.

HOW TO Activate Text Actor on the Timeline

Use the Actor Editor. Drag and drop this icon onto the Timeline.

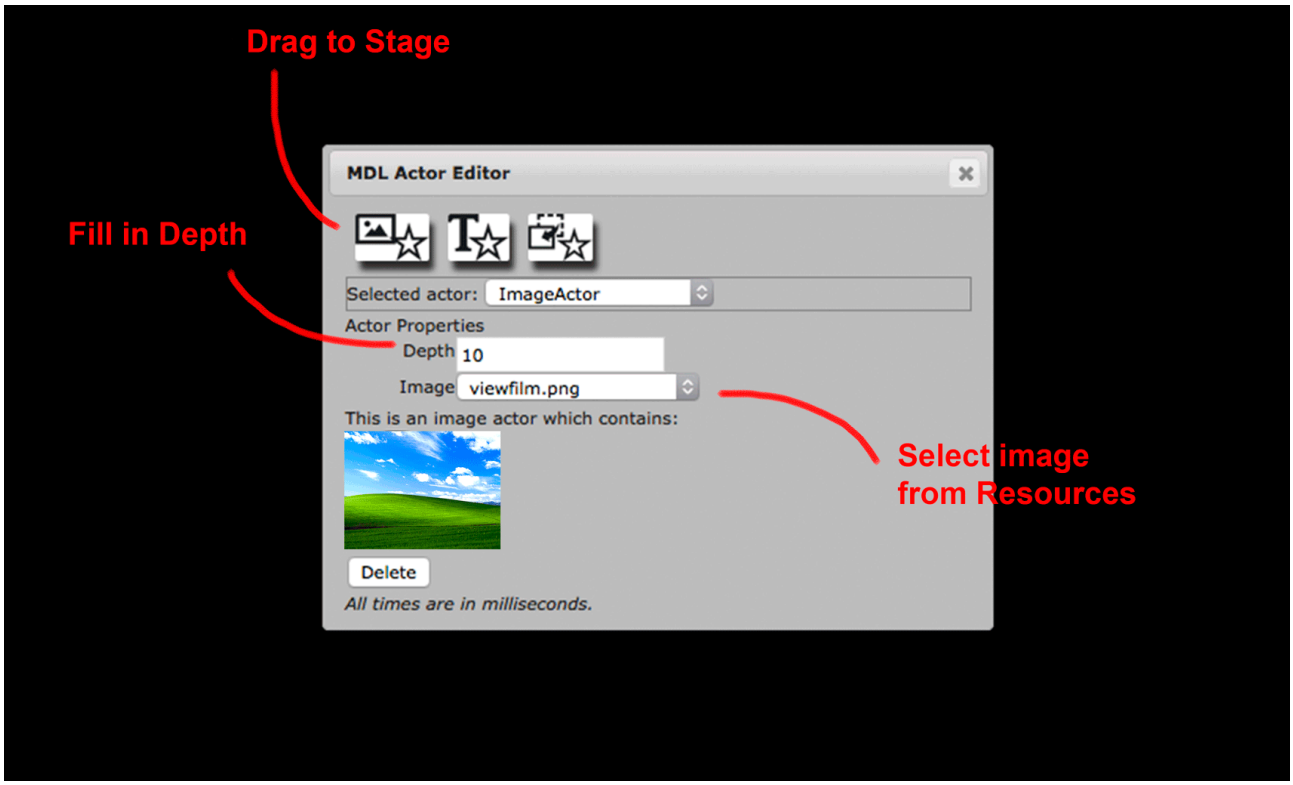


Select from the Text Actors that you have created, add the:
t - start time.
Actor - select from Resources.
Depth - keep -1 as default.
Text - input the text you want to have displayed for this Actor.
In - fade in time.
Wait - duration of display.
Out - fade out time.
Style - fade in/fade out activates your image. Add another effect on top.

HOW TO Add Image Actor

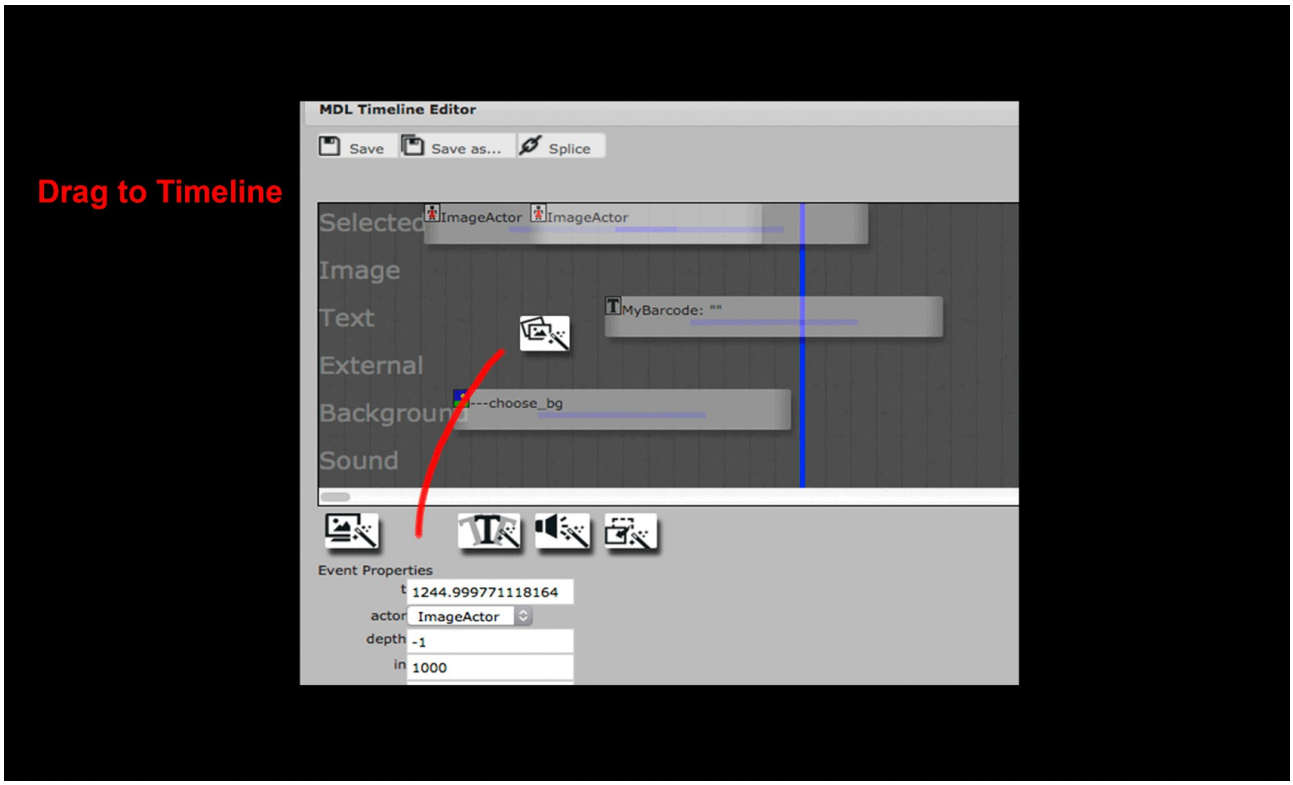
Drag and drop this icon onto the Stage.

Select various options for your Image Actor: depth (on which layer the Actor is positioned), image (with a selection from Resources).



HOW TO Activate Image Actor on the Timeline

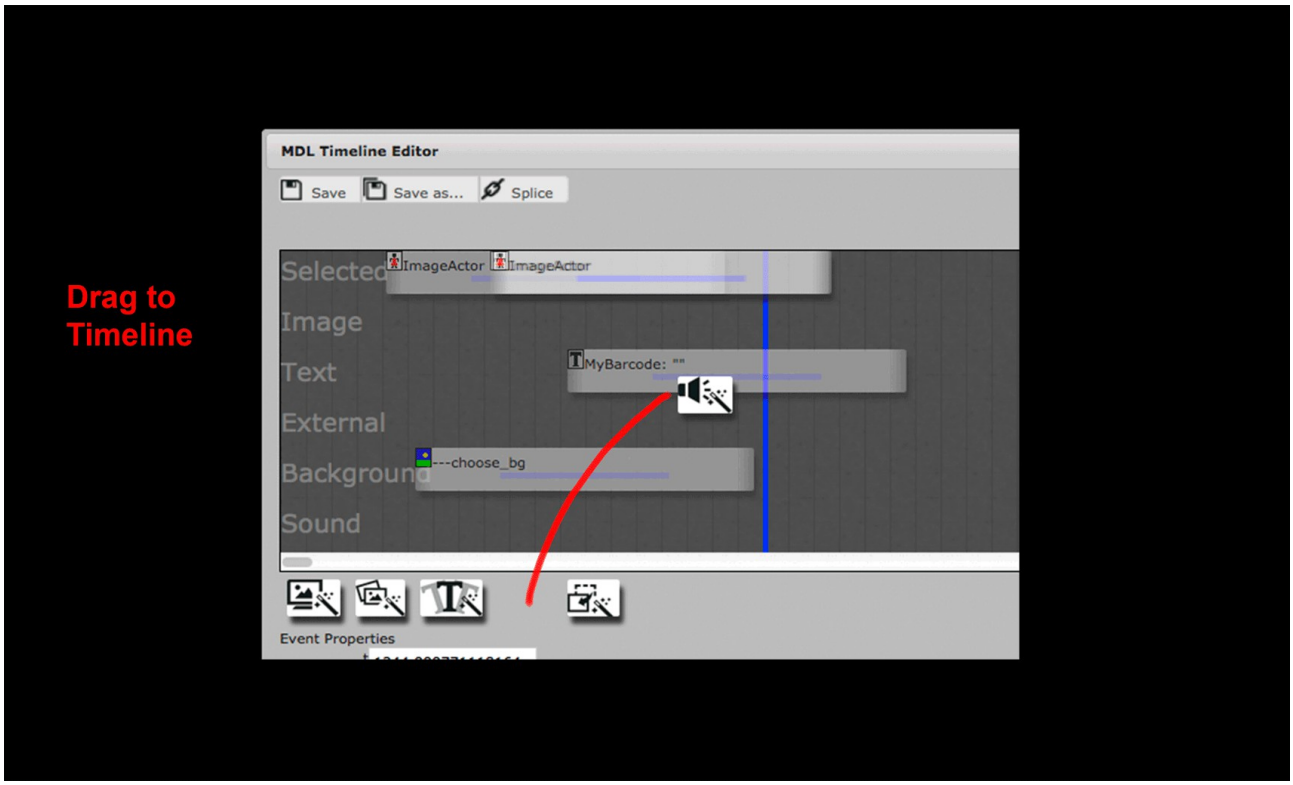
Drag and drop this icon onto the Timeline.



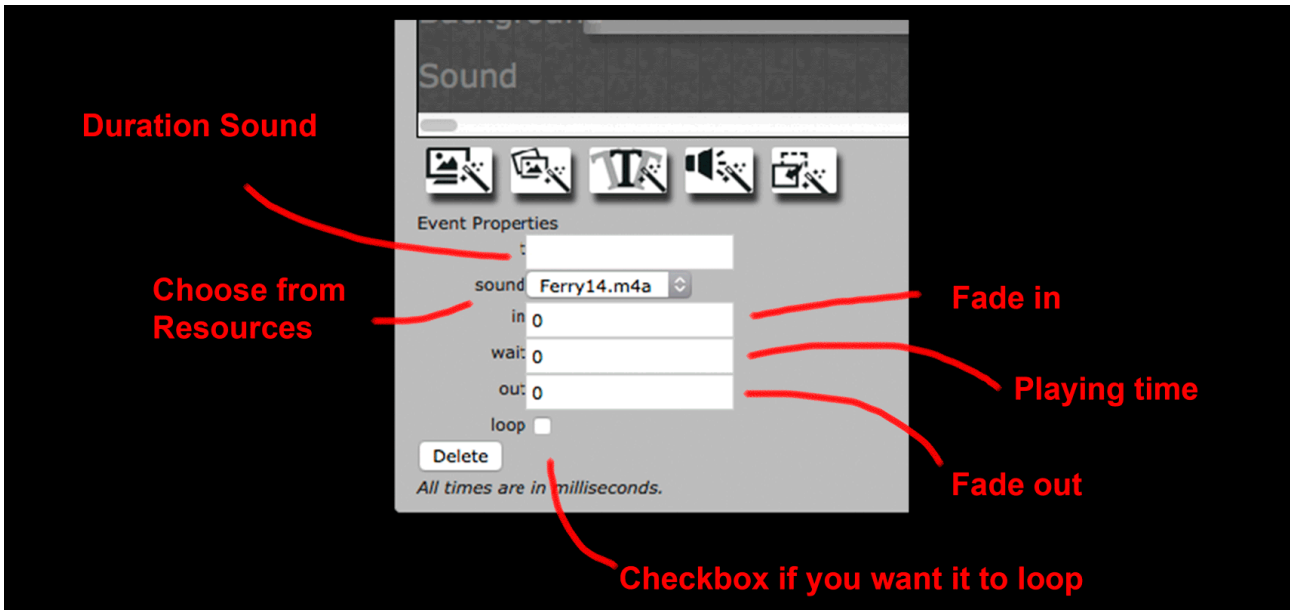
Select from the Image Actors that you have created, add the:
t - start time.
Actor - select from Resources.
Depth - keep -1 as default.
In - fade in time.
Wait - duration of display.
Out - fade out time.
Style - fade in/fade out activates your image. Add another effect on top.

HOW TO Add Sound

Drag and drop this icon onto the Timeline.

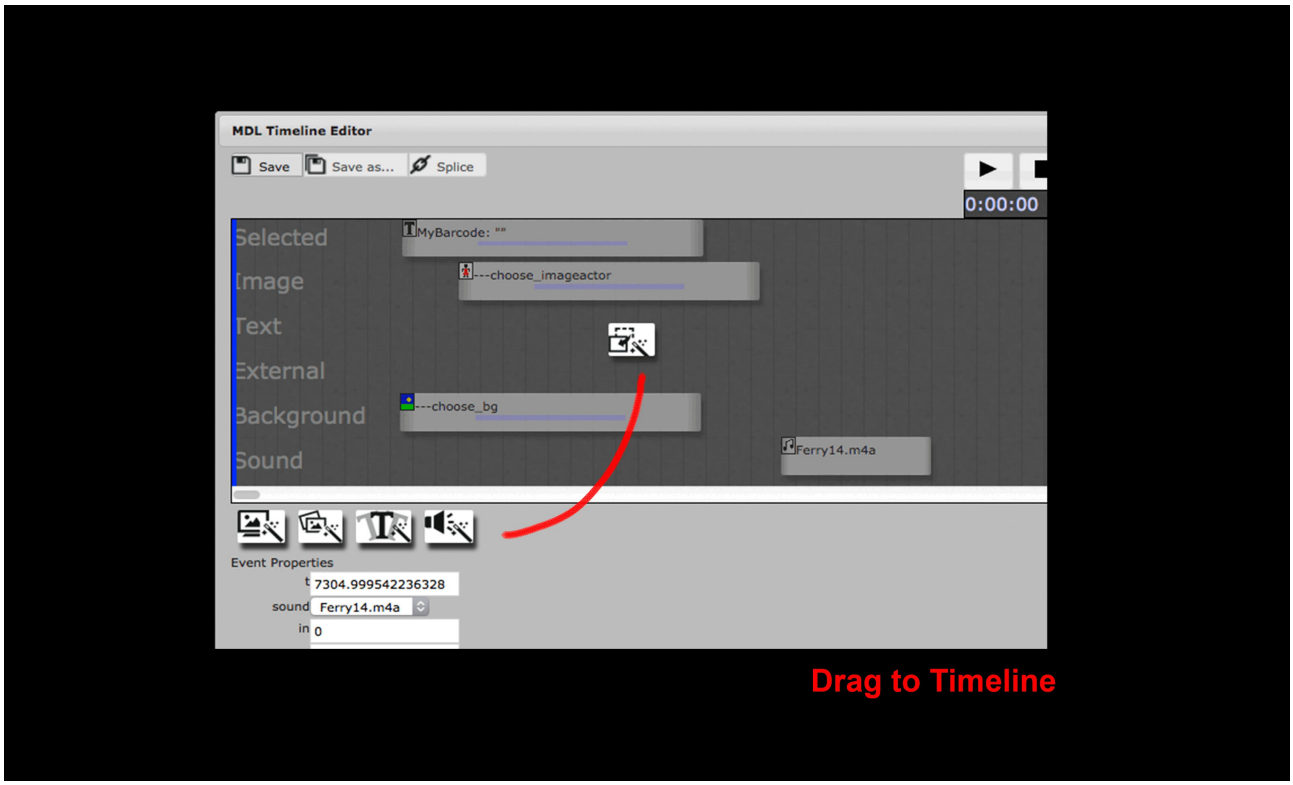


Add the:
t - start time.
Actor - select from Resources.
Depth - keep -1 as default.
In - fade in time.
Wait - duration of display.
Out - fade out time.
Style - fade in/fade out activates your image. Add another effect on top.
If your sound file is shorter than the playing time, you should loop it.



HOW TO Add iFrame

Drag and drop this icon onto the Timeline.

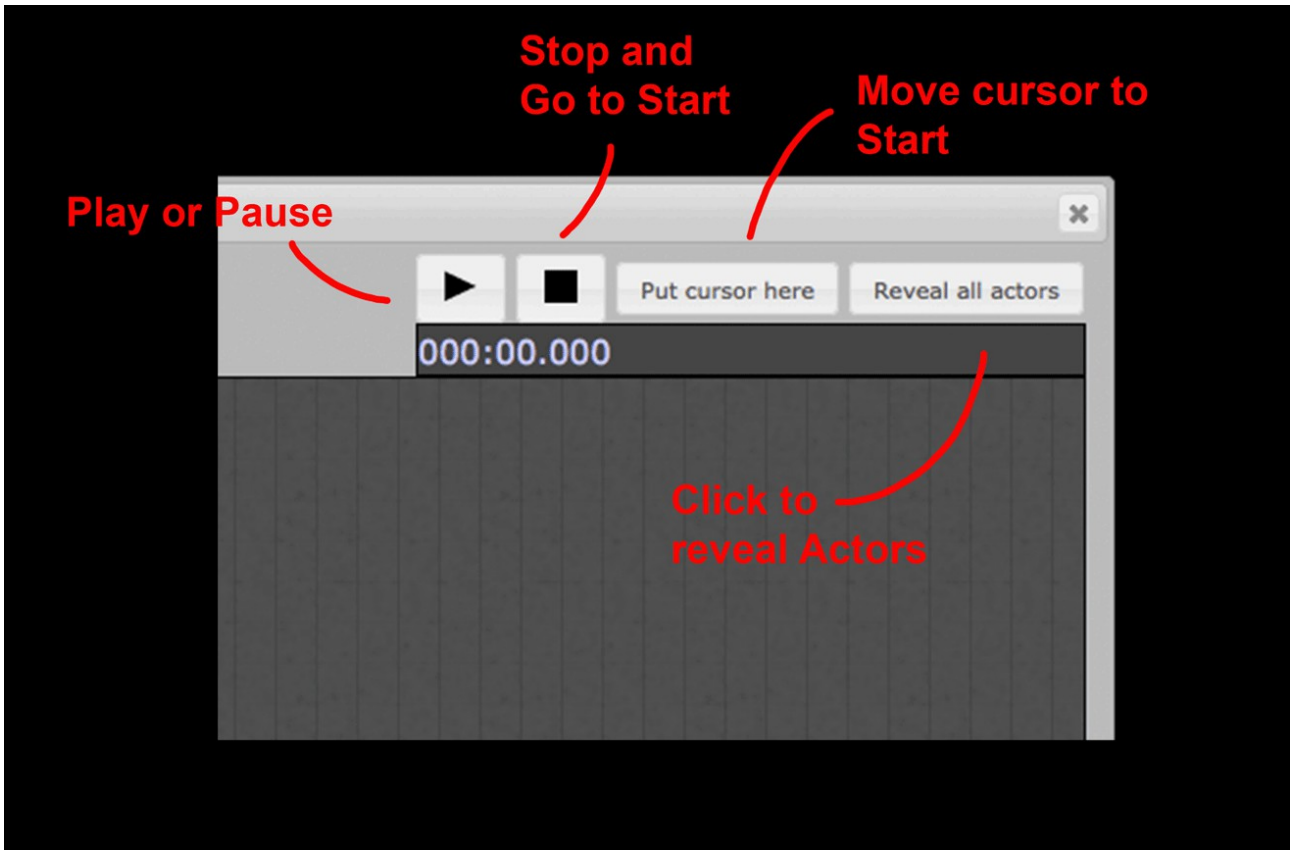


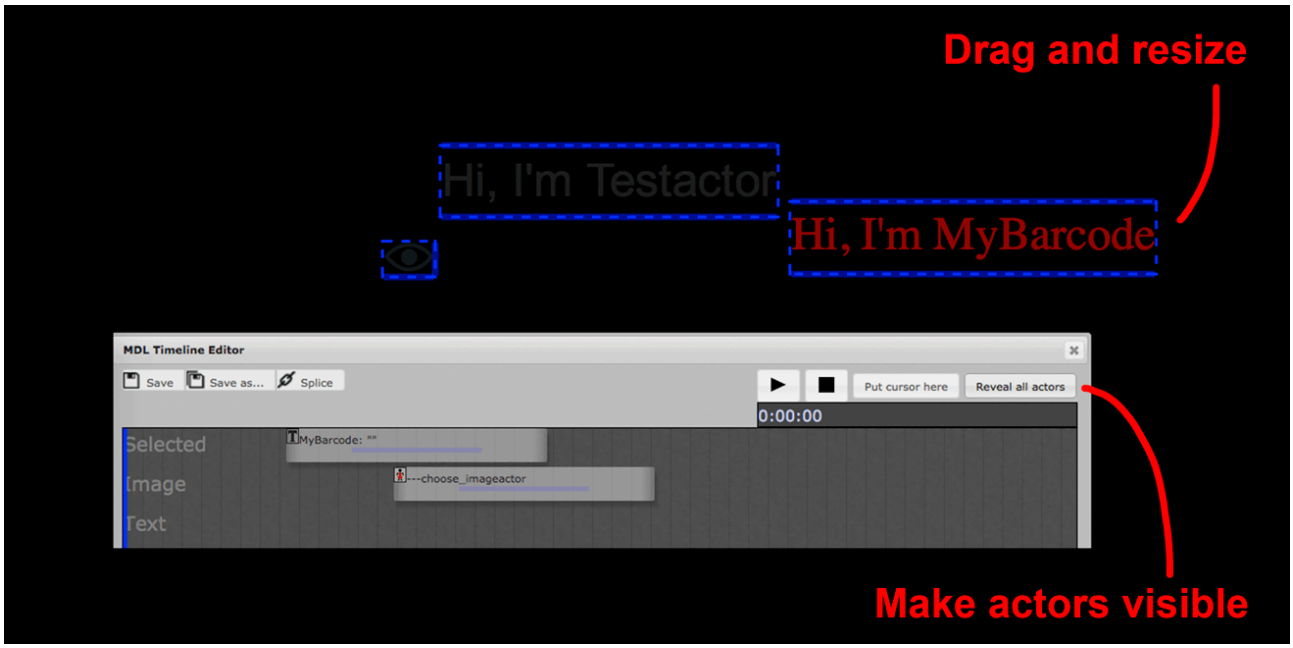
Add the:
t - start time.
Depth - keep -1 as default.
>In - fade in time.
Wait - duration of display.
Out - fade out time.
Style - fade in/fade out activates your image. Add another effect on top.

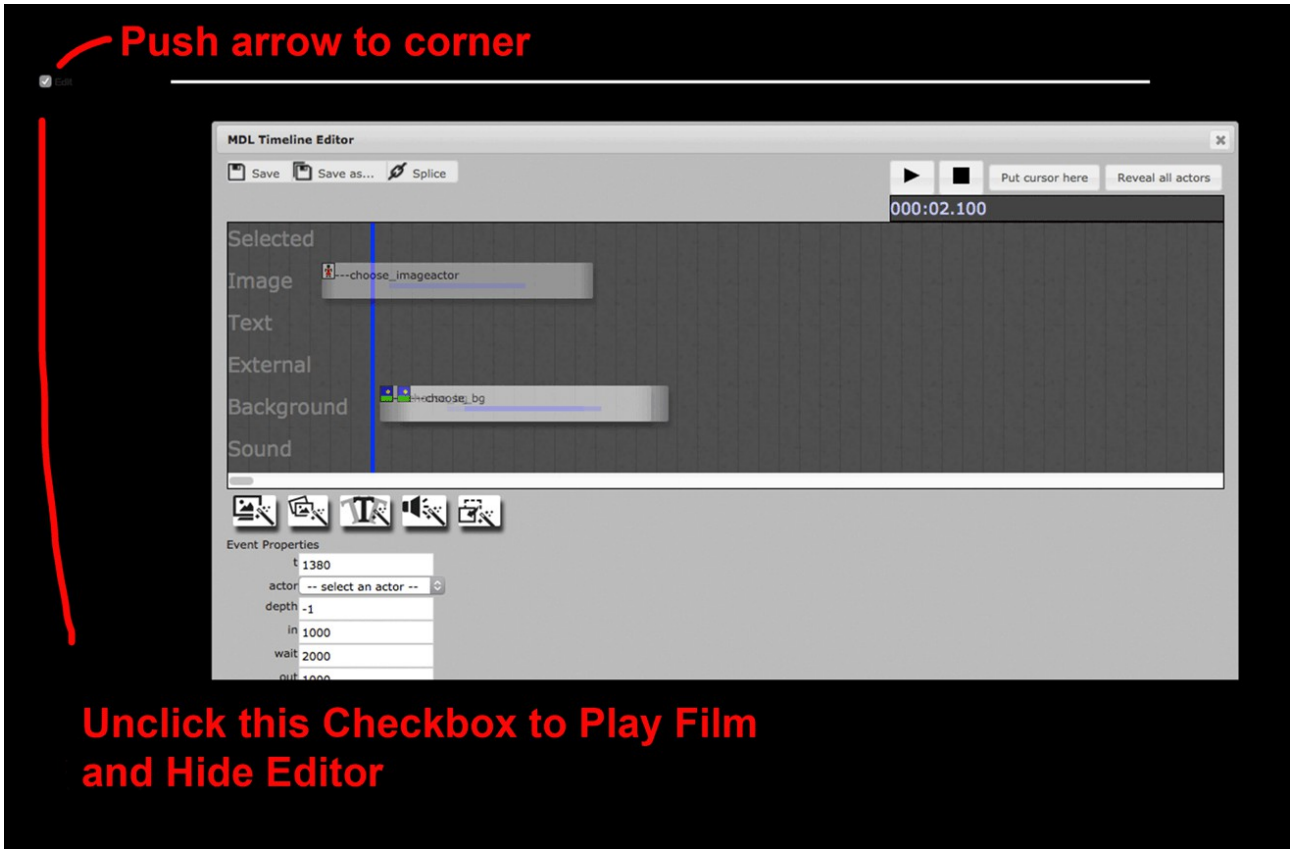
Congratulations, you've just created your first Film!

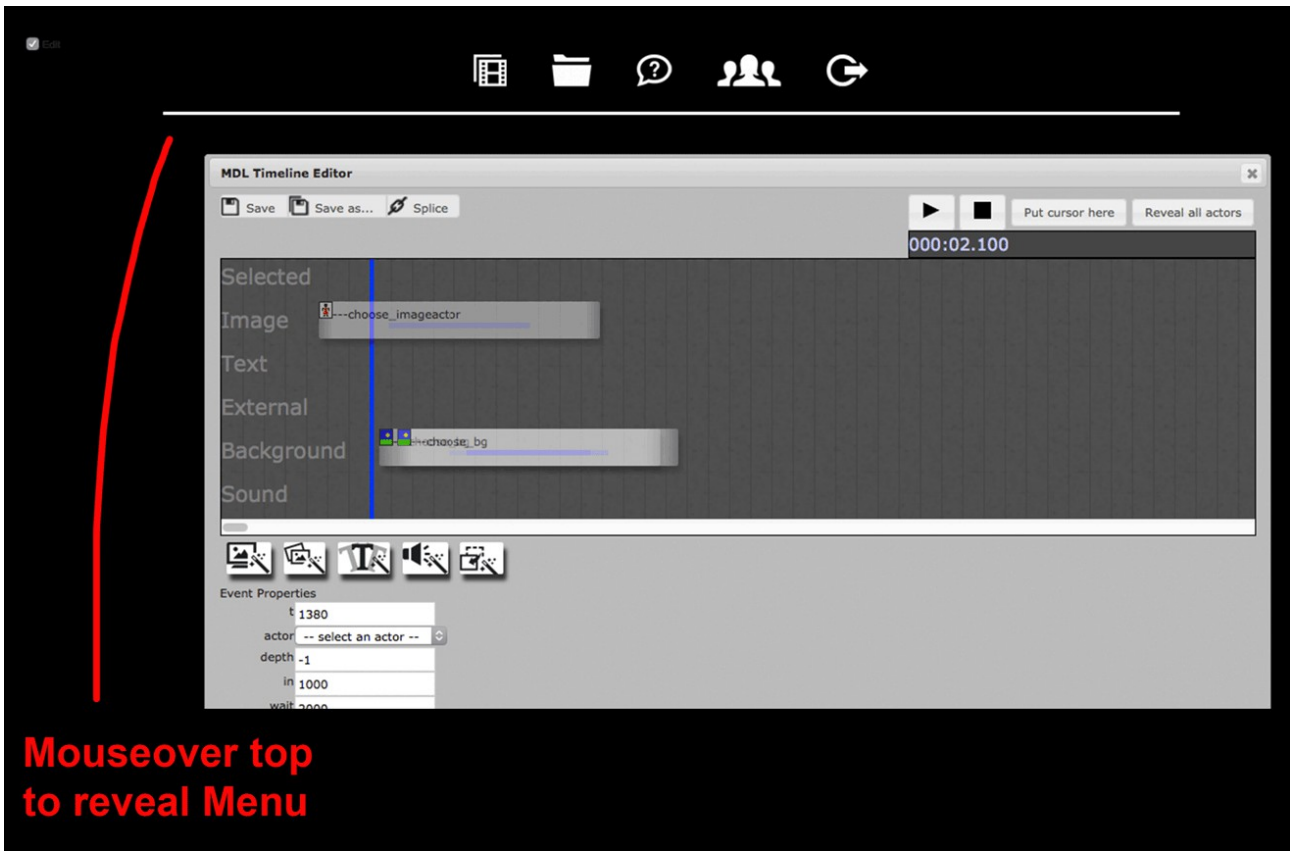
HOW TO USE THE Film Controls

To play the Film either use the Play button on the Timeline editor (to put the cursor back to the beginning use Put cursor here), or you can also check and uncheck the Tickbox at the top left of the screen, which activates the Film and hides the Timeline and the Actor editors.






Push arrow to corner
MDL Timeline Editor
Save
Save as...
Splice
Put cursor here
Reveal all actors
000:02.100
Selected
Image
Text
External
Background
Sound
---choose_imageactor
---choose_bg
Event Properties
1380
-- select an actor --
depth
-1
in
1000
wait
2000
Unclick this Checkbox to Play Film
and Hide Editor


MDL Timeline Editor
Save
Save as...
Splice
Put cursor here
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000:02.100
Selected
Image
Text
External
Background
Sound
---choose_imageactor
---choose_bg
Event Properties
1380
-- select an actor --
depth
-1
in
1000
Mouseover top
to reveal Menu