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In this lesson, we'll cover an essential part of the workflow, namely correct project organization. You'll take a look at the principles and rules that we follow. They will help you avoid turning your project into chaos in the future and save your time on searching for the essential components. We will do our best to make our project clear for colleagues so that we aren't afraid to open it over time. We'll also share the techniques and additional tools we use to optimize our workflow and automate a lot of routines.



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- **15:18** — deAnimatic
- **19:01** — Markers Update
- **19:52** — Comp Size & Duration
- **21:26** — Resume

Lesson Files

We've attached the set of source materials that will be used in future projects to the archive:

Link to Lesson Files

- You will find the source and pre-prepared illustrations in these folders **"1_Illustrations_Clean"** and **"2_Illustrations_Prepared"**.
- The music files are stored in **"3_Sound_Design"**.
- In the **"4_Project_Files"**, you will find the finished project you will make by the end of the lesson

In the **"5_Stuff"** folder, you will find:



- An example of all the folder structures from Lesson 1-1 in **"5_Stuff/Folders Structure"**.

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Extension MDS Bar Instruction

All of our current scripts you can find in **Motion Pro Scripts Page**. Please check this page for new updates after we publish new lessons.

1. Install the **ZXP Installer** for automatic script installation in After Effects.
 - **ZXP Installer FAQ**
2. Drag and drop the "MDS Bar" file to the "ZXP Installer" window.
3. Open Script from After Effects menu **"Window → Extensions → MDS Bar"**
4. Use it!

Note: To open the menu where you can select a scripts category, press the Right Mouse Button on the **Menu icon**.

We created over 60 custom scripts for this course, and we continue to improve them. You can see the progress of development **at this link**. If you find a bug or you have an idea for scripts, feel free to contact us.



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LINKS

- **Renaud Lavency** is the artist who created all the amazing illustrations for our course.
- **Notion Projects Plan Example** is the example of project organization structure from lesson 1-1.

Scripts

The scripts that are mentioned in the lessons, but are **not necessary** for the course.

- **KBar2** is used to build fun, sleek, customizable toolbars with a slick and easy UI.
- **MoCode** is an immensely powerful script for editing expressions and scripts and is also used to save all your code.
- **ft-Toolbar 2** is the old script panel that was currently replaced by Kbar2.
- **Add Parented Null to Each Selected Layer** creates a parented null for each of the selected layers. The new null can have a custom name defined in the User Variables section and has the option of including the name of the layer that is parented to it.
- **All Custom Scripts** these are all our current custom scripts used in the course. Before we assemble everything in our panels and lesson archives, they will appear here.



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- Resolution
 - FHD – 1920×1080 (Recommended)
 - 4K – 3840×2160
- Frame Rate: 24
- Duration: 25 sec

Tasks

In this lesson, you need to prepare your project for future work. Please import all illustrations and create the first animatic. Think about your workflow organization, put it in order, and improve. Install and test the scripts from this lesson, as you will use them in the future.

Shortcuts

- **Ctrl + I** — Import
- **Ctrl (Cmd) + Shift + D** — Split Layer
- **Mouse Drag + Alt** — Replace Layer
- **Tab** — Mini-Flowchart

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