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## Introduction

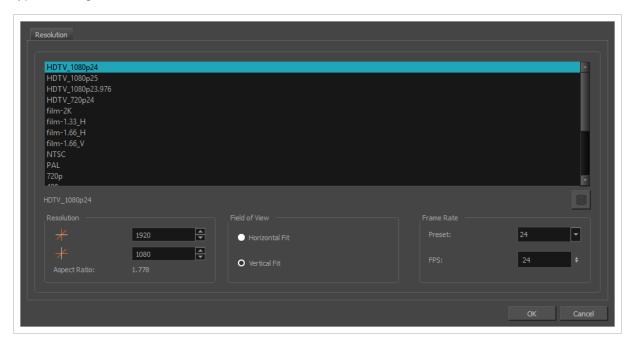
Harmony has several commands, dialog boxes, and buttons. The Reference section lists all of them along with the matching definition. To understand how to use these functions in a production context, read the User guide.

In the Reference guide, you will learn about the various parameters available in dialog boxes, menus, nodes, toolbars, views, and windows.

The Preferences guide provides additional details about each individual preference.

# **Chapter 1: Dialog Boxes**

Dialog boxes contain controls such as options and lists through which you can carry out a particular command or task. For example, in the Scene Settings dialog box, you must indicate the resolution and alignment. A typical dialog box looks as follows:



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# **Add Column Dialog Box**

The Add Column dialog box lets you add a column in the Xsheet view.

By default, when you create a new scene, there is one drawing column in the Xsheet view and one corresponding drawing layer in the Timeline view.

You can add an element for each drawing and it will appear as a column in the Xsheet view, a layer in the Timeline view.

### How to access the Add Column dialog box

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the Xsheet menu, right-click a column and select Add Columns.
  - Click the Add Columns 🛚 + button.
  - Press Shift + C.

Parameter	Description
Name	Lets you give the new column a meaningful name.
Туре	Lets you select a type of column to create. Choices include: Drawing, Timing, Sound, 3D Path, 3D Rotation, Bezier Curve, Ease Curve, Expression and Annotation.
Drawing Layer Options	
Line Art	Creates a vector or bitmap drawing column in the Line Art layer.
Colour Art	Creates a vector or bitmap drawing column in the Colour Art layer.
Element	
Create New Element	Creates an independent column with its own drawing folder.
Vector	Select this option if you want the layer to contain vector drawings. Deselect this option if you want the layer to contain bitmap images. Most of the time, the Vector option will be enabled.
Bitmap Format	Lets you select the type of bitmap image to insert in the column. Select <b>SCAN</b>

	from the list if you are planning to scan drawings using the Toon Boom Harmony Essentials Scan module.
Scan Type	If you chose <b>SCAN</b> from the Bitmap Format list, select the kind of scanning you want to achieve.
Field Chart	When importing traditional animation, lets you indicate the size of paper on which the animation or background was drawn. If you are not using perforated animation paper, leave the 12 field default value as is.
Use Existing Element	Uses drawings from an existing column in the new column. Both columns will be attached to the same set of drawings, but their timing will remain independent from one another. If you modify one of the drawings, it will be modified in both columns. This is the same principle as the Clone column.
Name	Lets you select the column to which you want to link your new column.
Add and Close	Adds the selected type of layers to the Timeline view and corresponding column in the Xsheet view and closes the dialog box. The names of the layers/columns are automatically numbered incrementally.
Add	Adds the selected type of layers to the Timeline view and corresponding column in the Xsheet view. The dialog box remains open for you to add as many layers/columns as needed. The names of the layers/columns are automatically numbered incrementally.
Close	Closes the dialog box.

## **Add Drawing Layer Dialog Box**

The Add Drawing Layer dialog box lets you add a drawing layer to your project.

By default, when you create a new scene, there is one drawing column in the Xsheet view and one corresponding drawing layer in the Timeline view.

You can add an element for each drawing and it will appear as a column in the Xsheet view, a layer in the Timeline view.



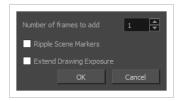
## How to access the Add Drawing Layer dialog box

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the Timeline view, click the Add Drawing Layer button.
  - From the top menu, select **Insert > Drawing**.
  - Press Ctrl + R (Windows/Linux) or # + R (macOS).

Parameter	Description
Name	Lets you give the new layer a meaningful name.
Extend Exposure for Scene Duration	Automatically create and empty drawing exposure on each layer and expose them for the duration of the scene.
Add and Close	Adds the selected type of layers to the Timeline view and corresponding column in the Xsheet view and closes the dialog box. The names of the layers/columns are automatically numbered incrementally.
Add	Adds the selected type of layers to the Timeline view and corresponding column in the Xsheet view. The dialog box remains open for you to add as many layers/columns as needed. The names of the layers/columns are automatically numbered incrementally.
Close	Closes the dialog box.

## **Add Frames Dialog Box**

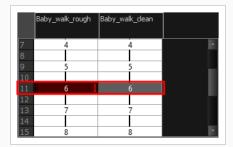
The Add Frames dialog box allows you to add a given amount of frames at a specific point in your scene. The new frames are added to every layer in your scene and will offset all the keyframes and drawings after the insertion point.



### How to access the Add Frames dialog box

1. In the Timeline or Xsheet view, select a frame or a range of frames.





- 2. Do one of the following:
  - From the top menu, select Scene > Frame > Add Frames at Start, Add Frames at End, Add
     Frames Before Selection or Add Frames After Selection.
  - In the Xsheet view, right-click and select Frame > Add Frames at Start, Add Frames at End,
     Add Frames Before Selection or Add Frames After Selection.
  - In the Xsheet toolbar, click the ≣<sup>+</sup> Add Frames button to add frames after your selection.
  - Press Ctrl + G (Windows/Linux) or ¥ + G (macOS) to add frames before the selection, or
     Ctrl + H to add frames after the selection.

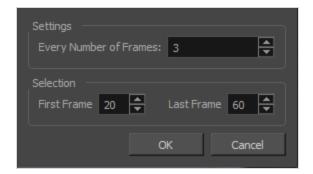
The Add Frames dialog box appears.

Parameter	Description
Number of frames to add	The amount of frames to add.

Parameter	Description
Ripple Scene Markers	If checked, scene markers after the insertion point will be offset forward to remain synchronized with the keyframes and drawings in your scene. If unchecked, scene markers will remain in place while everything else after the insertion point is offset.
Extend Drawing Exposure	If checked, drawings that are exposed just before the insertion point will be exposed throughout the added rames. If unchecked, no drawing will be exposed in the added frames.
	NOTE  This option has no effect when adding frames at the start of the scene.

## **Create Function Step On Dialog Box**

The Create Function Step On dialog box lets you hold the same value over a selected number of frames for multiple parameters (pos x, scale y, etc.). This works well when you are animating drawings on 2s or 3s, for example, and you want to hold the same value for a function over those two or three frames.



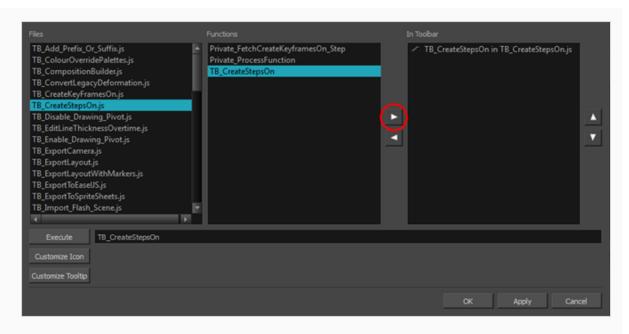
### How to access the Create Function Step On dialog box

- 1. Add the Scripting toolbar to your interface:
  - Go to the top menu and select Windows > Toolbars > Scripting.
  - right-click on the empty space near the top of the interface and from the quick-access menu selecting **Scripting**.
  - right-click on the empty space near the top of a view and from the quick-access menu selecting **Scripting**.
- 2. In the Scripting toolbar, click on the Manage Scripts  ${\mathcal L}$  button to open the Scripts Manager window.
- 3. In the Scripts Manager, in the Files section, select the file  ${\tt TB\_CreateStepsOn.js}$ .

The functions associated with that file appear in the Functions section.

4. In the Functions section, select TB CreateStepsOn.

The Add script to toolbar ≥ button becomes active.

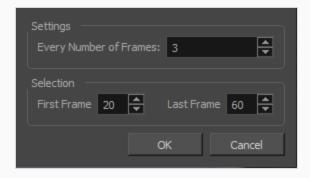


5. Click on the Add script to toolbar ≥ button.

The TB\_CreateStepsOn script \_ button is added to the Scripting toolbar.

- 6. Click Apply.
- 7. Click OK.
- 8. In the Timeline view, select the layer whose parameter values you would like to hold.
- 9. In the Scripting toolbar, click on the TB\_CreateStepsOn script \_ button.

The Create Function Step On dialog box appears.



Parameter	Description
Settings	
Every Number of Frames	Enter in the number of frames you would like to hold your functions.

Selection	
First Frame	Enter in the frame number of where you would like the stepped holds to start. The playhead location determines the lowest value you can enter for the first frame. You need to move the playhead to frame one if you would like to set frame one as the lowest possible starting value.
Last Frame	Enter in the frame number of where you would like the stepped holds to stop.

## **Create Palette Dialog Box**

The Create Palette dialog box allows you to create a colour palette for your scene. Palettes created with this dialog box are added to your scene's palette-library subdirectory.



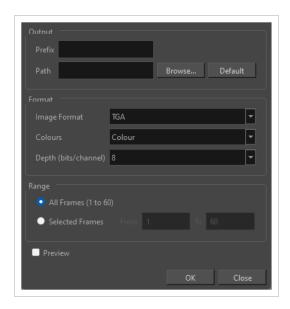
## How to access the Create Palette dialog box

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the Colour View, click the New Palette + button over the palette list.
  - From the Colour view menu, select Palettes > New

Parameter	Description
New Palette Name	Allows you to type in the name of the palette to create.

## **Export Images Dialog Box**

The Export Images dialog box allows you to export your scene as a sequence of image files, with one image for each frame.



## How to access the Export Images dialog box

1. In the top menu, select File > Export > Images.

Parameter	Description
Output	
Prefix	The prefix for the file name of each exported image file. Each file name will start with the value in this field, followed by the number of the frame.
Path	The directory in which to export the rendered frames.  You can click <b>Browse</b> to open a dialog allowing you to navigate your file system and select a directory, or Default to set this to the frames sub-directory of your scene's directory.
Format	
File Type	The image format in which the exported frames will be saved. The following formats are supported:

Parameter	Description	
	Format	Description
	TGA	Truevision TGA/TARGA (*.tga)  A standard image format with lossless compression and support for transparency.  TGA files use more disk space than PNG files, but rendering in TGA is faster.
	SGI	Silicon Graphics Image (*.sgi)  A highly capable format with lossless compression as well as support for double precision and transparency.
	PSD	Photoshop Document (*.psd)  An Adobe Photoshop proprietary format used for image editing.  PSD files exported by Harmony contain a single background layer with the rasterized image.  NOTE  PSD files exported from Harmony are tagged with their colour space information in their metadata, except for PSD files exported in greyscale.
	YUV	Y'UV frame (*.yuv)  A legacy format optimized for NTSC television. The image information is encoded in the Y'UV color space, which means Luma (Y') and Chrominance (UV).  NOTE  YUV images must be exported in NTSC resolution (720 x 540), or they will not be legible.
	PAL	PAL frame (*.pal)  A legacy format optimized for PAL television.

Parameter	Description	
	Format	Description
		NOTE  PAL images must be exported in PAL resolution (768 x 576), or they will not be legible.
	PNG	Portable Network Graphics (*.png)  A highly portable image format with high lossless compression as well as support for transparency and double-precision. PNG is typically used for Web applications, graphical user interfaces and image sharing.  Rendering in PNG takes more time than rendering in TGA or in uncompressed image formats, but saves a lot of disk space.
		NOTE  PNG files exported from Harmony are tagged with their colour space information in their metadata.
	ОРТ	Toon Boom Optimized image (*.opt)  A legacy Toon Boom proprietary format that stores bitmap image data with lossless compression. It supports transparency.
	TIF	Tagged Image File Format (*.tiff)  An image format with many compression and encoding settings. It is often used for image exchange in visual arts and publishing.  TIFF images exported by Harmony are uncompressed, encoded on a perpixel (interleaved) basis in PC byte order.
	DPX	Digital Picture Exchange (*.dpx)  A professional photo format that supports various different approaches to storing colour information, which can be used for storing, exchanging and editing raw information recorded by cameras. It is commonly used in film production.
	EXR	OpenEXR (*.exr)  A highly capable deep image format. Each pixel in an EXR file is exported with its Z-depth information. Additionally, if a pixel is semi-transparent, the color and depth information of pixels further back is stored along with

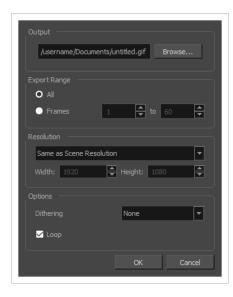
Parameter	Description		
	Format	Description	
		it. If your scene has multiplane or 3D elements, this format can be used for compositing your animation with other graphical elements in 3D animation software.	
		NOTES  OpenEXR files exported from Harmony are tagged with the white point and primaries coordinates for their colour space. OpenEXR files are always exported by Harmony always have 1 line Zip compression if they contain a 3D image.	
	PDF	Portable Document File (*.pdf)  Typically, PDF files are used to store, archive, share and print documents. However, Harmony uses the PDF format for its capability to store bitmap images and vector graphics.  If the write node is connected to a vector drawing layer or to a vector composite, the exported PDF files will contain the image as a vector graphic. It will ignore bitmap layers, effects and deformations. Otherwise, the PDF files will contain the rendered image as a bitmap.	
Colours	Depending on the selected file type, you can select one of the following colour modes:  • Colour: Exports images in three channels: red, green and blue.  • Colour + Alpha: Exports images in four channels: red, green, blue and alpha.  • Greyscale: Exports images in a single channel, grey.		
	NOTE Only some file types support Colour + Alpha and Greyscale.		
Depth	<ul> <li>8-bits / ch ranging fro</li> <li>16-bits /ch ranging fro precision,</li> </ul>	e selected file type, you can select one of the following colour depth:  nannel: The standard colour depth. Each channel can have a value from 0 and 255. Displays typically only support this much precision.  channel: Also known as double-precision. Each channel can have a value from 0 to 65,536. Although displays typically can't display at this this allows compositing several images with effects and feathering ausing any dithering.	

Parameter	Description
	he colour space in which to render your frames. The rendered frames will be converted from your scene's working colour space to the selected colour space.
	The following colour spaces are supported in Harmony:
	Scene W orking Colour Space: The same colour space as the one selected in the Colour Space tab of the Scene Settings dialog.
	<ul> <li>Linear: The same primaries and white point as sRGB and Rec. 709, but with no gamma transfer curve applied to the colour values. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in sRGB or Rec. 709.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Display P3: A colour space commonly used for digital projection. It has the same primaries as DCI-P3, the same white point as sRGB and the same gamma transfer curve as sRGB.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Display P3 Linear: The same as Display P3, except with no gamma transfer curve.         This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in Display P3.     </li> </ul>
Colour Space	<ul> <li>Rec. 709: The colour space used for HDTV. It has the same primaries and white point as sRGB, but has a different gamma transfer curve.</li> </ul>
Colour Space	<ul> <li>Rec. 709 2.4: The same colour space as Rec. 709 or sRGB, except with a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 (per ITU-R BT.1886). This colour space exists because some editing systems use a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 instead of the standard gamma curve for Rec. 709.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rec. 2020: A colour space used for Ultra High Definition TV (UHDTV). It has a complex gamma transfer curve and primaries that cover more of the human- perceivable colour space than other colour spaces, especially in the area of human-perceivable greens.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rec. 2020 2.4: The same colour space as Rec. 2020, except with a simple gamma transfer curve of 2.4 (per ITU-R BT.1886). This colour space exists because some editing systems use a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 instead of the standard gamma curve for Rec. 2020.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rec. 2020 Linear: The same colour space as Rec. 2020, except with no gamma transfer curve. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in Rec. 2020.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>sRGB: A colour space typically used for standard computer monitors. It has the same primaries and white point as Rec. 709, but has a different gamma transfer curve.</li> </ul>
Range	

Parameter	Description
All Frames	Exports all the frames in your scene.
Selected Frames	Allows you to specify the frame range to export using the two input fields to the right.  The first input field is for specifying the first frame to export, and the second one is for specifying the last frame to export. All the frames in-between, including the ones specified, will be exported.
Preview	If checked, the rendered frames will be opened in the Play application.
ОК	Renders the frames with the selected settings and closes the dialog box.
Cancel	Closes the dialog box without rendering frames.

## **Export to Animated GIF Dialog Box**

Using the Export to Animated GIF dialog box, you can export your scene, or an excerpt of it, as an animated GIF image.



Animated GIFs are a portable format commonly used for exchanging short animations and clips on the web. They can be played in any web browser and in many image viewers.

Animated GIFs are a convenient sharing format, but they are not a publishing format. They are not as optimized for fast download and playback as movie files, cannot contain audio and, most importantly, can only contain up to 256 different colours throughout the entire animation. Hence, if your animation contains textures or gradients, it is likely to lose quality when exported as an animated GIF, as Harmony will have to limit the amount of different colours used in the exported image.



### **NOTE**

For steps on how to use the Export to Animated GIF dialog box, see the User Guide.

### How to access the Export to Animated GIF dialog box

1. In the top menu, select File > Export > Animated GIF.

The Export to Animated GIF dialog box appears.



Parameter	Description	
Output	The full path and file name of the GIF file to export.	
Browse	Opens a dialog allowing you to browse to the desired export directory and enter the desired file name.	
Export Range		
AII	Exports all the frames in your scene.	
Frames	Allows you to specify a range of frames to render.	
Resolution		
Resolution list	<ul> <li>Lets you specify a resolution to export in relative to your scene's actual resolution:</li> <li>Same as Scene Resolution: Exports a movie in the same resolution as your scene's resolution.</li> <li>3/4 of Scene Resolution: Exports a movie at 75% of the scene's width and height.</li> <li>1/2 of Scene Resolution: Exports a movie at 50% of the scene's width and height.</li> <li>1/4 of Scene Resolution: Exports a movie at 25% of the scene's width and height.</li> <li>Custom: Allows you specify the preferred resolution of your exported video file, in pixels, in the W idth and Height fields.</li> </ul>	
Width	If you selected the Custom resolution, use this field to specify the width, in pixels, of the exported movie.	
Width	If you selected the Custom resolution, use this field to specify the height, in pixels, of the exported movie.	
Options	Options	
Dithering	Since GIF images can only have up to 256 colours, you have the option to add dithering to the rendered image. Dithering blends pixels of different colours where the image contains gradients to simulate colours that do not exist in the GIF image's colour palette.	

Parameter	Description
	None: No dithering will be applied. Each pixel rendered is rendered with the colour in the palette that is the closest to its actual colour.
	Diffusion: Blends pixels in irregular patterns to blend pixels and simulate the colour as closely as possible.
	<ul> <li>Pattern: Blends pixels in regular checkered patterns to simulate the colour without created clusters of pixels.</li> </ul>
Loop	If this option is checked, the exported GIF animation will loop when previewed in web browsers and other image viewers that support animated GIFs. Otherwise, it will only play once and stop.

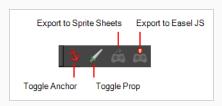
## **Export to Easel JS Dialog Box**

The Export to Easel JS window lets you flatten an image sequence of your animation. Even if you have a fully rigged puppet or a single drawing layer with your animation sequence, the outcome will still be a flattened output of each frame, grouped together in your sprite sheet. This allows for more flexibility and freedom of work as you have access to any tools or effect modules you want to use. However, this can result in heavier files depending on the length, complexity and export size of your animation.



### How to access the Export to Easel JS window

1. Select Windows > Toolbars > Game.



2. Click the Export to Easel JS 💑 button.

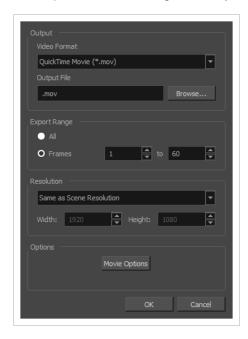
Parameter	Description
Select Directory	

Save Path	The folder path where you want to save your export.
Save Name	The folder name in which you will save your export. This will also be the name of your asset in Unity. Your scene file name will be used as the clip name.
Existing Clips in Folder	Displays the clips in the folder.
Scene Options	
Display	Here, you must select the Display of your character. This is the one that will be used to render out all of the information attached to that Display node. If the Unconnected_Display option is selected, all of the visual information in your scene will be rendered out.
Sprite Sheet Preferences	
Max Width	This is a value, in pixels, for the maximum width and height the exported sprite sheet should be. By default, both values are set to 2048 pixels.
Max Height	
Expand Sprite Sheet	Uses the minimum size necessary up until it reaches the maximum resolution.
Fixed Sprite Sheet	Creates a texture of the specified size (Max Width and Max Height) even if it does not fill it up completely by all the drawings in your scene.
Resolution Type	POT: Exports to sprite sheets with sizes that are a power of 2. For example: 1024 x 1024. This is optimized for many graphics cards, but consumes more memory.  NPOT: Some game engines are optimized specifically to render to non powers of two, so that it will avoid those numbers. Example: 1000 x 1000.
Reuse Frames	This option works in tandem with the Threshold option. The export will compare the drawings in your project to reuse a maximum of similar drawings and reduce the amount of information found in the sprite sheet, making it lighter. The export will omit the creation of new drawings if the difference is less than the threshold percentage.
Threshold	Calculates the differences between multiple drawings. A 2% threshold will prevent the creation of a new drawing if the drawing is too similar to an existing drawing. For instance, with a 2% threshold, and my drawing is 100 pixels big, only 2 of those pixels need to be different from my other drawing in order to

	create a new one. The higher the threshold, the fewer similar drawings you will have.
Sprite Resolutions	Size of the render of the individual sprite, when it exports each drawing out.

# **Export to Video Dialog Box**

The Export to Video dialog box lets you export your animation as a movie file.



## How to access the Export to QuickTime Movie dialog box

1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

Parameter	Description
Output	
Video Format	Allows you to choose one of the following movie formats:     QuickTime ProRes Movie (*.mov): The Apple QuickTime format. This is the default export format and is recommended for its portability, and also because it allows you to choose among several video codecs.



#### **NOTES**

- On Windows, <u>Apple QuickTime</u> must be installed to allow Harmony to export QuickTime movies. You can configure the export of QuickTime movies to use any codec that is compatible with QuickTime, including H.264, MPEG-4 and Animation.
- On macOS, Harmony uses Apple AVFoundation to export QuickTime movies, which allows you to export using codecs such as H.264, Apple ProRes 422 and Apple ProRes 4444, among others.
- If you are looking to export a QuickTime movie with transparency, be sure to choose a codec that supports encoding with an alpha channel.
- **H.264/MPEG-4 (\*.mov)**: A simple movie format that uses the H.264 codec, which is supported by most web browsers.



#### **NOTES**

- Using this format does not require additional software.
   However, if this is the first time you export a movie in
   H.264/MPEG-4 format, you will be prompted to download
   the OpenH264 library from Cisco. Simply click Yes when
   prompted, and Harmony will automatically download the
   library, then export the movie.
- There are no encoding options for this format.
- This format supports resolutions of up to 4096×2304. Each dimension must be a multiple of 16 pixels.
- Audio exported in this format is encoded in PCM 16-bit stereo, 22.05 kHz.
- W indows Media Video (\*.wmv): The native format for W indows Media Player.



### **NOTES**

- Windows Media Video (.wmv) files can only be exported on Windows.
- Video players and editors on non-Windows systems can generally not open Windows Media Video (.wmv) files.

Output file	The full path and file name of the movie file to export.
Browse	Opens a dialog allowing you to browse to the desired export directory and enter the desired filename.

Export Range	
All	Exports all the frames in your scene.
Frames	Allows you to specify the frame range to export using the two input fields to the right. The first input field is for specifying the first frame to export, and the second one is for specifying the last frame to export. All the frames inbetween, including the ones specified, will be exported.
Resolution	
Resolution list	Allows you to specify a resolution to export in, relative to your scene's actual resolution:  • Same as Scene Resolution: Exports a movie in the same resolution as
	<ul> <li>your scene's resolution.</li> <li>3/4 of Scene Resolution: Exports a movie at 75% of the scene's width and height.</li> </ul>
	1/2 of Scene Resolution: Exports a movie at 50% of the scene's width and height.
	1/4 of Scene Resolution: Exports a movie at 25% of the scene's width and height.
	<ul> <li>Custom: Allows you specify the preferred resolution of your exported video file, in pixels, in the Width and Height fields.</li> </ul>
Width / Height	Lets you specify the width and height of video file you wish to export, in pixels.  To preserve your scene's aspect ratio, changing the value of the Width or  Height field will automatically update the other field with a proportional value.
Options	
Movie Options	Opens the movie settings dialog box for your selected video format, in which you can set the video and audio compression settings for your video file:  • QuickTime Movie (*.mov) on Windows: Movie Options Dialog Box (macOS),
	QuickTime Movie (*.mov) on macOS: QuickTime Movie Settings Dialog     Box (Windows)
	Windows Media Video (*.wmv): Windows Media Video Settings Dialog     Box (Windows)

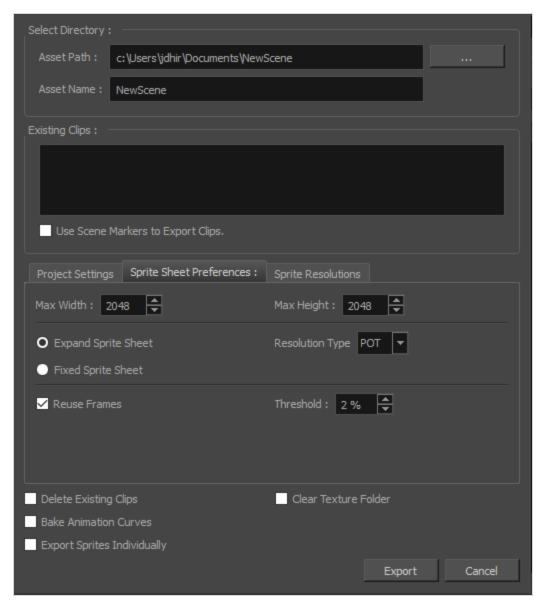
## **Export to Sprite Sheet Dialog Box**

The Export to Sprite Sheets window export to multiple resolutions, generating multiple .xml files and one or multiple sprites sheets depending how many sprite resolutions you defined.

This saves different animations of the same character into the same name. For example, if there's an idle, run, and jump animation, these should all share the same Save Name. You can think of it as the overall collection of animations. Inside are the different saved scene versions whose drawings you can reuse for all the animations in that character set. Each scene version will be displayed as an item in the list.

When you export an animation, only the drawings used in that scene are exported. All the drawings are exported individually first and then atlased together into a sprite sheet.

If you saved multiple animations to the same Save Name (i.e. SpaceDuck: run, idle), then it will reatlas the sprite sheet to include all the drawings from all the animations in that folder, creating a new animation file, but reusing the same skeleton.



## How to access the Export to Sprite Sheets window

### 1. Select Windows > Toolbars > Game.



# 2. Click the Export to Sprite Sheets $\hat{\omega}$ button.

Parameter	Description
Select Directory	
Asset Path	The folder path where you want to save your export.
Asset Name	The folder name in which you will save your export. This will also be the name of your asset in Unity. Your scene file name will be used as the clip name.
Existing Clips in Folder	
Preview Window	Displays a list of pre-existing clips in the same export folder location, most likely exported there from a previous time.
Use Scene Markers to Export Clips	Uses scene markers to define the export range, instead of exporting the entire scene.
Project Settings	
Unit Scale	Lets you change the scale when exporting to Unity to accommodate the size of the export without it affecting the Harmony scene. This helps you resize assets properly for Unity without having to resize them in Harmony. The basic scale is one Animation Field for one Unity unit.
Preset	Lets you select the unit conversion from Harmony to Unity, by selecting one of 4 presets. Note: a field is a unit of measure in traditional animation grid.
Sprite Sheet Preferences	

Max Width	This is a value, in pixels, for the maximum width and height the exported sprite sheet should be. By default, both values are set to 2048 pixels.
Max Height	Makes linear values for interpolation. This increases the amount of memory used but frees up the calculation so it is not done on the fly.
Expand Sprite Sheet	Uses the minimum size necessary up until it reaches the maximum resolution.
Fixed Sprite Sheet	Creates a texture of the specified size (Max Width and Max Height) even if it does not fill it up completely by all the drawings in your scene.
Resolution Type	POT: Exports to sprite sheets with sizes that are a power of 2. For example: 1024 x 1024. This is optimized for many graphics cards, but consumes more memory.  NPOT: Some game engines are optimized specifically to render to non powers of two, so that it will avoid those numbers. Example: 1000 x 1000.
Reuse Frames	This option works in tandem with the Threshold option. The export will compare the drawings in your project to reuse a maximum of similar drawings and reduce the amount of information found in the sprite sheet, making it lighter. The export will omit the creation of new drawings if the difference is less than the threshold percentage.
Threshold	Calculates the differences between multiple drawings. A 2% threshold will prevent the creation of a new drawing if the drawing is too similar to an existing drawing. For instance, with a 2% threshold, and my drawing is 100 pixels big, only 2 of those pixels need to be different from my other drawing in order to create a new one. The higher the threshold, the fewer similar drawings you will have.
Sprite Resolutions	Size of the render of the individual sprite, when it exports each drawing out.
Delete Existing Clips	Select this option to delete any pre-existing clips in the export location.
Bake Animation Curves	Makes linear values for interpolation. This increases the amount of memory used but frees up the calculation so it is not done on the fly.
Clear Texture Folder	Removes any information from the texture folder within the Harmony file. This has no incidence towards the Unity export but contributes to a lighter Harmony file.
Export Sprites Individually	Exports each drawing separately instead of putting them inside a spritesheet.

This allows the game engine to deal with sprite sheets or sprite atlases at the import.	
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# **Extend Exposure Dialog Box**

The Extend Exposure dialog box lets you extend the exposure of a selected cell in the Timeline or Xsheet.



### How to access the Extend Exposure dialog box

- 1. Select a cell and do one of the following:
  - From the top menu, select **Animation > Cell > Extend Exposure**.
  - Press F5.

The Extend Exposure dialog box opens.

Parameter	Description
Extend to Frame	Lets you enter the frame up to which you want to extend the exposure. You can expose the drawing in the frames and replace the drawings that were originally there or move the subsequent frames forward in time.
Overwrite	Lets you expose the drawing in the frames and replace the drawings that were orginally there.
Insert	Lets you expose the drawing in the frames and move the subsequent frames forward in the Timeline view.

# **Import Images Dialog Box**

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The Import Images dialog box lets you import bitmap images and vectorize them, making the images editable. Then you can use a variety of drawing tools to edit the image. Or you can always keep the original bitmap image as is.

Also, you can choose to import bitmap images on bitmap or vector layers depending on your project.

#### How to open the Import Images dialog box

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - From the top menu, select File > Import > Images.
  - In the File toolbar, click the Import Images is button.
  - In the Xsheet view, right-click anywhere in the frame area and select Import >
    Images.

The Import Images dialog box opens.



Parameter	Description
Files	
Browse	Lets you find and select images on your computer.
Layer	

Create Layers(s)	Create layers for imported images.
Create Single Layer Named	Creates a new layer with the specified name and imports the images into it.
Create Layer(s) Based on Filenames	Creates a layer based on each unique filename prefix. For example, if you import three files named a-1.tga, a-2.tga and b-1.tga, this will create two layers, one named "a" and one named "b". Layer "a" will contain the two first images and "b" will contain the third one.
Add to Existing Layer	Imports the images into the specified layer. Note that you can only import into layers that are compatible with your import options. For example, if you're importing images as vector drawings, you can only import them into vector drawing layers.
Vectorization	
Vectorize Image	Imports a drawing and converts it to a Toon Boom vector drawing.
Colour	Imports bitmaps as vector objects with their image as a bitmap texture. The resulting drawing can be drawn or erased over, but not repainted or tweaked.
Black and White	Vectorizes drawings with a solid black line. This creates a 100% vector-based drawing and paints it with the Vectorized Line colour swatch from your scene's palette.
Threshold	Determines what values in the scanned image will be considered as part of the drawing, and what will be ignored and eliminated in the vectorized drawing. The lower the value, the darker the image and vice versa.
Smooth	Determines how smooth the lines will be. The lower the value, the more detail will be retained. The higher the value, the more polished and easy to edit the lines will be.

# **Marker Dialog Box**

The Timeline Scene Marker dialog box lets you create and manage scene markers in the Timeline view.



Scene markers are visual indicators displayed at the top of the Timeline view in the frame counter area. You can use it to denote anything relevant to your work. You can indicate the frames you want to clean up, a change in action, an impact, or where you intend to apply an effect. You can also add a note to a scene marker. If you hold the mouse cursor over a scene marker, its name, starting frame, duration and note will be displayed in the tool tip box.

#### How to access the Timeline Scene Marker dialog box

- 1. In the Timeline view, do one of the following:
  - If you want to create a scene marker at a single frame, select that frame on any layer.
  - If you want to create a scene marker that spans over several frames, select this range of frame on any layer.
- 2. Right-click on the ruler at the top of the Timeline view and, in the context menu, select **Scene Markers > Create Scene Marker**.





### NOTE

If your scene already contains scene markers, you can also open this dialog box by clicking on a scene marker to select it, then right-clicking anywhere on the timeline ruler and selecting **Scene Markers > Edit** in the contextual menu.

Parameter	Description
Name	The name of the marker.
Time	The frame number at which the marker starts.
Duration	The amount of frames during which the marker spans.  TIP  You can set the duration to zero to make a marker that just points at the starting frame.
Colour	Allows you to select a colour for the scene marker.
Note	Allows you to type a description for the scene marker.

# Mini Playback Dialog Box

The Mini Playback dialog box allows you to configure and start Mini Playback. Mini Playback allows you to quickly preview a short span of animation starting a few frames before the current frame and ending a few frames after the current frame, at a customizable frame rate.



### How to access the Mini Playback dialog

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the top menu, select Play > Mini Playback.
  - In the Mini Playback toolbar, click on the 🚬 Mini Playback Dialog button.

Icon	Parameter	Description
	Frame Rate	The speed at which Mini Playback should play your animation. By default, it is set to <b>Same as Scene</b> to play at the same pace as your scene's frame rate. Otherwise, you can choose among a set of commonly used frame rates.
	Before	The amount of frames before the current frame at which to start Mini Playback.
	Play	Starts Mini Playback. Playback will start at the amount of frames in the <b>Before</b> field before the current frame, and end at the amount of frames in the <b>After</b> field after the current frame, at the frame rate in the <b>Frame Rate</b> drop-down.
	After	The amount of frames after the current frame at which to end Mini Playback.

# **Movie Options Dialog Box (macOS)**

The Movie Options dialog box allows you to configure the video and audio settings when exporting a movie in QuickTime Movie (.mov) format on macOS.





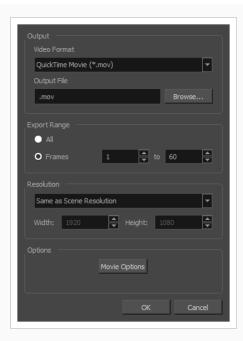
#### **NOTES**

• For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.

### How to access the Movie Settings dialog box

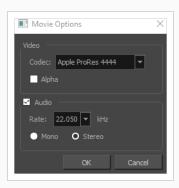
1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

The Export Movie dialog box appears.



- 2. In the **Movie Format** drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).
- 3. Click on the Movie Options button.

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.



4. In the Codec drop-down, select any of the movie options.

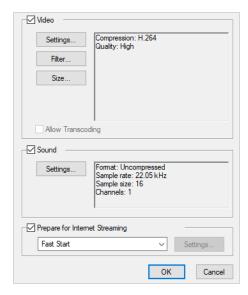
Parameter	Description
Video	
Codec	Allows you to select which algorithm to use to compress the video data. The following video codecs are supported:  • H.264 Legacy: A very effective lossy compression algorithm that is commonly supported by web browsers and media players.  • H.265 Legacy: Same compression quality as H.264, but with a smaller compression

Parameter	Description
	size. This is useful for videos intended for the web and mobile devices. Not supported on all major browsers or operating systems.
	Apple ProRes 422 Legacy: A nearly lossless compression algorithm commonly used for video editing on Apple systems. This codec is optimized for preserving video quality, but not for publishing or streaming.
	Apple ProRes 422 HQ Legacy: Preserves visual quality at the same high level as Apple ProRes 4444 but for 4:2:2 image sources (cleaner footage for things like green screening). Heavier than Apple ProRes 422 for real-time editing performance.
	Apple ProRes 422 LT Legacy: A more highly compressed codec than Apple ProRes 422, with roughly 70 percent of the data rate and 30 percent smaller file sizes. This codec is perfect for environments with limited storage capacity and data rates.
	Apple ProRes 422 Proxy Legacy: An even more highly compressed codec than Apple ProRes 422 LT, intended for use in offline workflows that require low data rates but full-resolution video.
	Apple ProRes 4444 Legacy: A nearly lossless compression algorithm commonly used for video editing on Apple systems. Compared to Apple ProRes 422, this codec preserves more colour detail and supports transparency. However, it results in heavier file sizes.
	Check this option if you want to export a video with transparency.
Alpha	NOTE This option is only available when exporting with the Apple ProRes 4444 codec. Other codecs do not support transparency.
Sound	Uncheck this checkbox if you want to export a movie without an audio track.
	Allows you to select the sample rate, or frequency, in which to export the audio track for the movie.
Rate	NOTE  Harmony cannot export audio at a higher sample rate than 22.050 kHz. If you select a higher sample rate, your project's audio will be upsampled, which means it will take more disc space without increasing in quality.
Use	Allows you to select whether to export the movie's audio track using the <b>Mono</b> or <b>Stereo</b> channel mode.

Parameter	Description
	NOTE Stereo sound has a separate track for the left and right speakers, whereas mono sound only has a single audio track for all speakers.

# **QuickTime Movie Settings Dialog Box (Windows)**

The Movie Settings dialog box allows you to configure the video and audio compression settings when exporting a QuickTime Movie (.mov) file.





#### **NOTES**

- For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.
- This dialog can only be accessed on Windows and requires Apple QuickTime to be installed.

#### How to access the QuickTime Movie Settings dialog box

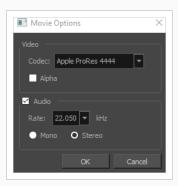
1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

The Export Movie dialog box appears.



- 2. In the **Movie Format** drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).
- 3. Click on the Movie Options button.

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.



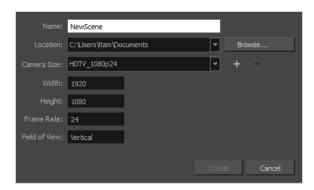
4. In the Codec drop-down, select any of the movie options.

Parameter	Description
Video	
Settings	Opens the Standard Video Compression Settings dialog box. This is where you can set the video compression settings for the movie you will export—see <u>QuickTime Standard Video Compression Settings Dialog Box (Windows)</u> on page 85.

Filter	Opens the Choose Video Filter dialog box, where you can select from a range of filters to apply to your video export.
Size	Opens the Export Size Settings dialog box. This dialog is available because of the way the Apple QuickTime interface is designed, but its settings are not taken in account by Harmony. The size of the exported video is determined by Harmony.
Sound	
Settings	Opens the Sound Settings dialog box. This is where you can you set the sound compression settings for the movie you will export—see <a href="QuickTime Sound">QuickTime Sound</a> <a href="Settings Dialog Box (Windows)">Settings Dialog Box (Windows)</a> on page 82.
	If this option is enabled, the video will be optimized to start playing while it is downloading, as videos do in web browsers and web-based streaming applications.  • Fast Start: The video plays as soon as enough data required to start
Prepare for Internet Streaming	playback has been downloaded.  • Fast Start - Compressed Header: Same as Fast Start, except the header
	<ul> <li>is compressed for an even faster start. Requires QuickTime 3.0 or later.</li> <li>Hinted Streaming: Allows you to optimize the movie file for streaming through QuickTime Server Software. Click on the Settings button to configure how hints are created in your movie file.</li> </ul>

# **New Scene Dialog Box**

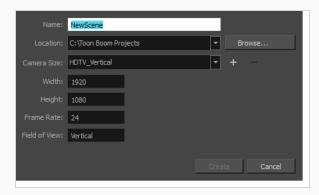
The New Scene window lets you create a new scene.



#### How to access the New Scene window

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - From the top menu, select File > New.
  - In the File toolbar, click the New 📘 button.
  - Press Ctrl + N (Windows/Linux) or # + N (macOS).

The New Scene dialog box opens.

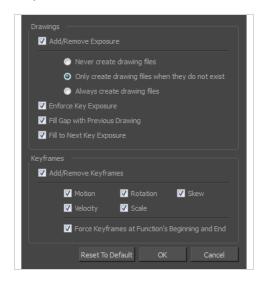


Parameter	Description
Name	Lets you type in a name for the new scene.
Location	Lists the locations you used most frequently for storing scenes.
Browse	Opens a browser in which you can specify a location for the new scene that is not listed in the Location list.

Camera Size	Opens a list of resolutions.
+ (Create Custom Resolution)	Opens the New Resolution window in which you can create a custom resolution that is added to the Camera Size list.
- (Delete Custom Resolution)	Lets you remove a custom resolution from the Camera Size list.
Width	Indicates the width of the resolution you chose from the Camera Size list.
Frame Rate	Indicates the frame rate of the resolution you chose from the Camera Size list.

# **Paste Preset Dialog Box**

When pasting key frames and exposures, you can modify the existing presets to your liking. There are three presets you can modify: the default presets for both key frames and exposures, key frames only and exposures only.



Parameter	Description		
Drawings			
	<b>Never create drawing files</b> : When adding exposures to a drawing layer, drawing files will not be created.		
Add/Remove Exposure	Only create drawing files when they do not exist: When adding exposures to a drawing layer, new drawings will be created only when drawings with the same name do not already exist in the destination.		
	Always create drawing files: When adding exposures to a drawing layer, new drawings will always be created. If drawing files with the same name already exist, Harmony will create a new name for the drawing.		
Enforce Key Exposure	If there are key exposures that exist on copied drawings, they are preserved when pasting. No key exposures are added. This is the default behavior when pasting.		
Fill Gap with Previous Drawing	Fills selected area in the Xsheet or Timeline view with the previous drawing.		
Fill to Next Key Exposure	Fills selected area till the next key exposure.		

Keyframes	
Add/Remove Keyframes	Motion: Copies the properties of the selected motion keyframe to the new frame.
	<b>Velocity</b> : Copies the properties of the selected velocity keyframe to the new frame.
	<b>Rotation</b> : Copies the properties of the selected rotation keyframe to the new frame.
	Scale: Copies the properties of the selected scale keyframe to the new frame.
	<b>Skew</b> : Copies the properties of the selected skew keyframe to the new frame.
	Force Keyframes at Function's Beginning and End: Adds a keyframe to the beginning and end of the pasted function, reproducing the source function.

## **Paste Special Dialog Box**

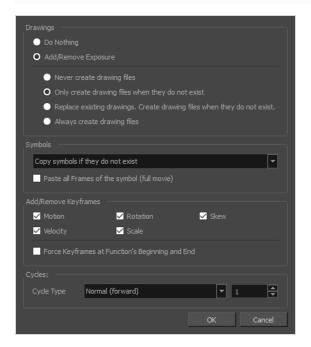
The Paste Special dialog box lets you determine how templates and symbols are imported in the Timeline view.

When you import a template in the Timeline view, all layers are created as well as drawings and keyframes. You can choose to import only the keyframes without the drawings or import only the drawings that are not already in your layers. You can adjust the behaviour using the Paste Special dialog box. When you import a symbol in your scene, its full length is exposed by default. If you import a symbol in the Timeline view's left side, all the frames will be exposed. However, if you import it into an existing layer, you can use the Paste Special dialog box to adjust the import behaviour to fit your requirements. Once you set the parameters, Harmony will reuse them each time you import a symbol in the Timeline view's right side until you set new parameters.

#### How to access the Paste Special dialog box

- 1. In the Library view, select the symbol or template to import.
- 2. Do one of the following:
  - While holding down the Alt key, click and drag on the template, then drop it on the Timeline view, over the layer and at the frame where you want to paste it.
  - Press Ctrl + C (Windows/Linux) or # + C (macOS). Then, in the Timeline view, click on the frame where you want to paste the template and press Ctrl + B (Windows/Linux) or # + B (macOS)

The Paste Special dialog box opens.

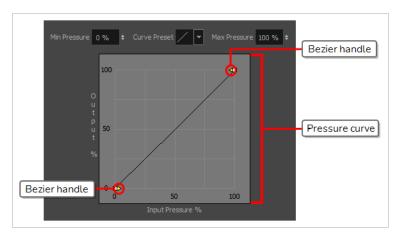


Parameter	Description			
Drawings				
Do Nothing	Does not create or overwrite drawings.			
	<b>Never create drawing files</b> : When adding exposures to a drawing layer, drawing files will not be created.			
	Only create drawing files when they do not exist: When adding exposures to a drawing layer, new drawings will be created only when drawings with the same name do not already exist in the destination.			
Add/Remove Exposure	Replace existing drawings. Create drawing files when they do not exist:  Replace drawings with the same names to update a scene with new modified drawings and preserve the animation.			
	<b>Tip</b> : If you don't want to lose the existing animation when pasting a template, such as when placing new drawings after the animation, then delete the template's animation. It will still have updated the drawings but not override the existing animation.			
	Always create drawing files: When adding exposures to a drawing layer, new drawings will always be created. If drawing files with the same name already exist, Harmony will create a new name for the drawing.			
Symbols				
Copy symbols if they do not exist	This is the default setting for this operation and will prevent Symbols in an Action template from being copied.			
Duplicate symbols	Creates a duplicate of the symbol instead of linking the Symbol instance to the original one. The new Symbol is created in the Library.			
Paste all Frames of the symbol (full movie)	When enabled, the Paste Special command exposes all the symbol's frames instead of only the first one.			
Add Remove/Keyframes				
Motion	Copies the properties of the selected motion keyframe to the new frame.			

Velocity	Copies the properties of the selected velocity keyframe to the new frame.	
Rotation	Copies the properties of the selected rotation keyframe to the new frame.	
Scale	Copies the properties of the selected scale keyframe to the new frame.	
Skew	Copies the properties of the selected skew keyframe to the new frame.	
Force Keyframes at Function's Beginning and End	Adds a keyframe to the beginning and end of the pasted function, reproducing the source function.	
Cycles		
	Normal (forward): Pastes your selection as is, starting with the first cell and ending with the last.	
Cuals Time	Reverse: Pastes your selection in reverse, starting with the last cell and ending with the first.	
Cycle Type	Forward > Reverse: Pastes your selection as a yo-yo, starting with the first cell, going to the last one and ending with the first cell.	
	Reverse > Forward: Pastes your selection as a reverse yo-yo, starting with the last cell, going to the first one and ending with the last cell.	
Number of Cycles	Lets you set the number of cycles.	

# Pen Pressure Feel Dialog Box

The Pen Pressure Feel dialog box allows you to configure how Harmony processes the pressure you put on your tablet pen to apply it to the size of your drawing tool.



By default, Harmony applies the pressure you put on your pen to your tool in a linear fashion. That is, if you put 25% of the maximum pressure on your pen, your tool's size will be 25% of the way between its minimum and maximum size. If you put 75% of the maximum pressure on your pen, your tool's size will be 75% of the way between its minimum and maximum size.

However, you may find that it would feel more natural, or that it would make it easier to control the size of your drawing strokes, if Harmony interpreted the pressure you put on your pen differently. For example, you may want Harmony to make your brush strokes small unless you put a lot of pressure on your pen, or you may want Harmony to make your brush strokes big unless you put very little pressure on your pen. This is where the Pen Pressure Feel dialog box comes in handy.



#### NOTE

For information on how to use the Pen Pressure Feel dialog, refer to the User Guide.

#### How to access the Pen Pressure Feel dialog

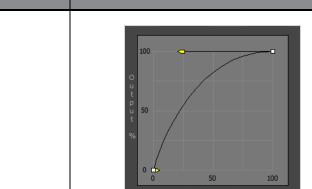
- 1. Add the Pen Settings toolbar to your workspace by doing one of the following:
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Toolbars > Pen Settings.
  - Right-click on any existing toolbar and, in the context menu, select Pen Settings.



2. In the Pen Settings toolbar, click on the 4 Pen Pressure Feel button.

The Pen Pressure Feel dialog appears.

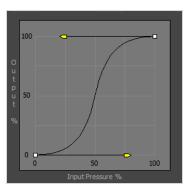
Parameter	Description
	The percentage of your pen's maximum pressure you must apply before Harmony registers that you are drawing. If you increase this setting, you can lightly brush your tablet with your pen without drawing, and you must apply a certain amount of pressure on it to draw.
Min Pressure	For example, if you set this to 15%, you can apply up to 15% of your pen's maximum pressure without actually drawing. If you apply exactly 15% of your pen's maximum pressure, Harmony will draw a stroke in your tool's minimum size.
	By default, this is set to 0%, which means that just brushing the tablet with your pen will draw in your tool's minimum size. You can increase this setting up to 25%.
Curve Preset	Allows you to instantly apply a curve preset to the pressure curve below.
	The percentage of your pen's maximum pressure at which point your drawing tool should draw in its maximum size.
Max Pressure	For example, if you set this to 80%, your drawing tool will draw in its maximum size if you apply 80% of your tablet pen's maximum pressure.
	By default, this is set to 100%, which means you have to press your tablet pen all the way to draw in your drawing tool's maximum size. You can decrease this setting down to 75%.
	This curve determines how to process the amount of pressure you apply to your tablet pen into your drawing tool's size.
	By default, it is linear, meaning that the amount of pressure you put on your tablet pen is directly applied to the size of your drawing tool. By moving the two Bezier handles between the extremities of the curve, you can change the curve's shape.
	If you make an ease-in curve like the one below, the size of your drawing strokes will tend to be closer to the minimum size of your drawing tool, unless you apply a lot of pressure on your tablet pen.
Pressure Curve	100 100 50 100 Input Pressure %
	<ul> <li>If you make an ease-out curve like the one below, the size of your drawing strokes will tend to be closer to the maximum size of your drawing tool, unless you apply very little pressure on your tablet pen.</li> </ul>



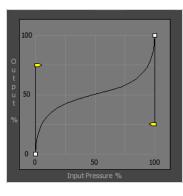
Description

Parameter

 If you make an ease-in-ease-out curve like the one below, the size of your drawing strokes will tend to be closer to the minimum size of your drawing tool when applying light pressure, and to be closer to the maximum size of your drawing tool when applying more pressure, but it will rarely be the median between the minimum and the maximum size.

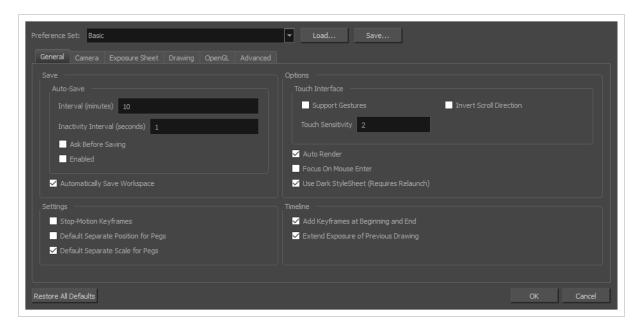


• If you make an ease-out-ease-in curve like the one below, the size of your drawing strokes will tend to be closer to median between the minimum and maximum size of your drawing tool, unless you apply very little or a lot of pressure on your tablet pen.



# **Preferences Dialog Box**

The Preferences dialog box allows you to adjust preferences to suit your workflow and your production's needs.





#### **NOTE**

For a list of all the preferences as well as their functionality, refer to the Preferences guide.

#### How to open the Preferences dialog box

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - Windows:
    - In the top menu, select Edit > Preferences.
    - Press Ctrl + U.
  - · macOS:
    - In the top menu, select Harmony Essentials > Preferences.
    - Press # + U.

Paramet er	Description						
	This drop-down allows you to select among one of the available preference presets.  The different preference presets have a lot of settings in common. The following table lists how each preset differs for specific preferences:						
	Preference Set						
	Tab / Location	Preferenc e	Basic	Compositin g	Cutout Animatio n	Paperless Animatio n	Rigging
Preferenc		Focus on Mouse Enter	Off	On	On	On	On
e Set	General	Default Separate Position for Pegs	Off	Off	On	Off	On
		Stop- Motion Keyframe s	Off	Off	On	Off	On
	Pencil Tool Propertie s	Auto Close Gap	On	On	On	On	Off
Save	Allows you to export your current preference settings as an XML file, which you can import later.						
Load	Allows you to browse for and import a preference file that was exported with the <b>Save</b> button.						
Preferenc e Tabs	Where you can browse for and change preferences.  NOTE  For a list of all the preferences as well as their functionality, refer to the Preferences guide.						

Paramet er	Description
Restore All Defaults	Restores all your preferences to their default setting for the selected preference set.
ОК	Commits your changes to the preferences and closes the dialog.
Cancel	Undoes your changes to the preferences and closes the dialog.

# **Recolour Drawings Dialog Box**

The Recolour Drawing dialog box allows you to replace all instances of a colour or texture in drawings with a different colour or texture swatch in one of the scene's palettes. This replaces the colours or textures in the drawings without requiring you to modify the palettes. You can use this dialog to perform colour replacement in the current drawing, in all the drawings in one or several layers or in all drawings in your scene.

This dialog will replace the colour or texture that is currently selected in the Colour view with the colour or texture that you select inside the dialog.



### How to access the Recolour Drawings dialog

- 1. In the Colour view, select the colour or texture swatch you want to replace by doing one of the following:
  - Select the palette in which the colour or texture swatch is located, then select the swatch you wish to replace.
  - If the drawing in the Camera or Drawing view contains the colour or texture you want to replace, select the Colour Eyedropper / tool in the Tools toolbar, then click on that colour or texture in the drawing. The Colour view will automatically select that colour or texture's palette as well as that colour or texture's swatch.

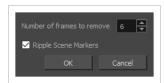
### 2. Do one of the following:

- Right-click on the swatches list, then select **Recolour Drawings**.
- Open the Colour view menu  $\equiv$ , then select **Colours > Recolour Drawings**.

Parameter	Description			
Replace Colour In	<ul> <li>Allows you to select which drawings will be affected by the colour replacement:         <ul> <li>Current drawing: Replaces the selected colour in the currently selected drawing only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>All drawings in the currently selected layers: Replaces the selected colour in all the drawings in the layer that is currently selected in the Timelime or Xsheet view.         <ul> <li>NOTE</li> <li>This option can work with several drawing layers selected.</li> </ul> </li> <li>All drawings in the scene: Replaces the selected colour in every drawing in the current scene.</li> </ul>			
Replacement Colour	Allows you to select the palette and colour or texture swatch to replace the selected colour or texture with.			

# **Remove Frames Dialog Box**

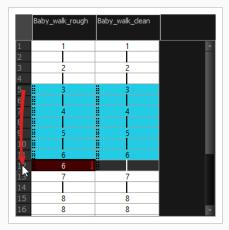
The Add Frames dialog box allows you to remove a range of frames from your scene. All the keyframes and the exposed drawings in the removed range will be deleted, and the keyframes and exposed drawings after the removed range will be offset backwards, so as to close the gap.



### How to access the Remove Frames dialog box

1. In the Timeline or Xsheet view, select a frame or a range of frames.





- 2. Do one of the following:
  - From the top menu, select **Scene > Frame > Remove Selected Frames**.
  - In the Xsheet view, right-click and select Frame > Remove Selected Frames.

The Add Frames dialog box appears.

Parameter	Description
Number of frames to remove	The amount of frames to remove. The range of frame that will be removed starts from the selected frame—or the first selected frame, if a range of frames is selected—and ends after the selected number of frames.

Parameter	Description	
	By default, this is set to the amount of selected frames.	
Ripple Scene Markers	If checked, scene markers after the removed frames will be offset backward to remain synchronized with the keyframes and drawings in your scene. If unchecked, scene markers will remain in place while everything else after the removed frames is offset.	

# **Scene Settings Dialog Box**

The Scene Settings dialog box lets you select settings for the resolution of your scene.

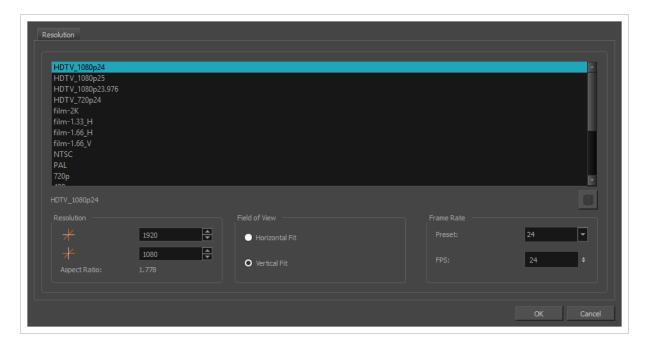
You are already required to select resolution settings when creating a scene, but those settings can also be modified later using the Scene Settings dialog box.

### How to access the Scene Settings dialog box

1. In the top menu, select Scene > Scene Settings.

The Scene Settings dialog box opens.

### **Resolution Tab**



The resolution tab allows you to set the width and height of your scene in pixels as well as whether the angle of the field of view.

Icon	Parameter	Description
	Resolution Presets	You can select your project's resolution (camera frame size) from this preset list.  • HDTV_1080p24: The standard definition for high definition television at 24 frames per second, mostly used in the Americas and some Asian countries that used the NTSC standard for analogue television.

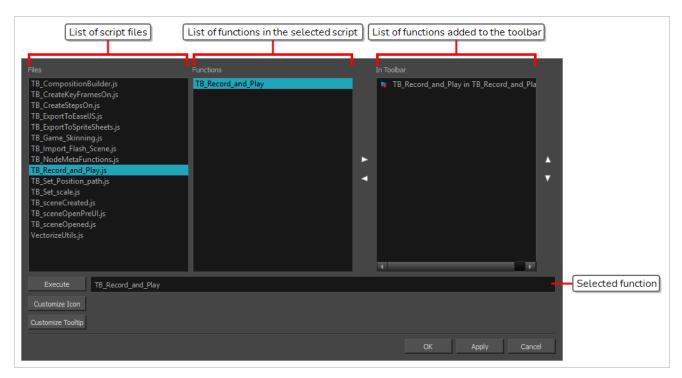
Icon	Parameter	Description
		HDTV_1080p25: The standard definition for high definition television at 25 frames per second, usually for broadcasting in European, African, Asian and Australian countries that used the PAL or SECAM standard for analogue television.
		HDTV_1080p23.976: The standard definition for high definition television at 23.976 frames per second. This is useful if the remainder of your pipeline uses the 23.976 framerate for legacy reasons.
		<ul> <li>HDTV_720p24: The former standard high definition resolution at 24 frames per second.</li> </ul>
		film-2K: A standard HD format for film projectors with a low aspect ratio.
		film-1.33_H: The standard resolution for the academy film format that conforms to the standard 4:3 aspect ratio.
		film-1.66_H: The standard resolution for widescreen film format that conforms to the 16:9 aspect ratio.
		<ul> <li>film-1.66_V: The standard resolution for widescreen film format, but with a vertical field of view.</li> </ul>
		NTSC: The standard resolution and framerate for analogue standard definition televisions in most of the Americas (except Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina), Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines and Myanmar.
		<ul> <li>PAL: The standard resolution and framerate for analogue standard definition televisions in Europe, Africa, Australia, most of Asia, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>720p-240p: A series of standard widescreen presets named after their resolution heights.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>low: A resolution based on NTSC with half of its standard dimensions.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Web_Video: A legacy format for web streaming.</li> </ul>
		Game_512: A preset for the gaming pipeline, with a square canvas.
		HDTV: The standard definition for high definition television at 24 frames per second, with a horizontal fit field of view.
		HDTV_Vertical: The standard definition for high definition television at 24 frames per second, with a vertical fit field of view.

Icon	Parameter	Description
	Selected Resolution Preset	Displays the name of the selected resolution preset just below the presets list. If you have made any changes to the resolution since selecting a preset, this will display "(custom)".
	Save Resolution Setting	Allows you to save the current resolution settings as a new preset. If you have a resolution preset selected, this button is only available if you have made changes to the resolution since selecting the preset. You will be prompted to type in the name of the new resolution preset.
	Resolution	The resolution of the scene defines the width and height of the canvas in pixels. By default, the scene will be rendered in this resolution.
*	Scene Width	The width of the resolution for the scene, in pixels.
*	Scene Height	The width of the resolution for the scene, in pixels.
	Aspect Ratio	Displays the ratio between the horizontal and vertical dimensions of the scene. For example, if the scene width and height are the same value, this ratio equals 1. The standard aspect ratio for widescreen televisions is 1.777. For legacy displays, it is 1.333.
	Field of View	<ul> <li>The angle of the field of view, which determines the size of the camera cone as well as the way the field grid used to position elements is adjusted to fit the scene.</li> <li>Horizontal Fit: The field of view is automatically adjusted so that the field grid and camera cone fit the horizontal length of the scene.</li> <li>Vertical Fit: The field of view is automatically adjusted so that the field grid and camera cone fits the vertical length of the scene.</li> </ul>

Icon	Parameter	Description
		NOTE  Objects in Harmony are positioned in fields, based on a traditional animation grid which extends to 12 fields from the center in each direction, and which has 4:3 proportions by default. In a scene with 4:3 proportions, this grid fits the camera field perfectly. However, since most scenes have an aspect ratio of 16:9, the grid does not fit the camera field perfectly. If the field of view is Horizontal Fit, the grid's width will match the scene's width, but will extend beyond its vertical edges. If the field of view is Vertical Fit, the grid's height will match the scene's height, will not extends to its horizontal edges.
	Frame Rate	The amount of animation frames to play each second. Increasing the FPS will make your animation play faster, and decreasing it will make it play slower.  • Preset: Allows you to select a frame rate for your scene among one of many commonly used preset frame rates.  • FPS:Allows you to type in the frame rate for your scene.  NOTE  The standard framerate for film production is 24 frames per second. However, televisions in some countries play at 25 frames per second. Some productions may use 23.976 frames per second to preserve compatibility with legacy standard displays.

# **Scripts Manager Dialog Box**

The Scripts Manager dialog allows you to create buttons in the Scripting toolbar. Each button you create can run a specific function in one of your scripts. You can also choose an icon and a tool tip for the button, if you want.





#### **NOTE**

For tasks related to this dialog box, see the User Guide.

## How to access the Scripts Manager Dialog Box

- 1. Add the Scripting toolbar to your workspace by doing one of the following:
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Toolbars > Scripting.
  - Right-click on any existing toolbar and select Scripting.
- 2. In the Scripting toolbar, click on the  $f_{\vee}$  Manage Scripts button.

The Scripts Manager dialog box opens.

Parameter	Description
Files	A list of the available JavaScript files.

Functions	A list of the available functions for the selected script.
In Toolbar	The list of script functions already added to the Scripting toolbar.
Execute	Runs the selected function.  TIP  Press Esc to interrupt the execution of the script.
Customize Icon	Allows you to select an icon for the toolbar button. Clicking on this button will open an Open dialog prompting you to browse for and select a .png, .jpg, .xpm or .svg file.
Customize Tooltip	Allows you to type in a custom tooltip for the toolbar button.

# **Select Colour Dialog Box**

The Select Colour dialog box lets you set the colour of layers and columns. Using colours for layers and columns helps to differentiate them visually, making them easy to identify.

You can select a colour by choosing from a basic set of colours, using the colour wheel or by specifying the HSV or RGB values. Once you have selected a colour, you can adjust its intensity and save it as a custom colour that you can reuse.



#### How to access the Select Colour dialog box in the Timeline view

1. In the Timeline view, click the Change Track Colour button of the layer you want to modify.



The Select Colour dialog box opens.

## How to access the Select Colour dialog box in the Xsheet view

- 1. In the Xsheet view, select one or more columns to modify.
- 2. Right-click on the column's header and select Colour > Change Columns Colour.

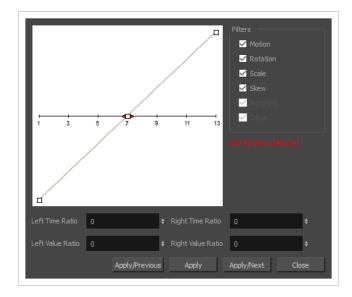
The Select Colour dialog box opens.

Parameter	Description
Basic colours	A basic set of colours to choose from.

Custom colours	Displays the custom colours you previously stored using the Add to Custom Colours button.
Add to custom colours	Lets you add the selected colour to the Custom colours list above.
Colour wheel	Lets you select a colour by dragging the T-shaped pointer.
Value slider	Once you select a colour, you can drag the slider to change the intensity and see it previewed in the Colour Preview window below
Colour Preview	Displays the colour you are currently selecting. To apply the colour, click OK.
Hue, Saturation, Value	Lets you set the hue (colour), saturation (amount of colour) and brightness (value) of the colour.
Red, Green, Blue	Lets you set the red, green and blue values.

# **Set Ease for Multiple Parameters Dialog Box**

The Edit Set Ease for Multiple Parameters dialog box lets you apply ease to multiple functions and keyframes. You can display the function curve and modify the Bezier or Ease curve.



## How to access the Set Ease for Multiple Parameters dialog box

1. In the Timeline view, select a keyframe on one or more layers.



- 2. Do one of the following:
  - In the Timeline view, right-click and select Set Ease For Multiple Parameters.
  - In the Timeline toolbar, click the Set Ease For Multiple Parameters  $\neq$  button.

The Set Ease For Multiple Parameters dialog box opens.

Parameter	Description
Filters	
Motion	<b>Motion</b> : Applies the easing parameters to the selected Position X, Position Y, Position Z and 3D Path functions.
	Rotation: Applies the easing parameters to the selected Angle functions.

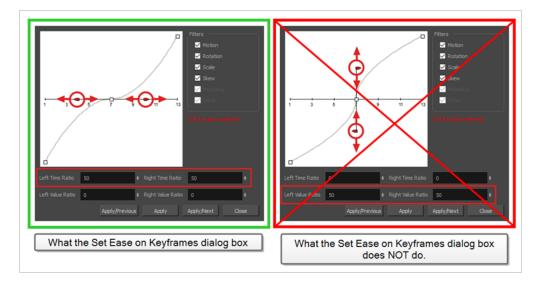
Parameter	Description
	Scale: Applies the easing parameters to the selected Scale functions.
	<b>Skew</b> : Applies the easing parameters to the selected Skew functions.
	<b>Morphing</b> : Applies the easing parameters to the selected Morphing Velocity functions. Note that it applies to the Morphing velocity function found in the Layer Properties window, not the basic morphing ease in the Tool Properties view.
	Other: Applies the easing parameters to all the other the selected functions, such as all functions created to animate effect parameters.
Left and Right Time Ratio	Lets you type the percentage value corresponding to the length of time you want the easing to last. Stay between 0% and 100%. If you go beyond 100%, your motion will overshoot.
Left and Right Value Ratio	Lets you type the percentage value of how strong you want the easing out to be.  Stay between 0% and 100%. If you go beyond 100%, your motion will overshoot.
Apply/Previous	Applies the easing parameters to the selected keyframes and then selects the previous keyframe in the timeline.
Apply	Applies the easing parameters to the selected keyframes.
Apply/Next	Applies the easing parameters to the selected keyframes and then selects the next keyframe in the timeline.
Close	Close the dialog box. If you did not apply the modifications, they will be cancelled.

# **Set Ease on Keyframes Dialog Box**

The Set Ease on Keyframes dialog box allows you to quickly change the percentage of ease before and after a selection of keyframes.



This dialog box is designed to quickly adjust the "time ratio" of the ease on your animations. To give you a better idea of its effect, select a keyframe and open the Set Ease for Multiple Paramters dialog box. This dialog box allows you to adjust the ease of your animations using Bezier handles. Moving the Bezier handle laterally changes the time ratio of the ease, and moving it vertically changes its value ratio—see <u>Set Ease for Multiple</u> Parameters Dialog Box on page 76.



## How to access the Set Ease on Keyframes dialog box

- 1. In the Timeline view, select one or several animation keyframes.
- 2. In the Timeline toolbar, click on the red Set Ease on Selected Keyframes button.

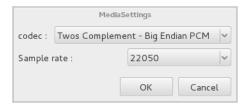
The Set Ease on Keyframes dialog box appears.

Parameter	Description
Ease In (left)	Allows you to adjust the ease left of the selected keyframes.  • If the checkbox is unchecked, the ease left of the selected keyframes will be

Parameter	Description
	<ul> <li>unchanged.</li> <li>If the checkbox is checked, the ease left of the selected keyframes will be set to the percentage in the input-field right of the checkbox.</li> </ul>
Ease Out (right)	Allows you to adjust the ease right of the selected keyframes.      If the checkbox is unchecked, the ease right of the selected keyframes will be unchanged.      If the checkbox is checked, the ease right of the selected keyframes will be set to the percentage in the input-field right of the checkbox.
ОК	Applies the selected changes and closes the dialog box.
Cancel	Closes the dialog box without making any changes.

# OpenQuickTime Sound Options Dialog Box (GNU/Linux)

The OpenQuickTime Sound Options dialog box (titled MediaSettings) allows you to configure the audio compression settings when exporting a QuickTime movie on Linux.



On GNU/Linux, Harmony uses the OpenQuickTime framework to export QuickTime movies. This framework uses its own user interfaces to allow you to configure the video and audio compression settings for a movie. Because OpenQuickTime only comes bundled with non-prorprietary codecs, its compression options are limited.



#### **NOTES**

- · For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.
- This dialog can only be accessed on GNU/Linux.

## How to access the OpenQuickTime Sound Options dialog box

1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

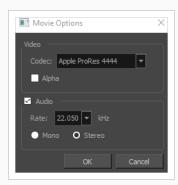
The Export Movie dialog box appears.



2. In the Movie Format drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).

 $3. \ \ \, \text{Click on the Movie Options button}.$ 

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.



Parameter	Description
codec	<ul> <li>A-Law 2:1: This codec uses logarithms to compress audio data. The resulting audio stream requires half the disk space of uncompressed audio data, but is of noticeably lower quality.</li> <li>IMA 4:1: This codec compresses audio data to require a quarter of the disk space required for uncompressed audio data. It is not supported by a lot of software.</li> <li>Twos Complement - Little Endian PCM: A standard uncompressed audio codec.</li> <li>Twos Complement - Big Endian PCM: A legacy standard uncompressed audio codec.</li> <li>(mu)-Law 2:1: Similarly to A-Law, this codec uses logarithms to compress audio data. The resulting audio stream requires half the disk space of uncompressed audio data, but is of noticeably lower quality.</li> </ul>
	NOTE  It is recommended to leave this option to its default value, Twos  Complement - Little Endian PCM, as it is commonly used for storing uncompressed audio. Other encoding formats are likely to sacrifice audio quality for negligible savings in disk space.
Sample rate	The sample rate at which to export your scene's audio. The only available option is <b>22050</b> Hz, as it is the sample rate used internally by Harmony.

# QuickTime Sound Settings Dialog Box (Windows)

The Sound Settings dialog box allows you to set the audio compression settings when you want to export a QuickTime Movie (.mov) file.





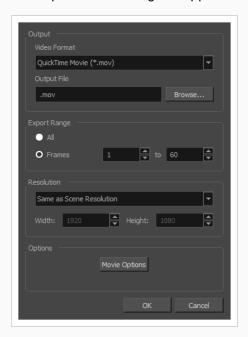
#### **NOTES**

- For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.
- This dialog can only be accessed on Windows and requires Apple QuickTime to be installed.

#### How to access the QuickTime Sound Settings dialog box

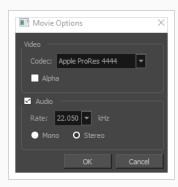
1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

The Export Movie dialog box appears.



- 2. In the Movie Format drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).
- 3. Click on the Movie Options button.

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.

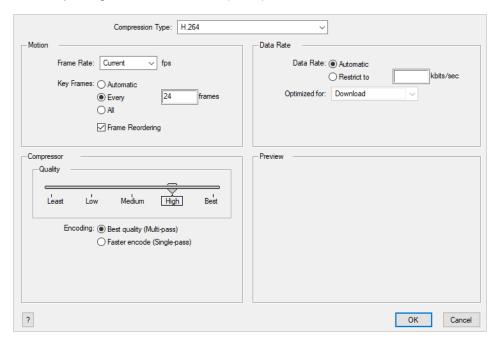


Parameter	Description
Compressor	Allows you to select the compression algorithm to use the compress the movie's audio track.
	NOTE  It is recommended to leave this setting to None, as other formats are likely to sacrifice audio quality for negligible savings in disk space.
Rate	Allows you to select the sample rate, or frequency, in which to export the audio track for the movie.
	NOTE  Harmony cannot export audio at a higher sample rate than 22.050 kHz. If you select a higher sample rate, your project's audio will be upsampled, which means it will take more disc space without increasing in quality.
Size	Allows you to select the bit depth in which to encode the audio track. This determines the amount of precision to record each wavelength in the audio track.
	NOTE  The standard bit depth is 16-bit. If you choose 8-bit, the amount of disk space the audio track of your movie file requires will be halved, but the audio quality will be significantly lower.
Use	Allows you to select whether to export the movie's audio track using the <b>Mono</b> or <b>Stereo</b> channel mode.

Parameter	Description
	NOTE  Stereo sound has a separate track for the left and right speakers, whereas mono sound only has a single audio track for all speakers.

# QuickTime Standard Video Compression Settings Dialog Box (Windows)

The Standard Video Compression Settings dialog box allows you to configure the video compression settings when exporting a QuickTime Movie (.mov) file.





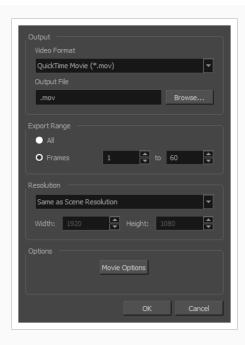
#### **NOTES**

- For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.
- This dialog can only be accessed on Windows and requires Apple QuickTime to be installed.

How to access the QuickTime Standard Video Compression Settings dialog box

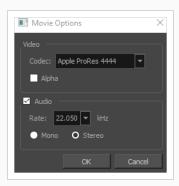
1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

The Export Movie dialog box appears.



- 2. In the **Movie Format** drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).
- 3. Click on the Movie Options button.

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.



Parameter	Description
	Allows you to select the codec to use to compress the video stream of your movie. It is recommended to use one of the following codecs, depending on your usage scenario:
Compression Type	<ul> <li>H.264: A very effective lossy compression algorithm that is commonly supported by web browsers and most media players.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>MPEG-4 Video: A very effective lossy compression algorithm that is commonly supported by media players, but less so by web browsers.</li> </ul>

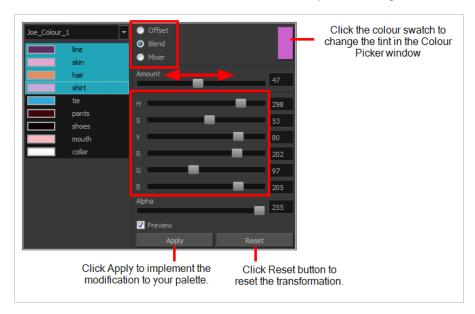
Parameter	Description
	Animation: A high quality compression algorithm that is commonly used for media interchange and video editing.
	<ul> <li>TIPS</li> <li>You can export a video with transparency by selecting the Animation codec and setting the Depth setting to Millions of Colors+.</li> <li>You can export a video with virtually lossless compression by selecting the Animation codec and setting Quality setting to Best.</li> </ul>
Motion	
Frame Rate	The amount of frames per second for the video stream. Leave this setting to <b>Current</b> to use your project's frame rate.
	Some codecs compress the video by recording a limited amount of <i>keyframes</i> , which are frames in which the entire picture is encoded, pixel by pixel and, inbetween, recording <i>deltas</i> , which are frames that are only defined by their difference with the previous frame. This significantly reduces the size of the movie file. However, the less keyframes a movie has, the more it is likely to encounter decoding errors, and the harder it is for players to scrub or jump to a specific time in the video. This option allows you to decide when keyframes are inserted in the video stream.
	Automatic: Lets the encoder decide when keyframes should be inserted.
Key Frames	<b>Every frames</b> : Allows you to set the exact interval, in frames, at which keyframes should be inserted.
	All: Encodes every frame as a keyframe. This option will significantly impact file size, but will make it easier to scrub through the video without causing any rendering error.
	NOTE  If you are using the H.264 codec, you must set the Key Frames option to AII, or you will get an error message when you confirm the compression settings.
Frame Reordering	Encodes frames in a different order than the one at which they are meant to be displayed. This allows for more efficient compression, but may not be compatible with some players.

Parameter	Description
Compressor	
Depth	Allows you to set the colour depth for your video. A lower colour depth will reduce the size of the video stream but will have significant impacts on picture quality.  TIP  Set this to Millions of Colors+ if you want to export a video with transparency.
Quality	Lets you choose a quality setting for the video compression. A higher quality setting will increase the size of the movie file, but will look better. A lower quality setting will reduce the size of the movie file, but will cause blurriness and compression artifacts to appear in the picture.
Scan Mode / Interlaced	Allows you to choose between the following scan modes:      Interlaced: Frames are encoded starting with their odd-numbered scanlines, then their even-numbered scanlines.      Progressive: Frames are encoded whole, from the highest scanline to the lowest scanline.  NOTE  Some codecs will display a drop-down allowing you to select Interlaced or Progressive, while others will simply have an Interlaced checkbox.
Aspect Ratio	Allows you to select one of the following aspect ratios:  • 4:3: For output on standard definition displays.  • 16:9: For output to widescreen displays.
Filter	When exporting with the <b>PNG</b> compression type, this determines the algorithm with which each pixel is encoded relative to other pixels. Leaving this option to <b>Best</b> will export in the most space-efficient filter, without compromising picture quality. Picking a filter may increase rendering speed a bit, at the expense of some disk space.
Data Rate	

Parameter	Description
Automatic	Lets the encoder use the optimal bit rate for your compression settings.
	Allows you to specify the encoding bit rate.
Restrict To	NOTE  This setting will override other compression settings, so that the specified bit rate is respected.
Optimized For	Optimize the encoding to be responsive depending on the intended viewing method:  • CD/DVD-ROM: Optimizes the bit rate for a video that will be played using
	<ul> <li>an optical disc player.</li> <li>Download: Optimizes the bit rate for a file that is going to be downloaded, then viewed from the user's hard drive.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Streaming: Optimized the bit rate for a video that will be streamed from the web and played as the video is being downloaded.</li> </ul>

# **Tint Offset/Blend Dialog Box**

You can offset, blend, or mix the colours in a colour palette using the sliders and increasing the Amount value.



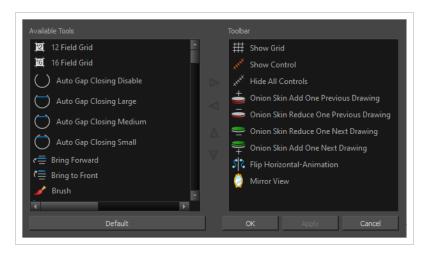
## How to access the Tint Offset/Blend dialog box

From the Colour View menu, select Palettes > Tint Panel or right-click and select Tint Panel.
 The Blend/Offset Tint panel opens.

Parameter	Description
Offset	Offsets the selected colours by the adjustments made using the HSB and RGB sliders. Use the Amount slider to adjust the degree of offset. Use the Alpha slider to adjust the opacity of the selected colour.
Blend	Blends the selected colours with the colour swatch in the top-right corner. Use the Amount slider to adjust the degree of blend. A blend of 100% turns the selected colours into the same colour as the swatch. Adjusting the HSB and RGB sliders affect the swatch colour, which in turn affects the selected colours on the left. Use the Alpha slider to adjust the opacity of the swatch.
Mixer	Select a Base and Tint colour to form a third colour swatch. Use the slider just beneath to mix the Base and Tint colours by different amounts. This will affect the mixed swatch whether it is selected or not. Select either the Tint or Base swatch and use the HSB and RGB sliders to adjust its colour. This will affect the mixed swatch colour, which in turn affects the selected colours on the left.

# **Toolbar Manager Dialog Box**

The Toolbar Manager dialog box lets you customize the toolbar in any of the views. You can add your favourite tools to a toolbar for an efficient workflow.



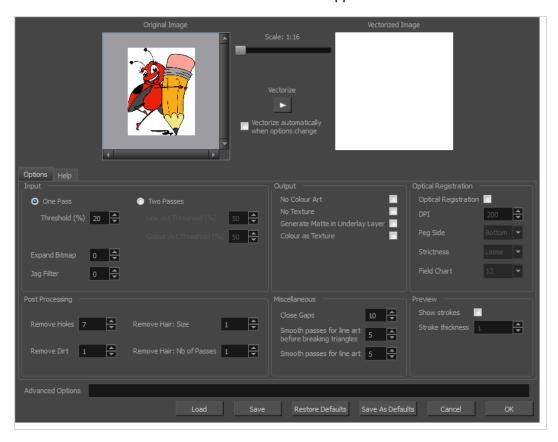
## How to access the Toolbar Manager dialog box

1. Right-click on a toolbar in any view and select **Customize**. Note that the menu will not appear if you right-click on a disabled icon.

Parameter	Description
Available Tools	Displays the complete list of tools available for customizing a toolbar.
Toolbar	Displays a list of the tools currently available on the toolbar.
Default	Restores the toolbar with its default items.

# **Vectorization Parameters Dialog Box**

The Vectorization Parameters dialog box lets you vectorize pencil drawings, along with any red, blue or green pencil marks you may have used to indicate highlights and shadows. The drawing will be vectorized into pure red, blue, green and black (RGB values), while creating colour art zones wherever lines connect. After painting in your tones and highlights, change your pure RGB colours to transparent (0 Alpha) in the Colour Picker window and watch the indicator colour zone lines disappear.

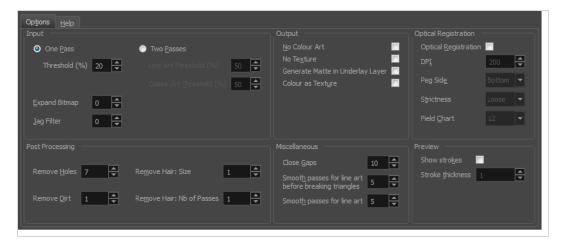


#### How to open the Vectorization Parameters dialog box

- From the top menu, select File > Import > From Scanner.
   You can also open it from any other import option that allows you to customize the vectorization parameters (i.e. from the scanner).
- 2. In the Scan Drawings window, do the following:
  - In the Layer section, decide on the layer options.
  - In the Import Options section, select the Convert to Toon Boom Vector Drawing option
  - · Click Preview.
- 3. In the Vectorization section, click the Vectorization Parameters *▶* button.

# **Options Tab**

The Options tab contains the main vectorization settings. More settings are available in the Help tab.



Parameter	Description
Input	The input filters are applied to the bitmap image before it is vectorized.
One Pass	One threshold value is applied to both the Line and Colour Art. For drawings with distinct vector-style lines of mattes, you only need one pass.
Two Passes	Applies a different threshold value to each layer. For greyscale drawings, you may want to perform the vectorization process twice to apply different threshold values to the Line and Colour Art layers.
Threshold	Determines which values in the scanned image are considered part of the Line and Colour Art layer and what will be eliminated from the vectorized drawing; 0% is white and 100% is black. The threshold is between these two values.
Expand Bitmap	Lets you enter a value to scale the bitmap to detect small variations in the line.  Use this option if you scanned a greyscale image and want to preserve small variations in the texture to apply to the line art.
Jag Filter	Lets you enter a value to scale back the bitmap to remove some of the line's roughness. This is useless when you have a drawing that appears quite rough; the Jag filter will eliminate excess strokes in the final drawing.
Line Art Threshold (%)	Determines which values in the scanned image are considered part of the Line Art layer and what will be eliminated from the vectorized drawing; 0% is white and 100% is black. The threshold is between these two values.

Colour Art Threshold (%)	Determines which values in the scanned image are considered part of the Colour Art layer and what will be eliminated from the vectorized drawing; 0% is white and 100% is black. The threshold is between these two values.
Output	The output filters are applied during the vectorization process.
No Colour Art	Does not generate filling zones in the Colour Art layer.
No Texture	Does not generate texture in the Line Art layer in the final images. Select this option to create solid lines in the final line art.
Generate Matte in Underlay Layer	Creates an opaque zone behind your drawing's lines to avoid seeing through the layers.
Colour as Texture	Converts colour values into a texture layer.
Optical Registration	The optical registration options are used to automatically align drawings based on the position of the peg holes on the animation paper. The peg holes must appear in the scanned drawings for the optical registration to work.
DPI	Lets you enter the dots-per-inch value of your image. You must enter the same value as the DPI used to scan the image.
Peg Side	Lets you select the position of the peg holes on your drawings. Identify whether they are on the top, bottom, left or right.
	Determines how exact the location of the peg holes must be for the software to recognize them. There are two values to choose from:
Strictness	Strict: The peg holes must be in a tightly defined area to be recognized.  Loose: The peg holes can be recognized somewhere in a larger area. This is the
	recommended setting.
Field Chart	Lets you indicate the size of the animation paper, 12 or 16.
Post Processing	The Post Processing filters are applied to the final vector images.
Remove Holes	Removes holes of a specified value that might make painting difficult.
Remove Dirt	Removes stray marks and dirt of a specified value. Try a value around 500.

Remove Hair Size	Removes small strokes that have no line art.
Remove Hair: Number of Passes	The number of times the drawing will be analyzed to identify hair marks.
Miscellaneous	
Close Gaps	Closes gaps in the Colour Art so you can paint it.
Smooth Passes for Line Art Before Breaking Triangles	The number of times the smoothing operation runs before creating the triangles that break lines in the drawing. If unnecessary triangles are appearing in the drawing, increase this value.
Smooth Passes for Line Art	The number of times the smoothing operation is performed after the triangles have been created. This further smooths the line art.
Preview	
Show Strokes	Shows the strokes in the Vectorized Image panel.
Stroke Thickness	Shows the size of the strokes.

# Help Tab

The Help tab contains the most advanced vectorization settings which you type in the Advanced Option fields at the bottom of the Vectorization Parameters dialog box.

# **File IO Options**

-file <filename (including extension)> [ options ]

- -infile <filename (including extension)>; same as -file
- -outfile <filename>; alternate output file
- -informat <format>; the input format. Used if reading from stdin
- -debug; turn on debug mode
- -noforce; don't force output if image is inconsistent
- -version; print version information and quit
- -output\_version <version>; output files of this version. Valid versions can be: 0 or 604
- -force\_unamed\_palette\_for\_texture; will generate a texture in TVG's internal palette

#### **Registration Options**

- -register <dpi side strictness>; perform optical registration.
  - Side can be one of left, right, top, bottom or I, r, t, b.
  - Strictness can be either loose, strict or I, s.
- -register\_center\_peg\_holes; will use only round holes in 16 fields page
- -rcph; short form of register\_center\_peg\_holes
- -registration\_looseness\_factor <factor>; registration looseness factor (default 2.000000)
- -rlf; short form of registration\_looseness\_factor
- -rdebug; output registration debug messages
- -pegpitch <inch (default 8.000000)>; distance between peg bars
- -threshr < (default 0.500000)>; threshold for optical registration; range 0.0 to 1.0
- -rmargin <inch (default 1)>; region size where to look for peg bars
- -peg\_distance\_from\_center < inch (default 5.25)>; peg distance from centre of the image
- -pdfc; short form of -peg\_distance\_from\_center
- -out\_peg\_position < side (default same)>; wanted position of the peg on the drawing.
  - Can be one of right, left, top, bottom (or r, l, t, b) or same.
  - A rotation will be performed if it is different from the side passed to -register.
- -output\_peg\_matrix; output the peg transformation matrix on standard output.
- -scanner\_calibrate; < (default 1.0000 1.0000) > x and y scale factors to be applied to scanner image.

## **Filtering Options**

-pixel <pixel\_shape (default '4x3')>; Valid values: 4x3

- -gap <worldUnits (default 10)>; close gaps up to this big
- -pencil; generate line art only
- -keep\_dirt; don't filter out dirt
- -thresh <threshold (default 0.2)>; range 0.0 to 1.0
- -rmv\_hairs <worldUnits (default 1)> <passes (default 1)>
  - remove hairs of size smaller than "size" in "passes" passes
- -rmv\_holes <area (default 7)>; remove holes smaller than "area"
- -rmv\_dirt <area (default 1)>; remove dirt smaller than "area"
  - try values between 100 and 500 for rmv\_holes and rmv\_dirt. The area is in world units squared
- -rmv\_triangles <worldUnits (default 30.000000)>; remove triangles at "pixels"
  - distance from each other. Use -no\_break to remove all triangles
- -no\_texture; don't generate textured strokes
- -color\_as\_texture; will vectorize the alpha channel and put the RGB colour in a textured colour
- -noclosegap; disable all gap closing algorithms
- -no\_break; disable the breaking of line art
- jag\_filter < pixels (default 0>; expand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap
- -expand\_bitmap <pixels (default 0>; expand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap
- -fit\_errorc <error (default 1.000000>; fitting error for the colour art
- -fit\_errorl <error (default 1.000000>; fitting error for the line art
- -smoothI <passes (default 1>; number of smooth passes for line art
- -smoothc <passes (default 1>; number of smooth passes for colour art
- -first\_smooth <passes (default 0>; number of smooth passes for line art before breaking triangles
- -first\_smoothl <passes (default 0>; number of smooth passes for line art before breaking triangles
- -first\_smoothc <passes (default 0>; number of smooth passes for line art in colour art pass (needs -2pass)
- -2pass; specify two sets of parameters; one for line art "I", one for colour art "c"
  - (-thresh, -rmv\_holes and -rmv\_dirt will be overridden by -threshl, threshc, -rmv\_holesl,
  - -rmv\_holesc, -rmv\_dirtl and -rmv\_dirtc)
- -threshI <threshold for line art (default 0.5)>; range 0.0 to 1.0
- -threshc <threshold for color art (default 0.5)>; range 0.0 to 1.0
- jag\_filterI < pixels (default 0>; expand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap for line art

- -jag\_filterc < pixels (default 0>; expand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap for colour art
- -expand\_bitmapl cypand\_bitmaplcypand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap for line art
- -expand\_bitmapc <pixels (default 0>; expand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap for colour art
- -rmv\_holesI <area (default 7)>; remove line art holes smaller than "area"
- -rmv\_holesc < area (default 7)>; remove colour art holes smaller than "area"
- -rmv\_dirtl <area (default 1)>; remove line art dirt smaller than "area"
- -rmv\_dirtc <area (default 1)>; remove colour art dirt smaller than "area"
  - try values between 100 and 500 for rmv\_holesl, rmv\_holesc, rmv\_dirtl and rmv\_dirtc. The values are in world units squared
- -margins <inch (default 0.25)>; remove margin around bitmap
- -top\_margin <inch (default 0.25)>; remove margin at top of bitmap
- -bottom\_margin <inch (default 0.25)>; remove margin at bottom of bitmap
- -left\_margin <inch (default 0.25)>; remove margin at left of bitmap
- -right\_margin <inch (default 0.25)>; remove margin at right of bitmap
- -remove\_peg\_bars; remove the peg bar holes
- -field\_size <fields (default 12 or use value in scan file)>; set the drawing to this field size
- -fs; short hand for -field\_size
- -peg\_bar\_size <inch (default 1)>; the size of the peg bar region
- -noframe; do not put a frame around the colour art
- -frame\_fields <default -1.000000>; put a frame of the specified dimension around the colour art
- -downscale\_input <default 1>; downscale the raw input by this integer factor
- -downscale\_texture <default 1>; downscale the output texture by this integer factor
- -buildmatte; generate a matte on underlay for line test
- -buildmatte\_colourart; generate a matte on colour art for line test



#### NOTE

- -buildmatte and -buildmatte\_colourart are mutually exclusive
- -copystrokes; copy original strokes when building matte.

## Options for bitmap that has no registration information

-pixel\_margins <inch (default 0)>; remove margin around bitmap

- -top\_pixel\_margin <inch (default 0)>; remove margin at top of bitmap
- -bottom\_pixel\_margin <inch (default 0)>; remove margin at bottom of bitmap
- -left\_pixel\_margin <inch (default 0)>; remove margin at left of bitmap
- -right\_pixel\_margin <inch (default 0)>; remove margin at right of bitmap
- -dpi <(default -1)>; dpi information of input bitmap

## **RGB Keying Options**

- -rgb; generate separate zones for red, green and blue lines
- -rgb\_alpha <value (default 255)>; generate red, green and blue colour with alpha of this value
- -no\_red; ignore red colour in vectorization
- -no\_green; ignore green colour in vectorization
- -no\_blue; ignore blue colour in vectorization
- -flatten; flatten the drawing after generating colours
- -rmv\_rgb\_dirt <threshold area default 0.0>; remove red, green and blue regions smaller than area
- -expand\_bitmap\_rgb cpixels (default 0>; expand the pixels in the vectorization bitmap for rgb
- -threshrgb <value> <threshold for rgb vectorization default 0.200000>;
- **-threshsv** <saturation threshold default 0.500000> <value threshold default 0.500000>; thresholds on saturation and value to consider a pixel to be grey

## **Colour Vectorization Options**

- -color\_vectorize; perform a colour vectorization
- -file2 <colour art filename>; specify the colour art bitmap
- -penstyle <center alpha (0.0-20.0)> <edge alpha (0.0-20.0)> <gamma (0-10)> <centre pressure effect (0.0-1.0)> <edge pressure effect (0.0-1.0)> <texture bitmap downscaling (0.2-20)> <texture bitmap file (valid filename or "" if no file)>; generate brush texture for the line art
- -pressure\_variation <strategy (0, 1 or 2)> <min pressure (0.0-1.0)> <max pressure (0.0-1.0)> <max variation (0.0-1.0)>; specify a pressure strategy for the centre line.
- -blur\_radius <pixels (default 0)>; blur the penstyle texture generated
- -color\_contour\_smooth\_passes <times (default 3)>; perform number of smooth passes on contour before computing texture
- -ccsp <times (default 3)>; short for -color\_contour\_smooth\_passes
- -color\_rmv\_holesl < world units (default 0.000000)>; remove holes of this size when computing texture
- -color\_fill\_holesI <w orld units (default 0.000000)>; fill holes of this size for colour line art

## Bubble Usage (implemented only for colour vectorization's line art)

- -create\_bubbles; add bubbles into the LineArt. Implemented for colour vectorization only
- -bubble\_gap <value (default 3)>; max number of colour art points between 2 bubbles
- -bubble\_length <value (default 10)>; max number of circles in a bubble
- -min\_radius <value (default 1.5000)>; min radius of a circle in a bubble relative to the line thickness (must be >= 1.0)
- -max\_radius <value (default 3.5000)>; max radius of a circle in a bubble relative to the line thickness (must be >= 1.0)
- -uniform\_gap; the space between bubbles is constant

#### 4 Colour Vectorization

-4colours [key:value] ... [key:value]; The key value list can be empty. The list of keys is:

**rgbdiff:value**; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

dark:value; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

grey:value; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

white:value; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

dirt:value; dirt area. 200 is a good value

rt:value; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

gt:value; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

bt:value; between [0.0-1.0] or [0-255]

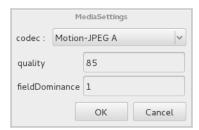


#### **NOTE**

There must be no space between the colon and the key/value. For example: -4colours rgbdiff:20 dark:20 grey:120 white:250 dirt:200 rt:240 gt:240 bt:240

# OpenQuickTime Video Options Dialog Box (GNU/Linux)

The OpenQuickTime Video Options dialog box (titled MediaSettings) allows you to configure the video compression settings when exporting a QuickTime movie on Linux.



On GNU/Linux, Harmony uses the OpenQuickTime framework to export QuickTime movies. This framework uses its own user interfaces to allow you to configure the video and audio compression settings for a movie. Because OpenQuickTime only comes bundled with non-prorprietary codecs, its compression options are limited.



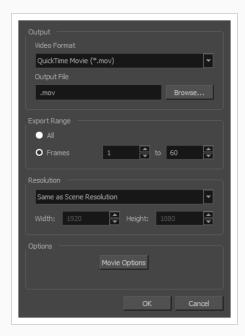
#### **NOTES**

- For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.
- This dialog can only be accessed on macOS.

## How to access the OpenQuickTime Video Options dialog box

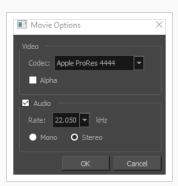
1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

The Export Movie dialog box appears.



- 2. In the **Movie Format** drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).
- 3. Click on the Movie Options button.

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.



Parameter	Description
codec	Allows you to select a video compression algorithm. By default, the following codecs are available:
	Motion-JPEG A: A very portable codec that performs lossy JPEG compression and interlaces the frames. Motion-JPEG A compression is less efficient than Photo JPEG in terms of quality and file size, but may be a more portable alternative for software that does not support Photo JPEG.
	<ul> <li>Photo JPEG: Encodes the movie as a sequence of JPEG images. JPEG images have lossy compression. This is the most efficient codec for file size.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Portable Network Graphics (PNG): Encodes the movie as a sequence of PNG images. PNG images have lossless compression.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Tag Image File Format (TIFF): Encodes the movie as a sequence of uncompressed TIFF images. This codec is lossless.</li> </ul>
	Uncompressed (RGB): Encodes the movie as uncompressed bitmap data.  This codec is lossless.
	NOTE  Portable Network Graphics (PNG) and Photo JPEG are the only codecs in this list that are natively supported by both Harmonyand GNOME's Totem Video Player. Other codecs may require additional software to play on GNU/Linux workstations.

quality	When using a JPEG-based codec, this allows you to set the JPEG compression quality. By default, this will be set to 85. Possible values range from 0 to 100. The higher the quality, the more disk space the resulting video file will take.
fieldDominance	For codecs with interlacing. This is set to 1 by default. If set to 1, the first field will be encoded on odd frames, and the second field will be encoded on even frames. If set to 2, the first field will be encoded on even frames, and the second field will be encoded on odd frames.
compression	The amount of lossless compression to perform when exporting in PNG format.  PNG compression is lossless, but higher compression settings will take longer to encode and decode.
packbits	For movies encoded in TIFF. When enabled, this option adds extra lossless compression to the encoding.
lendian	For movies encoded in TIFF. When enabled, the video data is encoded in little endian byte order, instead of big endian.

# Windows Media Video Settings Dialog Box (Windows)

The WMV Settings dialog box allows you to configure the video and audio settings when exporting a movie in Windows Media Video (.wmv) format.





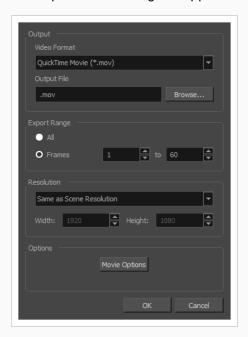
#### **NOTES**

- For tasks related to this dialog box, refer to the User Guide.
- This dialog can only be accessed on Windows.

## How to access the WMV Options dialog box

1. From the top menu, select **File > Export > Movie**.

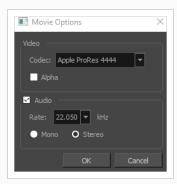
The Export Movie dialog box appears.



2. In the Movie Format drop-down, select QuickTime ProRes Movie (\*.mov).

 $3. \ \ \, \text{Click on the Movie Options button}.$ 

The QuickTime Movie Options dialog box appears.



Parameter	Description
Video	
Variable Bit Rate Quality	Allows you choose a quality setting ranging from 5 to 100 for the video stream.  The higher the quality of the export, the larger the resulting file.
Sound	Uncheck this checkbox if you want to export a movie without an audio track.
	NOTE  The Sound section of this dialog is not available if you are exporting an EDL/AAF/XML sequence, as this type of export creates video files with no audio track and export sound clips in separate sound files.
Profile	Allows you to select one of the preset combinations of audio sample rates, sample sizes and channel modes for the audio stream:  • Sample rate: Available sample rates are 8000 Hz, 16000 Hz, 22050 Hz and 44100 Hz. The higher the sample rate, the better the audio quality.
	NOTE  Harmony cannot export audio at a higher sample rate than 22.050 kHz. If you select a higher sample rate, your project's audio will be upsampled, which means it will take more disc space without increasing in quality.
	Sample size: Also known as bit depth, this determines the amount of

precision used to record each wavelength in the audio track. The standard size is **16-bit**. If you choose **8-bit**, the amount of disk space the audio track of your movie file requires is halved, but the audio quality will be significantly lower.



#### **NOTE**

Exporting in 8-bit audio requires <u>Apple QuickTime</u> to be installed.

• Channel mode: Available channel modes are Stereo and Mono. Stereo sound has a separate audio track for the left and the right speakers, whereas mono sound uses a single track for all speakers.

# **Chapter 2: Menus**

The Menus section covers all the menu entries available in Harmony. There are several types of menus in Harmony: main menus, quick-access menus and view menus. Menus contains most of the functions available. They may also have a toolbar button or keyboard shortcut equivalent.

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# **Main Menus**

The top menu contains most of the commands available in Harmony. Depending on the view you're working in and the selected element, some commands are available and others not. The top menu is always located at the very top of the interface.



On macOS, there is also a Harmony Essentials category that contains the following commands: Preferences, About, and Quit.

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### **Animation Menu**

The Animation menu lets you access tools, adjust animation timing, set and parameters, lock or unlock layers, and select elements in the Xsheet and Timeline views.

#### How to access the Animation menu

• At the top of the interface, select **Animation**.

Command	Description
Animate	
Animate Current Frame	When this option is selected, every time you use the Transform or Advanced Animation tools to manipulate an element in your scene, the position of the element will be stored in a keyframe at the current frame. This allows you to animate elements in your scene without creating keyframes manually.
Animate Onion Skin Range	When this option is selected, if you use the Transform or Advanced Animation tools to make transformations to an element in your scene, the transformations will be stored as keyframes at the beginning and at the end of the current Onion Skin range, as well as on every existing keyframe in-between. This can be useful if you want to reposition an element that you have already animated, but only during a specific range of frames, which you can define by enabling Onion Skin and setting the Onion Skin range to cover that range of frames.
Animate Off	When this option is selected, if you use the Transform or  Advanced Animation tools to make transformation to an element in your scene, the transformations will affect the element throughout the whole scene. This can be useful if you want to reposition an element after you have already animated it.
Stop-Motion Keyframe	Converts the selected keyframes to stop-motion keyframes. Between a stop-motion keyframe and the next keyframe, Harmony does not generate any animation and the element remains static until the next keyframe.
Delete Keyframe	Deletes the selected keyframes.

Tools	
Transform	Allows you to select drawing layers and position, rotate, scale and skew them.
Translate	Lets you move the selected element along the X and Y axes.
Rotate	Turns a selected element around its pivot point.
Scale	Increases or decreases the size of a selected element. You can scale an object up to make it larger or down to make it smaller. Press Shift to scale the element while maintaining its proportions.
Skew	Slants the selected element.
Maintain Size	Keeps elements the same size aspect ratio in the Camera view as you move them towards or away from the camera.
Spline Offset	Lets you reposition the visual trajectory without offsetting or modifying your animation. By default, the trajectory is located at 0,0,0 fields. If your elements were drawn in a different location than the centre of the drawing area, it will look like the trajectory is not aligned with your drawing. Also, if you have several elements attached to one trajectory, you might want your trajectory to be at a different location to represent the group's motion better.
Cell	
Increase Exposure	Adds one more exposure to a selected cell; repeating this action adds an extra cell each time. This is an efficient way to extend a drawing's exposure and is always set in Insert mode. Increasing an exposure pushes the existing exposure forward.
Decrease Exposure	Decreases exposure of a selected cell by one; repeating this action decreases one exposure adds an extra cell each time. This is an efficient way to shorten a drawing's exposure. Decreasing an exposure pulls in the existing exposure.
Set Exposure to	Lets you set the exposure to 1, 2, 3 or a custom exposure.
Extend Exposure	Lets you enter the frame up to which you want to extend the exposure.

	You can expose the drawing in the frames and replace the drawings that were originally there or move the subsequent frames forward in time.
Add Key Exposure	Adds a key exposure to the selected cell.
Remove Key Exposure	Removes key exposures from the selected cells.
Remove Duplicate Key Exposure	When working with drawings to adjust the timing of a mouth in a lipsync, for example, and forcing the use of specific key exposures, unnecessary key exposures will be created. You can delete these duplicates without affecting the rest of the drawing. The first drawing of the selection will be used for the range.
	NOTE  Duplicate key exposures may occur when pasting with the Enforce Key Exposure option selected.
Fill Empty Cells	Fills the empty frames in the selection with the exposure just before.  For example, if you select a range of frame that starts with an exposed drawing and then ends with empty cells, all of the empty cells in the selection will be filled with the exposed drawing just before the empty cells.
Insert Blank Cell	Adds an empty cell between other cells.
Clear Exposure	Removes the exposure from the selected cell.
Clear Exposure and Pull	Replaces the exposure from the selected cell with exposures that follow it.
Fill Selection	Lets you fill the same value over an entire selection. The selection can be over one cell, a cell range in one column, a cell range over many columns, an entire column, or many columns. You can use numbers, words, letters, or any alphanumeric value.
Sequence Fill	Lets you create a numbered sequence over a selection. The sequence can be forward, backward, single, double or higher increment, as a cycle, and so on. The selection can be over one cell or a cell range in one column or more or an entire column or many entire columns.

Lip-Sync	
Auto Lip-Sync Detection	Generates a sound detection for lip-sync.
Map Lip-Sync	Automatically maps drawings in an element to the mouth chart you have generated for a sound. This can save time when you are lipsynching a voice track.
Flip	
Flip Horizontal	Flips the selection horizontally.
Flip Vertical	Flips the selection vertically.
Flip Scale X	Once your drawing layer is rotated, the original horizontal and vertical axes change. The Flip Scale X and Flip Scale Y will perform a flip on your drawing layer following its original axis.Remembers the original X-axis of the layer and flips the element following it.
Flip Scale Y	Remembers the original Y-axis of the layer and flips the element following it.
Lock in Time	Indicates whether the point is locked to a specific frame (keyframe) or only locked to a specific position and the curve can flow through it freely as other points are being added, moved, or adjusted (control point).
Substitute Drawing Previous	Replaces the drawing or cell's symbol on the current frame by the previous drawing.
Substitute Drawing Next	Replaces the drawing or cell's symbol on the current frame by the next drawing.
Go to Previous Keyframe	Goes to the previous keyframe.
Go to Next Keyframe	Goes to the next keyframe.
Select Child	Lets you select the first element parented to the selected peg element in the Timeline view.

Select Children	Lets you select all elements parented to the selected peg element in the Timeline view.
Lock	
Lock	Locks one or a multiple selection of layers.
Unlock	Unlocks one or a multiple selection of locked layers.
Lock All	Locks all the layers in the Timeline view.
Unlock All	Unlocks all the layers in the Timeline view.
Lock All Others	Locks every layer except the selected ones.
Reset	Returns the value of the selected element to the initial value of the active tool. For example, if the Rotate tool is active, the transformation angle will be reset to 0 and if the Transform tool is active, all the transformation values will be reset.
Reset All	Resets all transformations on the current frame in a selected layer.  Your keyframe will remain, but all the values will return to the starting value. All transformations are reset regardless of the tool you're using.

# **Drawing Menu**

The Drawing menu lets you access many tools related to drawing, painting, dirt removal, optimizing strokes, and more.

# How to access the Drawing menu

• At the top of the interface, select **Drawing**.

Command	Description
Drawing Tools	Allows you to select one of the drawing tools available in Harmony.
Select	Allows you to select and reposition, scale, rotate and skew brush strokes, pencil lines, shapes and other parts of your artwork.
Contour Editor	Allows you to edit the vector contours of brush strokes, pencil lines and shapes in your artwork. You can add, remove, tweak and move vector points, move the Bezier handles of the vector points as well as deform vector outlines.
Centerline Editor	Allows you to tweak and deform a brush stroke by manipulating the points at the centre of its line rather than its contour.
Cutter	Allows you to cut a part of your artwork, then reposition, scale, rotate and skew it.
Smooth Editor	Allows you to optimize contours and lines by removing its extra points, making them easier to edit.
Perspective	Allows you to deform artwork by applying a perspective effect on it.
Envelope	Allows you to deform and warp artwork by moving points and tweaking lines in a grid.
Reposition All Drawings	Allows you to reposition, scale, rotate and skew all drawings in the current layer.
Drawing Pivot	Allows you to position the pivot on a drawing layer by clicking where you want its location to be.

Brush	A pressure-sensitive tool for creating a contour shape with a thick and thin line
2100.	effect, as if created with a paint brush.
Pencil	A pressure-sensitive tool for drawing outlines. Pencil lines are made of central vector lines, making them easier to tweak and edit than brush strokes.
Text	Allows you to add text and to format it.
Eraser	A pressure-sensitive tool for erasing parts of a drawing.
Colour Eyedropper	Allows you to select a colour by clicking on a colour in your artwork.
Morphing	Allows you to create and configure a morphing sequence, which will automatically generate the in-betweens between two drawings in the current layer.
Line	Draws a straight line segment going from one point to the other.
Rectangle	Draws a rectangle.
Ellipse	Draws an ellipse.
Polyline	Allows you to draw shapes, segmented lines or complex curved lines by clicking to create each point in the sequence of line segments.
Paint	Allows you to fill colour zones with a colour or texture.
Repaint Brush	Like the Brush tool, but only paints over existing brush strokes.
Close Gap	Allows you to close open shapes so that they can be filled with the Paint tool. By drawing a stroke near a small gap in a shape, this tool will create a small invisible stroke connecting the two closest points around the gap.
Stroke	Allows you to create invisible lines that can serve as colour zones that can be filled, or close the gaps in existing colour zones.
Edit Gradient/Texture	Allows you to adjust the position, angle and size of gradients and textures in a colour zone.

Hand	Allows you to pan the Camera and Drawing views.
Zoom	Allows you zoom in and out of the Camera and Drawing views.
Rotate View	Lets you rotate the Camera and Drawing views just like with a real animation disc.
Convert	
Pencil Lines to Brush Strokes	Converts the selected centreline pencil strokes into contour strokes brush lines.
Brush Strokes to Pencil Lines	Converts selected contour strokes into centreline pencil strokes. The brush stroke thickness will be lost.
Strokes to Pencil Lines	Converts the selected invisible line to a pencil line.
Break Apart Text Layers	Text is treated as a single drawing object. This separates the text so each character becomes an individual drawing object you can select and modify independently.
Optimize	
Flatten	Merges drawing objects and brush strokes into a single layer. If you draw new lines to fix a drawing or line with many brush strokes, it can be useful to flatten them all into a single shape. By default, lines are drawn one on top of each other. If you intend to repaint the lines or modify their shape, it will be easier if they are flattened.
Smooth	Smooths selected drawing strokes and removes extra points.
Optimize	Reduces the number of layers, such as overlapping brush strokes, in the selected drawing objects. Drawing objects will only be flattened and optimized if the selected objects do not change the appearance of the final image when they are merged.
Transform	
Flip Horizontal	Flips the current selection horizontally.

Flip Vertical	Flips the current selection vertically.
Rotate 90 CW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees clockwise.
Rotate 90 CCW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees counter-clockwise.
Rotate 180	Rotates the current selection 180 degrees.
Arrange	
Bring to Front	Moves the selected art to the front (on top).
Bring Forward	Moves the selected art one level forward (closer to the front).
Send Backward	Moves the selected art one level lower (behind).
Send to Back	Moves the selected art behind everything (bottom / back).
Create Empty Drawing	Creates a drawing in the selected cell, replacing any drawing that may already be exposed in that cell and the following ones until it meets another drawing, key exposure or a blank cell.
Duplicate Drawings	Creates a duplicate of the selected drawing in the layer. The duplicate drawing will be exposed at the selected frame instead of the original drawing. Hence, this command allows you to instantly start working on a duplicate of the current drawing and retain the original.
	When duplicating a drawing, the exposure at the selected cell is replaced with the new drawing, up until the next key exposure.
Delete Selected Drawings	Permanently removes selected drawings. Once you save your project, these drawings cannot be recovered.
Rename Drawing	Lets you give a selected drawing a new name.
Select Strokes with Current Colour	Lets you select drawing elements and painted areas with the same colour as the currently selected colour in your colour palette.

Previous Drawing	W hen a cell is selected in the Timeline or Xsheet view, displays the previous drawing.
Next Drawing	When a cell is selected in the Timeline or Xsheet view, displays the next drawing.
Previous Layer	W hen a cell is selected in the Timeline or Xsheet view, displays the previous layer.
Next Layer	Once a cell is selected in the Timeline or Xsheet view, you can navigate between the drawings, frames, and layers. Displays the previous drawing, next drawing, previous layer or next layer.  When a cell is selected in the Timeline or Xsheet view, displays the next layer.

### **Edit Menu**

The Edit menu lets you repeat and undo actions, cut/copy/paste selected objects, select and manipulate objects, work with symbols, and access the Preferences dialog box.

### How to access the Edit menu

• From the top menu, select **Edit**.

Command	Description
Undo	Removes the last change made to your project. Harmony supports multiple undo, so you can undo changes you made in the order you made them.
Redo	Redoes an operation you have undone. This command is active only after you use the Undo command.
Cut	Removes selected objects. You can then paste the object or its properties to another object.
Сору	Copies selected objects and properties.
Paste	Places an object you cut or copied into the location you select in a view.
Paste in Place	Pastes the copied object in the same place as the original.
Paste Special	Opens the Paste Special dialog box which lets you determine how templates and symbols are imported in the Timeline view.  There are advanced paste options for drawings, timings, keyframes, layers, as well as palettes and symbols.
Paste Special Again	Pastes new drawings with the previous Paste Special settings.
Delete	Removes selected objects.
Select All	Selects all drawing objects in the current drawing window in the Drawing, Timeline and Camera views. This helps you manage multiple objects as one when moving them.

Deselect All	Deselects all selected objects in the Drawing and Camera views.
Invert Selection	Deselects the currently selected items and selects all other items that were not selected. For example, if some lines are selected in a drawing, this command will deselect them and select any other lines in the drawing that were not selected.
Create Symbol	Creates a symbol from selected drawing elements in the Drawing or Camera view or a layer or cells in the Timeline view.
Expand Symbol	Extracts a symbol's contents and places it on the root timeline. Its contents will be copied and inserted into the root timeline. The symbol will not be removed from the Timeline view once it is expanded.  The symbol's layers will be parented to it in case you created motions and transformations on the drawing layer that contain the symbol. Breaking the hierarchy could result in the loss of any scaling and animation you may have created.
Duplicate Selected Symbol	Creates a duplicate of a selected symbol. If other symbols are nested inside the new symbol, they are not duplicated. If you modify them, the original and other instances will also be modified.
Clone: Drawings Only	Creates a copy of the drawings in the selected layer in the Timeline view or column in the Xsheet view. The timing it not copied.
Clone: Drawings and Timing	Creates a copy of the drawings and their timings in the selected layer in the Timeline view or column in the Xsheet view.
Duplicate	Duplicates a layer to have a copy of the drawings that are independent from the original ones, as well as an independent timing (exposure).  When you need the drawings to be modified independently, you will want to duplicate the layer instead of cloning it.
Merge	Combines all drawings. Unused columns and layers will be deleted, but the original drawing files are still accessible.
Group	1
Group	Groups selected drawing objects in the Camera or Drawing view.
Ungroup	Ungroups a selected group of drawing objects in the Camera or

	Drawing view.
Edit Drawing Mode	When the Auto-Get Rights to Modify Drawings option is selected in the Preferences dialog box (General tab), the system automatically gets the rights to modify drawings when you select a drawing.  Otherwise, you must manually get the rights to modify drawings.
Edit Palette List Mode	When the Auto-Get Rights to Modify Palette option is selected in the Preferences dialog box (General tab), the system automatically gets the rights to modify palettes and palette lists when you select a colour from a palette. Otherwise, you must manually get the rights to modify a palette or palette list.
Get Rights to Modify Drawing	Manually releases the rights to modify a selected drawing.
Release Rights to Modify Drawing	Manually releases rights to modify a selected drawing.
Force Release Rights to Modify Drawing	This option is always available even if the Get Rights to Modify All Scene Assets option is not selected in the Database Selector dialog box.
Preferences	Opens the Preferences dialog box where you can set your preferences for Harmony.

# File Menu

The File menu lets you open, close, save, scan, print, and import and export files.

#### How to access the File menu

• From the top menu, select **File**.

Command	Description
New	Creates a new scene while closing any scene already open. The New Scene dialog box opens, asking for directory, name, and resolution information.
Open	Displays the Open Scene dialog box where you can browse for a scene file. You can open a new scene from the current one and the previous scene will close.
Open Recent	Displays a list of the most recently opened scenes.
Clear	Clears the list of recently opened scenes.
Close	Closes the currently opened scene, but does not close the Harmony application.
Save	Saves all changes made to the opened scene, drawings, palettes, and palette lists.
Advanced Save	<ul> <li>Lets you do the following:</li> <li>Save the scene as the current version.</li> <li>Save different versions representing different stages of the production of your scene.</li> <li>Save different versions representing different scene setups.</li> <li>Choose specific assets that you want to save, such as drawings or palettes.</li> </ul>
Rights to Modify Scene Version	Allows you to modify the selected version of the scene as well as to manage and overwrite other versions. Other users will not be able to open a different version of the scene until you close the scene.
Rights to Modify Scene	Allows you to modify the currently selected scene version only. Unless the <b>Get rights</b> to modify the scene option is also checked, you will not be able to change other versions of the scene. This allows other users to modify different versions of the scene while you are working on the selected version.

Read Changed Drawings	Determines which drawing files have been modified on disk since you loaded them. All updated drawings will be reloaded.  NOTE  Reloading a locked drawing will discard unsaved changes.
Manage Versions	Allows you to manage all the versions of the current scene.
Manage Local Cache	Opens the Manage Local Cache dialog, in which you can see all the Harmony Server database scenes that were cached locally, delete unused caches and check if the data in a scene's cache matches the data on the database server.
Save As	Saves the current file with a different name and at a different location.  Saves the current state of a scene as another scene. The Save As window prompts you for a new name and a different location for this scene before saving it. This will create a complete scene directory for the new scene.  NOTE  The scene name cannot exceed 23 characters.
Save as New Version	Saves the current scene as another version. The Save Version dialog box prompts you to give a name for this new version. This will create a new .xstage file in your current project directory.
Acquire	
From TW AIN	Opens the Acquire from Scanner window from which you can set parameters before scanning.
Import	
Images	Imports bitmap images which you can choose to vectorize.
Movie	Lets you convert a QuickTime movie to an image sequence and audio file.
Sound	Lets you import sound files into your project.
SW F, Illustrator	Lets you import SW F files into your project.

Files to Library	
Export	
Images	Exports a scene as a bitmap image sequence. If there is sound in your scene, it will not be exported with the images.
Movie	Exports animation as a QuickTime movie.
SWF	Exports a Flash movie file.  Harmony supports exporting Flash movie files with a limited subset of vector and bitmap effects, the latter which can be previewed in Render View ** mode.
Quit	Closes the application.

# **Help Menu**

The Help menu lets you display the Harmony documentation, Welcome screen and end user license agreement, as well as access the Toon Boom website, and identify the product name and version number.

### How to access the Help menu

• At the top of the interface, select **Help**.

Command	Description
Online Help	Opens the Harmony Help system, complete with instructions on how to use the system. This requires an internet connection.
Getting Started	Opens the Harmony Getting Started Guide (in PDF format) in a browser window. Requires Acrobat Reader.
Toon Boom on the Web	Opens the Toon Boom website, which features a Support and Community > Forum section.
Customer Experience Improvement Program	The Customer Experience Improvement Program allows Toon Boom to collect usage information. The data does not contain any personally identifiable information and cannot be used to identify you. The data will consist of a basic hardware description, a project summary and usage information. The information is used only for software improvement purposes, as well as for sharing with third parties for the same reason.  This program is enabled by default but is voluntary. If you prefer not to participate, you can opt out when you first launch the software, by using a global preference, or by a command line argument.
About	Identifies the product name and version number.
Show Welcome Screen	Displays the Harmony W elcome screen.
Show End User License Agreement	Displays the End User License Agreement.

### **Insert Menu**

The Insert menu lets you create empty symbols in the Library view, different types of layers in the Timeline view, keyframes and control points.

### How to access the Insert menu

• At the top of the interface, select Insert.

Command	Description
Create Empty Symbol in Library	Creates an empty symbol in the Library view to which you can edit (add content).
Bone	Adds a new Bone layer to the Timeline view.
Camera	Adds a new Camera layer to the Timeline view.
Colour-Card	Adds a new Colour-Card layer to the Timeline view.
Drawing	Adds a new Drawing layer to the Timeline view and a column in the Xsheet view.
Game Bone	Adds a new Game Bone layer to the Timeline view.
Kinematic Output	Adds dd a new Kinematic Output layer to the Timeline view.
Peg	Adds a new Peg layer to the Timeline view.
Quadmap	Adds a new Quadmap layer to the Timeline view.
Effects	Adds a new layer in the Timeline view with the effect you select: Blur, Brightness-Contrast, Colour-Scale, Cutter, Glow, Shadow, or Transparency.
Keyframe	Adds a keyframe to the selected cell in the Timeline view.
Keyframe and Duplicate Drawing	Adds a keyframe to the selected drawing layer cell in the Timeline view and creates a duplicate of the drawing, which sits on top of the original drawing.

Control Point	Adds a control point to the trajectory of the selected element or peg in the Camera view when the element or peg is in a 3D path. Note that you must have a 3D path in the peg portion in order to add a control point.
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# Play Menu

The Play menu lets you play back animation and sound. Use it to scrub the sound to create your lip-sync, loop the playback, navigate through frames, and change the playback range and speed.

### How to access the Play menu

• At the top of the interface, select Play.

Command	Description
Play	Plays the scene in the Camera or Drawing view.
Render and Play	Renders your scene's frames, then opens the rendered frames in Play for playback.  This allows you to preview your scene's animation in real time, with the effects rendered and with no risk of slowdown.
Record and Play	Exports your scene as it appears in the Camera view into a movie file, then opens it in your workstation's default video player.  This allows you to preview your animation without any risk of slowdown, but it does not preview the effects in your scene. However, it is much faster than Render and Play.  This button automates the usage of the Export OpenGL Frames dialog see
Test SW F Movie	Quickly exports your scene as a Flash Movie (.swf), then opens it in your workstation's default web browser.
Stop	Stops playback.
Mini Playback	Open the Mini Playback dialog. This dialog allows you to set the amount of frames before and after the current frame to playback when using Mini Playback, to set the speed of Mini Playback and to start Mini Playback.
Start Mini Playback	Begins Mini Playback using the last settings entered in the Mini Playback dialog. By default, Mini Playback will play 5 frames before and after the current frame, at the scene's frame rate.

Playback Speed	Opens the Set New Frame Rate dialog box where you can set the frame rate at which the playback plays.
Loop	If pressed, your scene will repeat indefinitely when playing.  Otherwise, it will stop when the end is reached.
Enable Sound	Turns on sound during playback.
Enable Sound Scrubbing	Turns on sound scrubbing during playback.
Start Frame	Opens the Set Playback Start Frame dialog box, in which you can enter the frame number from which to start playback.
Stop Frame	Opens the Set Playback Stop Frame dialog box, in which you can set the frame number at which to stop playback.
First Frame	Moves the red playhead to the first frame.
Previous Frame	Moves the red playhead to the previous frame.
Next Frame	Moves the red playhead to the next frame.
Last Frame	Moves the red playhead to the last frame.
Go to Frame	Opens the Go to Frame dialog box where you can enter the frame number on which the red playhead to be positioned in the Timeline view.
Enable Playback	
Top View	Plays back your animation in the Top view.
Side View	Plays back your animation in the Side view.
Perspective View	Plays back your animation in the Perspective view.

### Scene Menu

The Scene menu lets you set the scene length, add frames to the scene, view different displays of the scene, set render options, access the Scene Settings dialog box and Elements Manager window, and verify the drawing and palette files in your project.

#### How to access the Scene menu

• At the top of the interface, select **Scene**.

Command	Description
Scene Length	Lets you set the length of the scene in frames.
Frame	
Add Frames at Start	Adds the number of frames you specify to the beginning of the scene.
Add Frames at End	Adds the number of frames you specify to the end of the scene.
Add Frames Before Selection	Add the number of from account procify before or often your colories
Add Frames After Selection	Adds the number of frames you specify before or after your selection.
Remove Selected Frames	Deletes the selected frames from your scene.
Camera	
Default Camera	Lets you select a camera. If you only add one camera to your scene, you will only see Default Camera in your list.
Scene Settings	Opens the Scene Settings dialog box where you can set the resolution, alignment, bitmap resolution and many other parameters.
Render	
Auto Render	Automatically recalculates the preview image whenever you modify a parameter. If your scene is heavy and you do not want the preview rendered automatically, deselect the Auto-Render option and do the

	preview update manually.Note that this will slow down Harmony as it takes resources to update every frame.
Cancel Preview Render	Cancels a render that was started.

### View Menu

The View menu lets you manipulate the view by zooming, panning, or rotating. You can also display the grid and change its size, use the onion skin feature to help with drawing, and set the preview resolution.

#### How to access the View menu

• At the top of the interface, select View.

Command	Description
Toggle Full Screen	Cycles through the following display modes:     Normal Full-Screen: The main application window becomes full screen.     View Full-Screen: The selected view becomes full screen and all other views are collapsed.     Normal: The main application window is restored to its original size and collapsed views are expanded.
Zoom In	Zooms in the view.
Zoom Out	Zooms out the view.
Rotate View CW	Rotates the Camera view 30 degrees clockwise, like an animation table.
Rotate View CCW	Rotates the Camera view 30 degrees counter-clockwise, like an animation table.
Mirror View	Temporarily flips the Camera or Drawing view horizontally, allowing you to view and edit your artwork as if it was being mirrored.
Reset Zoom	Resets the view's zoom to its default position.
Reset Rotation	Resets the view's rotation to its default position.
Reset Pan	Resets the view's pan to its default position.
Reset View	Resets the view to its default position.

Grid	
Show Grid	Displays the grid.
Underlay	Displays the grid under the drawing elements.
Overlay	Displays the grid over the drawing elements.
Square Grid	Displays a standard square grid.
12 Field Grid	Displays a 12-field size grid.
16 Field Grid	Displays a 16-field size grid.
Onion Skin	
Show Onion Skin	Lets you preview the previous and next drawings. By default, the previous drawings appear in a shade of red and the next drawings are displayed with a shade of green. You can change these colours in the Preferences dialog box.
Add to Onion Skin	Adds a series of selected elements to the onion skin preview.
Remove from Onion Skin	Removes a series of selected elements from the onion skin preview.
Remove Unselected from Onion Skin	Removes all elements except the ones selected from the onion skin preview.
Add All to Onion Skin	Adds all of the scene's elements to the onion skin preview.
Remove All from Onion Skin	Removes all of the scene's elements from the onion skin preview.
Onion Skinning by Frames	Selects the drawings to display in the Onion Skin by their frame number relative to the current frame. For example, if the Onion Skin is set to include 2 drawings before and after the current frame, it will include the drawings up to two frames before and up to two frames after the current frame, even if those drawings are the same as the one in the current frame. This is more useful for cut-out animation as it allows you to position a drawing relative to its position in adjacent frames.

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	NOTE This option only works in the Camera view.
Onion Skinning by Drawings	Selects the drawings to display in the Onion Skin by the amount of different drawings before and after the current frame. For example, if the Onion Skin is set to include 2 drawings before and after the current frame, this will display the nearest two different drawings before and after the drawing in the current frame in the Onion Skin, even if those drawings are further than 2 frames away from the current frame. This is more useful for frame-by-frame animation.
	NOTE  When this option is enabled, the handles allowing you to adjust the extent of the Onion Skin in the Timeline view are not available.
Reduce One Previous Drawing	Reduces the number of previous visible drawings by one.
Add One Previous Drawing	Adds one drawing to the number of previous visible drawings.
Reduce One Next Drawing	Reduces the number of next visible drawings by one.
Add One Next Drawing	Adds one drawing to the number of next visible drawings.
Light Table	Turns on the light table so you can see the previous and subsequent active layers in washed-out colours. It is useful for seeing the other layers when designing, animating or cleaning up your animation.
Show	
Safe Area	Displays the TV safety zone and the centre of the camera frame. The safe area adapts to the scene resolution, as well as the safety zone and frame's centre.
Camera Mask	Displays a black mask around the scene's frame to avoid seeing the unnecessary artwork. This option is handy when you're animating and setting up the scene. It allows you to see your scene's composition better.

Control	Displays the controls of the selected element.
Current Drawing on Top	Displays the selected drawing on top of everything while you draw. By enabling this option, each time you select a drawing tool, the selected drawing is displayed in front of everything in the Camera view. The Timeline view ordering remain unchanged. You only need to enable this option once, it is not necessary to do it each time you select a drawing tool.
Show Strokes	Displays the strokes in your drawings so that the invisible lines stand out.
Hide All Controls	Hides the controls of the selected element.
Alignment Guides	Alignment Guides
Show Alignment Guides	When enabled, alignment guides will be visible in the Camera and Drawing views.  This is enabled by default. Disabling this option will hide and disable alignment guides, meaning that animation and drawing tools will not snap to them, even if the  Snap to Alignment Guides option is enabled in the Tool Properties view.
Lock Alignment Guides	It is possible to reposition alignment guides in the current panel by dragging them using the Transform tool. Enabling this option will lock the alignment guides in their current position, allowing you to manipulate layers and artwork in your scene without accidentally moving alignment guides.
Clear Alignment Guides	Removes all the alignment guides from your scene.
New Horizontal Alignment Guide	Adds a horizontal alignment guide to the middle of the stage.  TIP  You can move the alignment guide from its default position using the Transforml tool or the Select tool.
New Vertical Alignment Guide	Adds a vertical alignment guide to the middle of the stage.

	You can move the alignment guide from its default position using the TransformI tool or the Select tool.
Preview Resolution	
Same as Scene Resolution	
3/4 of Scene Resolution	
1/2 of Scene Resolution	Lets you choose a resolution for previewing a scene.
1/3 of Scene Resolution	
1/4 of Scene Resolution	
Custom	Lets you select a resolution from a list of presets or enter X and Y values for a custom preview resolution.
	Let's you increase or decrease the preview quality of raw bitmap images. By default, bitmap files imported in Harmony will display in a low resolution in the Camera view to avoid hindering performance.
Bitmap File Quality	You can change the default resolution in which bitmap files are displayed in the Camera view by changing the Small Bitmap Resolution preference located in the Camera tab of the Preferences dialog.
	NOTE  This only affects the way bitmap images display in the OpenGL preview of the scene in the Camera view. The preview quality of bitmap images does not affect the final render.

### Windows Menu

The Windows menu lets you customize your workspace to suit your working style, save it as a new workspace, and load it from the Workspace toolbar. You can also show or hide the different toolbars and views in Harmony.

#### How to access the Windows menu

• From the top menu, select Windows.

Command	Description
Restore Default Workspace	Returns modified workspaces to their original default layout if you do not like the current modifications or inadvertently closed some windows.
W orkspace	
W orkspace Manager	Opens the W orkspace Manager where you can modify, create, delete, rename and reorder your workspaces.
W orkspace	Lets you open workspaces designed specifically for animating, compositing, hand drawing, scripting and the default workspace.
Toolbars	Allows you to add or remove toolbars from your workspace.  NOTE  For information on the different toolbars in Harmony, see  Toolbars.
Camera	Shows or hides the Camera view.
Colour	Shows or hides the Colour view.
Drawing	Shows or hides the Drawing view.
Function	Shows or hides the Function view.
Layer Properties	Shows or hides the Layer Properties view.

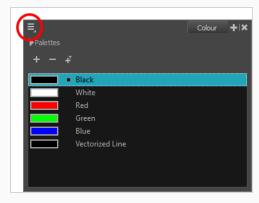
Library	Shows or hides the Library view.
Message Log	Shows or hides the Message Log view.
Side	Shows or hides the Side view.
Timeline	Shows or hides the Timeline view.
Tool Properties	Shows or hides the Tool Properties view.
Тор	Shows or hides the Top view.
Xsheet	Shows or hides the Xsheet view.
Integrated Help	Shows or hides the Integrated Help view.
Metadata Editor	Shows or Hides the Metadata Editor view.
Script Editor	Shows or hides the Script Editor view.

# **View Menus**

A view menu contains commands specifically related to that view.

#### How to access a view menu

1. In the top-left corner of a view , click the Menu  $\equiv$  button.



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### **Colour View Menu**

The Colour View menu lets you access commands related to the Colour view such as creating new palettes, adding new colour swatches, and displaying the Tint panel.

#### How to access the Colour menu

• In the upper-left corner of the Colour view, click the menu ≡ button.

Command	Description
Palettes	
New	Creates a new colour palette.  By default, Toon Boom Harmony Essentials is set to the Basic mode. For simple productions, it is recommended to use the Basic mode. This setting stores the palettes automatically for you and saves them at the Scene level. When you use the Advanced Palette Lists mode, you can decide at which level you want to store your palettes: Environment, Job, Scene, or Element.
Import	Imports a colour palette located on your hard drive.
Remove	Removes the selected palette from the palette list.
Remove and Delete on Disk	Removes the selected palette from the palette list and deletes the palette file from the disk.
Rename	Lets you five the selected colour palette a new name.
Duplicate	Creates a copy of the original palette, using the same names and colour values, but has a different ID and is independent from the original palette. This ensures that both the duplicate and original palettes are completely independent.
Clone	Creates a copy of the master palette. The colours in each palette have the same properties. The colours have the same identification number pointing to the same colour zones, but they can have different names and RGBA values.
Move Up	Moves the selected colour palette up one level.
Move Down	Moves the selected colour palette down one level.

Colour Editor	Opens the Colour Editor where you can pick and edit colour swatches.
Tint Panel	Opens the Tint panel where you can modify a series of colours to blend a tint in them or offset their RGBA values.
Current Palette Overrides	When clone palettes are present in the palette list, by default, priority is given to the palette that is the highest in the palette list to decide which colours to apply to drawings. With this option enabled, priority is given to the currently selected palette. Selecting any of the clone palettes will make drawings use colours from the selected palette instead.
Display Colour Values	Display the colour values beside their colour swatches in the palette list.
Colours	
Cut	Cuts the selected colour swatch from the palette.
Сору	Copies the selected colour swatch which you can paste in a different palette.
Copy Colour ID	Copies a colour swatch's colour ID so you can keep a reference file of colour IDs or use them with custom plug-ins. Example of a colour ID: 075cf5b552401130.
Paste Colour Values	Pastes the colour value of the copied swatch over an existing colour swatch.
Paste As New Colours	Creates a new colour swatch from the colour value of the copied swatch.
Paste As Clones	Pastes a copied colour to a new palette as a clone of the original one. Both colour use the same colour ID. They have to be in different palettes.
New	Creates a new colour swatch from the colour swatch that was last selected.
Edit	Opens the Colour Picker window in which you can edit the selected colour swatch.
Delete	Deletes the selected colour swatch from the palette.
New Texture	Lets you add a bitmap colour swatch to your palette. You can load photos and textures and paint your drawings with it. The bitmap image must be a .tga or .psd

	file format.
Edit Texture	Opens the browser to replace the texture used in a textured colour swatch. All zones using the swatch will be updated with the new texture.
Scale Down Texture	Lets you set a new maximum texture size or scaling factor.
Protect Colour	Locks a selected colour, so if you ever paint over it accidentally, the work already done will not be affected. You can also block the filling colours if you painted all of the animation in Line Art and plan to repaint the lines.
Swatch Mode	Displays the colour swatches with its corresponding name inside the swatch.  When this option is not selected, the names of the colour swatches are displayed beside the swatch.
Independent Bitmap Colour	Bitmap colour selection is independent from the vector colour selection.
Bitmap Colour Sliders	
RGB	Displays the colour picking sliders as RGB (red, green, blue).
HSV	Displays the colour picking sliders as HSV (hue, saturation, value).

### **Function View Menu**

The Functions View menu lets you do many things in the Camera view, including selecting and editing objects in different views, changing the display, setting morphing parameters, accessing tools and many more.

#### How to access the Function menu

• In the upper-left corner of the Function view, click the menu ≡ button.

Command	Description
Edit	
Cut	Removes selected objects. You can then paste the object or its properties to another object.
Сору	Copies selected objects and properties.
Paste	Places an object you cut or copied into the location you select in a view.
Delete	Removes selected objects.
Select Next Keyframe	Selects the next keyframe.
Select Previous Keyframe	Selects the previous keyframe.
Select Left Handle	Selects the left handle of the selected keyframe.
Select Right Handle	Selects the right handle of the selected keyframe.
Select All	Selects all objects in the Function view. This helps you manage multiple objects as one.
Deselect All	Deselects all selected objects in the Function view.
View	

Show Current Frame	Displays the current frame
Toggle Grid	Enables the display of the grid.
Reset Zoom	Resets the view's zoom to its default position.
Reset Pan	Resets the view's pan to its default position.
Reset View	Resets the view to its default position.
Function List	
Auto Load Selection	Sets the Function view to automatically load the functions of layers when the node is selected in the Node View.
Clear	Will clear all functions in the Function view.
Load Selection	Loads the functions of the current node selection.
Add Selection	Adds the functions of the currently selected node.
Remove Selection	Will remove the function of the currently selected node from the Function view.
	Show Motion: Displays the function for Motion (the Pos_x and Pos_y).
Show	Show Rotation: Displays the function for Rotation (Angle_z).
	Show Scale: Displays the function for Scaling (Scale_x and Scale_y).
	Show Skew: Displays the function for Skew.

# **Library View Menu**

The Library View menu lets you access commands specific to the Library view, such as opening a Library or getting the rights to modify a library folder.

# How to access the Library menu

• In the upper-left corner of the Library view, click the menu button.

Command	Description
View	
List	Displays the contents of the selected folder as a list.
Thumbnails	Displays the contents of the selected folder as a thumbnails.
Details	Displays the details of the selected file.
Generate Thumbnails	Creates a thumbnail to display in the preview window.
Edit	
New Symbol	Creates a new symbol from a drawing or part of a drawing in the Drawing or Camera view, or a layer in the Timeline view.  If your selection is in the Timeline, the new symbol appears in the Symbol folder.  The current selection is not replaced by the new symbol. The new symbol only appears in the library. You must drag it into your scene to use it.  If your selection is in the Drawing or Camera view, the new symbol appears in the Symbol folder and in the Timeline view as a new layer.
Cut	Cuts the selected file in the Library view.
Сору	Copies the selected file in the Library view.
Paste	Pastes the selected file in the Library view.
Delete	Deletes the selected file in the Library view.

Delete Thumbnails	Deletes any thumbnails that were generated for display in the preview window.
Edit Symbol	Places you inside the symbol where you can edit it.  To return to the project's timeline, click the Top for button in the Camera view's top-left corner, press Ctrl + Shift + E (Windows/Linux) or # + Shift + E (macOS).
Remove Unused Files	Removes any files not in use in the selected template.
Rename Template	Lets you rename a selected template.
Import Files	Imports vector files such as AI, PDF, and SWF. You requires the right to modify the library in which you want to import the files.
Folders	
New Folder	Creates a new folder in the Library view. Before you can create a new folder, you must have the right to modify the folder in which you are creating the new folder.
Refresh	Updates the view and its contents.
Open Library	Lets you open a library on your computer.
Close Library	Unlinks a library folder from your library list.

### **Script Editor View Menu**

The Script Editor view menu gives you access to all of the commands needed for editing and testing scripts in the Script Editor view—see *Script Editor View* on page 355.

#### How to access the Script Editor view menu

- 1. Add the Script Editor view to your workspace by doing one of the following:
  - In the top-right corner of an existing view, click on the + Add View button and select Script Editor.
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Script Editor.
- 2. In the top-left corner of the Script Editor view, click on the Menu button.

Button	Description
File	
New Script	Creates a new script. When you click on this button, you are first prompted to type in a name for the script. Then, you will be prompted to select which location to save the script in:
	User: Saves the script to a directory in your user preferences directory. You will be able to run and edit the script from any scene as long as you are logged in as the same user.
	Scene: Save the script to the scene's scripts sub-folder. Anyone will be able to edit and run the script when working on this specific scene.
	System Variable: Save the script to the directory in the TOONBOOM_ GLOBAL_SCRIPT_LOCATION environment variable. This option is only available if this environment variable is set.
	NOTE For more information on script locations, see <u>Script list</u> on page 355.
Import Script	Allows you to import a script from your machine into Harmony. When you click on this button, you are prompted to browse for and select a script on your file system. Then, you are prompted to select which location to import the script in:  • User: Saves the script to a directory in your user preferences directory. You will be able to run and edit the script from any scene as long as you are logged in as the same user.

Button	Description
	Scene: Save the script to the scene's scripts sub-folder. Anyone will be able to edit and run the script when working on this specific scene.  System Variable: Save the script to the directory in the TOONBOOM_GLOBAL_SCRIPT_LOCATION environment variable. This option is only available if this environment variable is set.  NOTES  When you import a script, any user interface (.ui) or icon (.png) file that is in the same directory and has the same filename as the script will also be imported.  For more information on script locations, see <a href="Script Editor View">Script Editor View</a> on page 355.
Delete Script	NOTES  You cannot delete a script if it is in the Application Resources location, as those are scripts that are installed with Harmony.  If you delete a script that was originally in Application Resources but which you copied to another location so you could make changes to it, the original version of the script in the Application Resources folder will be restored to the list.
Refresh Script File List	Refresh the list of scripts in the Script Editor. If there are new scripts in your user preferences or your scene's scripts sub-folder, click on this button to be able to open them in the Script Editor.
Editor	
Set External Editor	Allows you to type in the path and name for your preferred text editing software.  NOTES  On macOS, only typing the name of your preferred text editing software is enough if that application supports the AppleScript Open Document protocol.  On Windows, unless your text editor is in your system's PATH environment variable, you will have to type in the full path to the editor.

Button	Description
External Editor	Opens the selected script in the chosen external text editing software.
Play/Debug	
	Prompts you to select which script and which function to use with the <b>Run</b> and <b>Debug</b> commands.
Set Target	<ul> <li>NOTES</li> <li>You can set the entire script as the target by selecting the <nothing> function from the functions list.</nothing></li> <li>You cannot link an entire script to a toolbar button. Only functions within scripts can be added as toolbar buttons. Therefore, running or debugging an entire script rather than one of its functions should be done for testing purposes only.</li> </ul>
Run	NOTES  If you have not set a target script and function, you will be prompted to set one when you select this command.  You can set or change the target script and function by selecting Set Target from this menu.  If you are editing << <sandbox>&gt;&gt;, this button will simply run what you typed into the sandbox, regardless of whether another target is set.</sandbox>
Debug	Open the target script and function in the Qt Script Debugger, in which you can test and debug the function.  NOTES  If you have not set a target script and function, you will be prompted to set one when you select this command.  You can set or change the target script and function by selecting Set Target from this menu.  If you are editing << <sandbox>&gt;&gt;, this button will simply debug what you typed into the sandbox, regardless of whether another target is set.</sandbox>
Stop	If a script is currently running, this interrupts its execution.

Button	Description
Help	
Scripting Interface Documentation	Opens the reference documentation for the Harmony scripting interface in a web browser.  NOTE  This documentation is installed with Harmony and does not require Internet access.

### **Chapter 3: Layers**

In Harmony, everything that constitutes the different elements of a scene, including drawing layers, sound effects, visual effects and pegs is represented by a layer in the Timeline view.

At the core of the rendered picture is the drawing layer, which is used to display drawings. Those layers are rendered from bottom to top, with the bottommost layer appearing in the background, and the topmost layer appearing in the foreground.

Some layers, such as Peg, Bone or Quadmap layers, are made to offset drawing layers. They must be created as the parent of a drawing layer, or of a hierarchy of drawing layers, in order to transform the layers in the rendered image.

Other layers, such as Blur and Transparency layers, are made to transform the picture output by drawing layers. They must be created as children of drawing layers, or groups of drawing layers, in order to transform the drawings.

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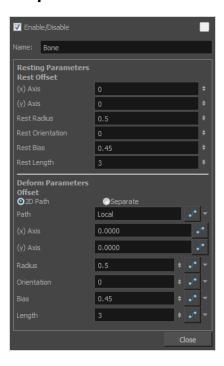
# **Deformation Layers**

Deformation layers are layers that make deformers. In Harmony, deformers are made of chains of deformation layers laid out in a hierarchy. Each deformation layer represents a point in the deformation chain.

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### **Bone Layers**

The Bone node is one of the main nodes used to build a deformation rig. Each Bone node consists of a bone and an articulation. You can chain Bone nodes to create a skeleton chain for your character. The Rigging tool can be used to create and connect those nodes automatically.



Parameter	Descriptions	
Enable/Disable	Allows you to enable or disable the layer. When disabled, a layer has no visible effect on the rendered image, nor on the preview in the Camera, Side and Top views.	
Colour Swatch	Sets the colour of the layer in the Timeline view.	
Name	The name of the node as it appears in the Node View and the Timeline view. Each node must have a name that is unique to its containing group.	
Resting Parameters Rest Offset		
(x) Axis	This is the bone x-axis (horizontal) coordinates for the resting position.	
(y) Axis	This is the bone y-axis (vertical) coordinates for the resting position.	

Rest Radius	This is the articulation's radius value (articulation size) for the resting position.
Rest Orientation	This is the bone's orientation angle for the resting position.
Rest Bias	This is the articulation's bias (roundness and smoothness) for the resting position.
Rest Length	This is the bone's length for the resting position.
Deform Parameters Offset	
2D Path	When this option is enabled, the X and Y-axis parameters are controlled by the same 2D path function.
Separate	When this option is enabled, the X and Y-axis parameters are individual one from another.
Path	When using a 2D Path, this field displays the name of the function.
(x) Axis	This is the bone X-axis (horizontal) coordinates for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function to be animated over time.
(y) Axis	This is the bone y-axis (vertical) coordinates for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function to be animated over time.
Radius	This is the articulation's radius value (articulation size) for the animation position.  This parameter can be linked to a function to be animated over time.
Orientation	This is the bone's orientation angle for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function to be animated over time.
Bias	This is the articulation's bias (roundness and smoothness) for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function to be animated over time.
Length	This is the bone's length for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function to be animated over time.

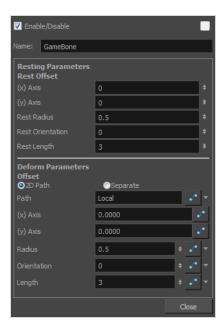
# **Deformation Composite Layer**

The Deformation-Composite node is automatically added to a rig when creating a split deformation chain. It is used to link the different nodes of a split deformation chain together before deforming the drawing it is linked to.

Parameter	Description
Enable/Disable	Allows you to enable or disable the layer. When disabled, a layer has no visible effect on the rendered image, nor on the preview in the Camera, Side and Top views.
Colour Swatch	Sets the colour of the layer in the Timeline view.
Name	Use this field to rename the node.

### **Game Bone Layer**

The Bone node is one of the main node used to build a deformation rig. Each Bone node consists of a bone and an articulation. Chaining Bone nodes will create a skeleton chain for your character. The Rigging tool can be used to create and connect those nodes automatically.



Parameter	Descriptions
Resting Parameters Rest Offset	
(x) Axis	This is the bone X-axis (horizontal) coordinates for the resting position.
(y) Axis	This is the bone Y-axis (vertical) coordinates for the resting position.
Rest Radius	This is the articulation's radius value (articulation size) for the resting position.
Rest Orientation	This is the bone's orientation angle for the resting position.
Rest Length	This is the bone's length for the resting position.
Deform Parameters Offset	
2D Path	When this option is enabled, the X and Y axis parameters are controlled by the same 2D path function.

Separate	When this option is enabled, the X and Y axis parameters are individual from each other.
Path	When using a 2D Path, this field displays the name of the function curve.
(x) Axis	This is the bone X-axis (horizontal) coordinates for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function curve to be animated over time.
(y) Axis	This is the bone Y-axis (vertical) coordinates for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function curve to be animated over time.
Radius	This is the articulation's radius value (articulation size) for the animation position.  This parameter can be linked to a function curve to be animated over time.
Orientation	This is the bone's orientation angle for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function curve to be animated over time.
Length	This is the bone's length for the animation position. This parameter can be linked to a function curve to be animated over time.

### **Kinematic Output Layer**

The Kinematic Output node lets you hook a separate element that you want to be linked to the deformation chain but not be part of the deformation, such as a hand to an arm or an arm to the body. These elements will follow the movement of the chain just like a regular cut-out character hierarchy piece without being influenced by the deformation of the arm. If you don't use the Kinematic Output, the piece's pivot will not follow the deformation.

Connect a Kinematic Output node below the deformation node you want your drawing to follow.

### **Effect Layers**

Effect layers can be connected under a layer or under a group to transform the image.

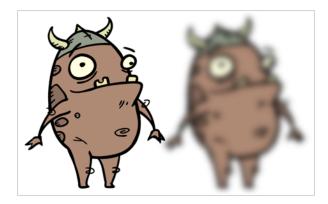
Should you need to apply the same effect to several layers combined, you must group them together so that Harmony composes those layers into a single image before applying the effect.

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### **Blur Layer**

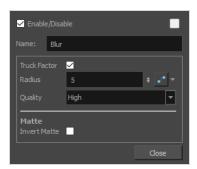
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The Blur effect creates an effect that softens, fogs or obscures the image evenly in all directions. This effect is useful when you want to make cloudy images not realistically seen in detail, such as a drawing object that is farther back or in the background of your scene, usually blurry due to the laws of atmospheric perspective. Other uses include the general softening of objects such as snow, stars and shadows that do not naturally have a hard outline.



Refer to the following example to connect this effect:



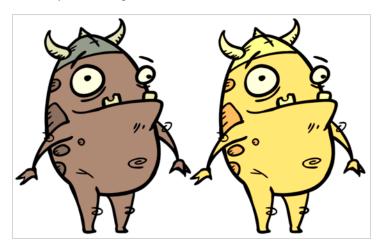


Parameter	Description
Name	The name of the node as it appears in the Node View and the Timeline view. Each node must have a name that is unique to its containing group.
Truck Factor	Activated by default, this option readjusts the blur when the elements undergo a change of depth or scale. When this option is deselected, the effect's values remain unchanged regardless of any depth or scale changes. This option should be deselected when multiple drawings are composited and attached to this

Parameter	Description
	effect.
Radius	Size of the blur. The larger the value, the greater the strength or reach of the blur.  The blur radius is affected by the drawing scale and camera position. Click the Edit Curve button to change these values over time by adjusting the function curve.
Quality	Select High for a slow and accurate operation or Low for a faster operation with a more raw look.
Matte	
Invert Matte	Inverts the matte used to generate the effect. By default, the effect is applied to the opaque areas of the matte drawing. When this option is enabled, the effect is applied to the transparent areas of the matte instead.

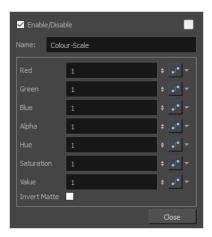
# **Colour-Scale Layer**

The Colour-Scale effect offsets an image's colours. This effect is useful in creating ambient transitions, such as from daytime to nighttime.



Refer to the following example to connect this effect:





Parameter	Description
Name	The name of the node as it appears in the Node View and the Timeline view. Each node must have a name that is unique to its containing group.
Red	The factor by which to multiply red values in the image.

Parameter	Description
Green	The factor by which to multiply green values in the image.
Blue	The factor by which to multiply blue values in the image.
Alpha	The factor by which to multiply alpha values in the image.
Hue	The colour or hue to offset the image.
Saturation	The amount of colour to offset the image.
Value	Enter the value for the colour to offset the image. The actual colour values of the image are not changed; instead, the channels are multiplied by a selected amount. For example:  • A value of 1 does not change the colour values.  • A value greater than 1 brings the colour channel value closer to 255 (or
	<ul> <li>white).</li> <li>A value less than 1 brings the colour channel value closer to zero (0 or black).</li> </ul>
Invert Matte	Inverts the matte used to generate the effect. By default, the effect is applied to the opaque areas of the matte drawing. When this option is enabled, the effect is applied to the transparent areas of the matte instead.

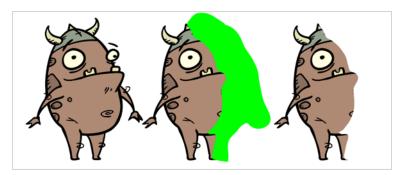
#### **Cutter Layer**

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The Cutter effect cuts out a portion of an image. To do this, it needs to be connected to the drawing it is intended to cut as well as to a matte layer. The cutter will take the shape of the drawing in the matte layer and cut this shape out of the drawing layer. This is especially useful if you want to make a character disappear between a background element, or if you want to cut out a hole in the middle of a character.

Like all effects that use a matte, the Cutter's effect has an Inverted parameter, which is disabled by default. When enabled, the Cutter will have the reverse effect: Instead of cutting the matte's shape out of the drawing, it will cut everything outside of the matte's shape out of the drawing, leaving only the parts of the drawing that are covered by the matte. This can be useful if, for example, you want to draw shadows or highlights for a character, but you don't want to have to worry about them bleeding beyond your character's outline. You can simply connect your shadow or highlight to an inverted cutter, and use a clone of your character as the matte, and your effect will not display outside of your character's outlines.

The Cutter effect can be used with 2D-3D integration. Rendered 2D drawings, integrated with 3D models, display soft, anti-aliased edges, even where the Cutter effect is applied.



Refer to the following example to connect this effect:





Parameter	Description
Enable/Disable	Allows you to enable or disable the layer. When disabled, a layer has no visible effect on the rendered image, nor on the preview in the Camera, Side and Top views.
Colour Swatch	Sets the colour of the layer in the Timeline view.
Name	Allows you to enter a name for the node.
Inverted	When this option is enabled, the Cutter node will invert the matte shape to cut the drawing. Instead of cutting the image intersecting with the matte, it will cut any artwork outside of the matte shape.

### **Glow Layer**

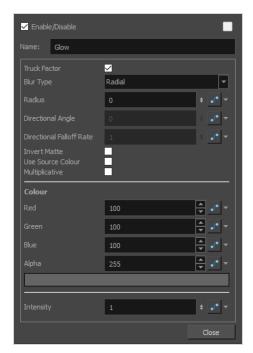
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The Glow effect turns your image into a glow area with a bright soft-edged light or diffuse light region around an image. The Glow effect is useful for creating a shining rim around objects, such as the sun or stars. Clone your layer to display the original image on top of the glow.



Refer to the following example to connect this effect:



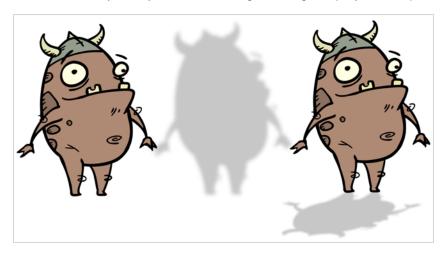


Parameter	Description
Enable/Disable	Allows you to enable or disable the layer. When disabled, a layer has no visible effect on the rendered image, nor on the preview in the Camera, Side and Top views.
Colour Swatch	Sets the colour of the layer in the Timeline view.
Name	The name of the node as it appears in the Node View and the Timeline view. Each node must have a name that is unique to its containing group.
Truck Factor	Activated by default, this option readjusts the blur when the elements undergo a change of depth or scale. When disabled, the effect's values will remain unchanged regardless of depth or scale changes. It is recommended that this option be disabled when multiple drawings are composited and attached this effect.
Blur Type	Allows you to choose between the following blur types for the effect:     Radial: The edges of the matte are blurred evenly around points that make up the edge of the matte.      Directional: The matte is blurred in the direction configured with the Directional Angle and Directional Falloff Rate parameters.
Radius	Enter a value for the size of the blur. The larger the value, the greater the blur effect. The blur radius is affected by the drawing scale and camera position.
Directional Angle	If you set the Blur Type to Directional, this sets the angle of the blur. The value goes from 0 to 360, with 0 meaning west, and angles going counterclockwise. For example:  • 0: Blurs the image to the west.  • 90: Blurs the image to the south.  • 180: Blurs the image to the east.  • 270: Blurs the image to the north.
Directional Falloff Rate	The distance where the blur fades from the edge of the image. Select a decimal value between 0 and 1. For example:  • 0: Makes the blur fade out slowly, distributing the blur evenly from the edge of the character to the farthest edge of the blur.  • 1: Makes the blur fade out quickly. The blur is heaviest closer to the edge

Parameter	Description
	of the image.
Invert Matte	Inverts the matte used to generate the effect. By default, the effect is applied to opaque areas of the drawing. When this option is enabled, the effect is applied to transparent or empty areas of the drawing.
	Instead of using the colour in the Colour parameters, this uses the colours in the source drawing to generate the effect.
Use Source Colour	NOTE  The effect of this parameter is only visible in Render View ** mode.
Multiplicative	Multiplies the colours of the effect with the colours of the background. This intensifies the effect.
Colour	
Red	The amount of red to add to the colour in the background image.
Green	The amount of green to add to the colour in the background image.
Blue	The amount of blue to add to the colour in the background image.
Alpha	The alpha value of the effect.
Colour Swatch	Opens the Colour Picker dialog, in which you can visually select a colour for the effect.
Intensity	Allows you to set the factor by which to multiply the intensity of the effect. This parameter can take a decimal value between 0 and 1. At 1, the effect is fully applied. At 0, the effect is not visible.

# **Shadow Layer**

With the Shadow effect, you can turn a drawing into a shadow. It doesn't matter if the drawing layer is a fully coloured character. The Shadow effect will render it into a grey, semitransparent, slightly blurry silhouette. You must clone your layer to see the original image displayed on top of the shadow.



Refer to the following example to connect this effect:



Parameter	Description
Enable/Disable	Allows you to enable or disable the layer. When disabled, a layer has no visible effect on the rendered image, nor on the preview in the Camera, Side and Top views.
Colour Swatch	Sets the colour of the layer in the Timeline view.
Name	The name of the node as it appears in the Node View and the Timeline view. Each node must have a name that is unique to its containing group.
Truck Factor	Activated by default, this option readjusts the blur when the elements undergo a change of depth or scale. When disabled, the effect's values will remain unchanged regardless of depth or scale changes. It is recommended that this option be disabled when multiple drawings are composited and attached this effect.
Blur Type	Allows you to choose between the following blur types for the effect:

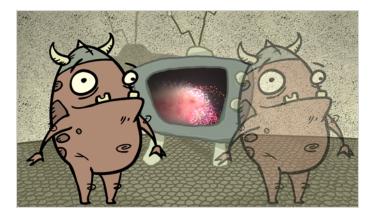
Parameter	Description
	<ul> <li>Radial: The edges of the matte are blurred evenly around points that make up the edge of the matte.</li> <li>Directional: The matte is blurred in the direction configured with the</li> </ul>
	Directional Angle and Directional Falloff Rate parameters.
Radius	Enter a value for the size of the blur. The larger the value, the greater the blur effect. The blur radius is affected by the drawing scale and camera position.
	If you set the Blur Type to Directional, this sets the angle of the blur. The value goes from 0 to 360, with 0 meaning west, and angles going counterclockwise. For example:
Directional Angle	0: Blurs the image to the west.
	90: Blurs the image to the south.
	180: Blurs the image to the east.
	270: Blurs the image to the north.
Directional Falloff Rate	The distance where the blur fades from the edge of the image. Select a decimal value between 0 and 1. For example:
	O: Makes the blur fade out slowly, distributing the blur evenly from the edge of the character to the farthest edge of the blur.
	<ul> <li>1: Makes the blur fade out quickly. The blur is heaviest closer to the edge of the image.</li> </ul>
Invert Matte	Inverts the matte used to generate the effect. By default, the effect is applied to opaque areas of the drawing. When this option is enabled, the effect is applied to transparent or empty areas of the drawing.
Use Source Colour	Instead of using the colour in the Colour parameters, this uses the colours in the source drawing to generate the effect.
	NOTE  The effect of this parameter is only visible in Render View ** mode.
Multiplicative	Multiplies the colours of the effect with the colours of the background. This intensifies the effect.

Parameter	Description
Colour	
Red	The amount of red to subtract from the colour in the background image. To obtain a shadow effect, this value must be negative.
Green	The amount of green to subtract from the colour in the background image. To obtain a shadow effect, this value must be negative.
Blue	The amount of blue to subtract from the colour in the background image. To obtain a shadow effect, this value must be negative.
Alpha	The alpha value of the effect.
Colour Swatch	Opens the Colour Picker dialog, in which you can visually select a colour for the effect.
Intensity	Allows you to set the factor by which to multiply the intensity of the effect. This parameter can take a decimal value between 0 and 1. At 1, the effect is fully applied. At 0, the effect is not visible.

### **Transparency Layer**

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The Transparency effect is used to make an image partially transparent. The Transparency effect is useful when fading images in and out, such as a phantom or to make something partially see-through, such as a window.



Refer to the following example to connect this effect:



You can enter a value in the Transparency field or change the transparency value over time by linking it to a function curve. Entering a value of 100 in the Transparency field will make the element 100% transparent, in other words, invisible. Entering a value of 0 will render the element completely opaque.



Parameter	Description
Name	Allows you to enter a name for the node.
Transparency	Lets you set the opacity of an element. Values range from 0 to 100. A value of 100 will make the element 100% transparent and a value of 0 will render the element completely opaque.

# **Image Layers**

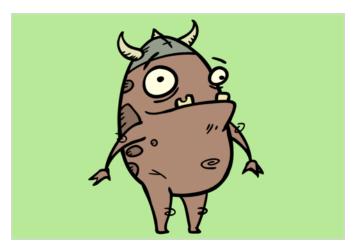
Image layers generate an image that display in your scene's render. The drawing layer, which is the main type of layer used in Harmony, generates an image based on the drawings in its element which are exposed at the current frame. The Colour-Card simply fills the render area with a solid colour.

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### **Colour-Card Layer**

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The Colour Card allows you to fill the scene's background with a solid colour when there is no background image. If no drawing or colour-card is present to cover the scene's background, the scene will be rendered on a pitch black canvas.





#### **NOTE**

By default, the Colour Card has a Z ordering value of **12 Backward**. This puts the Colour card behind all elements that have a value lower than **12 Backward**. Most of the time, the Colour card will appear automatically behind all the scene elements as they are all set to **0 Backward**, unless you have changed the Z ordering of the scene components. If so, the Colour Card will be in front of the elements that are pushed back to more than **12** fields backward.

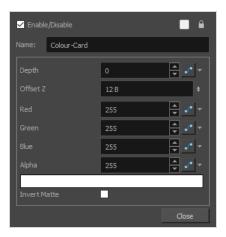
#### Connection

The Colour Card does not need to be connected to anything in your scene. It simply needs to be added to it alongside your drawing layers and groups.



Because a Colour Card has a default position on the z-axis of 12 Backward, it will appear behind all the layers in your scene regardless of whether or not it has layers underneath it.

# **Layer Properties**



Parameter	Description
Enable/Disable	Allows you to enable or disable the layer. When disabled, a layer has no visible effect on the rendered image, nor on the preview in the Camera, Side and Top views.
Colour Swatch	Sets the colour of the layer in the Timeline view.
Name	The name of the node as it appears in the Node View and the Timeline view. Each node must have a name that is unique to its containing group.
Depth	This parameter can be used to determine whether the colour card displays behind or in front of elements with the same position on the z-axis.
Offset Z	The position of the Colour Card on the Z-axis. By default, this is set to 12 B to ensure the Colour Card appears behind other elements in the scene. You can set this to 0 F to make the Colour Card respect the order of the layers in the Timeline view.
Colour	The colour and transparency of the Colour Card. You can also attach these parameters to function columns to change their values over time.  Click the colour swatch to open the Colour Picker window and select a colour.
Colour Swatch	Opens the Colour Picker window in which you can specify the colour.
Invert Matte	If an image is connected to the Colour Card's matte port, by default, the colour is only applied on the opaque areas of the matte. If this parameter is enabled, the colour is applied to the transparent areas of the matte instead.

#### **Drawing Layer**

The Drawing layer is at the core of a scene's structure. A drawing layer is linked to an element, which contains a series of drawing, and its Xsheet column, which indicates when and for how long each drawing is exposed. The layer is what connects the element and its exposure to the rendered image. It indicates the position of the drawings relative to other elements and to the stage, as well as the drawing's connections with pegs, groups and effects, if any.

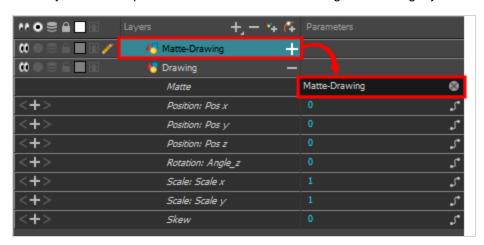
Although drawing layers can be transformed and animated on their own, it is typical to connect them under a parent peg. This allows you to keep the position and animation information of the element in the peg, making it easier to manipulate the exposure and the transformations separately. This is especially useful in digital cut-out animation where manipulating and transforming layers is often the main method of simulating movement, and changing drawings is the secondary method.



You can also connect a drawing layer as a child of another drawing layer. List like with pegs, any transformation done to the parent layer, whether on itself or through one of its parents, will also be applied to the child layer.



Optionally, you can connect a matte drawing to a drawing layer. When a drawing layer has a matte drawing, only the parts of the drawings that intersect with the opaque areas of the matte drawing will be rendered. This allows you to accomplish the same effect as connecting the drawing layer to a cutter effect.



#### **Layer Properties**

The drawing layer's properties are organized in the following tabs:

- Transformation Tab
- Drawing Tab

#### **Transformation Tab**

The Transformation tab contains parameters for adjusting the position, scale, rotation, skew and pivots of an element.



Parameter	Description
Position	3D Path: Use a 3D path to position the element. A 3D path uses a single function to define the position on the X, Y and Z axes. This function is made of control points linked by a curvilinear path, making the movement follow a natural curve. The pace and ease of the movement is determined by a single velocity function.  Separate: Positions the element using separate functions for the X, Y and Z axes. This allows to control the direction and pace of the movement across all three axes separately. Unless ease is applied to the axes, the trajectory of the element will follow straight lines going between each keyframe.
	Path: If the 3D Path option is selected, this field allows you to create or select the 3D Path function used to position the element.

	Path (x) Axis: The position of the element on the East-W est axis, in fields.  Path (y) Axis: The position of the element on the South-North axis, in fields.  Path (z) Axis: The position of the element in the Back-Front axis, in fields.  Velocity: If the 3D Path option is selected, this function is used to control the pace at which the element moves towards each control point in the 3D Path function, on all three axes simultaneously.
Scale	Locked: Uses a single scale parameter to scale the element, preserving its proportions.  Separate: Uses a separate parameter to scale the element on the X and Y axis, allowing to stretch or squash the element.
	<ul><li>(x) Axis: The horizontal scale factor. The default value is 1.</li><li>(y) Axis: The vertical scale factor. The default value is 1.</li></ul>
Rotation	<b>Angle z</b> : The angle at which the element is rotated, based on the 360 degrees scale. Values below 0 or above 360 degrees will cause the rotation to cycle.
Skew	<b>Skew</b> : The angle at which the element is skewed. This value can range from -90 to 90 degrees.
Pivot	<ul> <li>(x) Axis: The horizontal position of the pivot point of the element relative to the pivot point of the drawing, in fields.</li> <li>(y) Axis: The vertical position of the pivot point of the element relative to the pivot point of the drawing, in fields.</li> <li>NOTE</li></ul>
	pivot point when using on of the tools in the Advanced Animation toolbar.

# **Drawing Tab**



Parameter	Description	
Matte	Invert Matte:If a drawing, group or effect is added to the drawing's Matte attribute, the part of the drawing that intersect with the matte's opaque areas will be cut out by default. If this parameter is enabled, the part of the drawing that intersect with the matte's transparent areas will be cut out instead.	
Colour Space	Colour Space: The colour space in which the element's colours should be interpreted. If the element's colour space is different from the project colour space, then the element's colours will be converted from the element's colour space to the project's colour space as they are processed, before being composited together with the scene's special effects.	
	<ul> <li>Undefined Colour Space: No colour space is defined for the drawing. The drawing's colours will be interpreted as if they were the same colour space the one selected in the Colour Space tab of the Scene Settings dialog.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Linear: The same primaries and white point as sRGB and Rec. 709, but with no gamma transfer curve applied to the colour values. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in sRGB or Rec. 709.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Display P3: A colour space commonly used for digital projection. It has the same primaries as DCI-P3, the same white point as sRGB and the same gamma transfer curve as sRGB.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Display P3 Linear: The same as Display P3, except with no gamma transfer curve. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in Display P3.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Rec. 709: The colour space used for HDTV. It has the same primaries and white point as sRGB, but has a different gamma transfer curve.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Rec. 709 2.4: The same colour space as Rec. 709 or sRGB, except with a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 (per ITU-R BT.1886). This colour space exists because some editing systems use a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 instead of the standard gamma curve for Rec. 709.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Rec. 2020: A colour space used for Ultra High Definition TV (UHDTV). It has a complex gamma transfer curve and primaries that cover more of the human-perceivable colour space than other colour spaces, especially in the area of human-perceivable greens.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Rec. 2020 2.4: The same colour space as Rec. 2020, except with a simple gamma transfer curve of 2.4 (per ITU-R BT.1886). This colour space exists because some editing systems use a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 instead of the standard gamma curve for Rec. 2020.</li> </ul>	
	Rec. 2020 Linear: The same colour space as Rec. 2020, except with no gamma transfer curve. This colour space is useful for compositing	

intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in Rec. 2020.

sRGB: A colour space typically used for standard computer monitors. It
has the same primaries and white point as Rec. 709, but has a different
gamma transfer curve.



#### **NOTE**

In the OpenGL View mode of the Camera view, the colour space of drawing layers is ignored and only the colour space of original bitmap files is taken in account. To test the colours of your drawing in their selected colour space, you must activate Render View mode.

# **Move Layers**

Move layers are used to animate layers as well as camera motions.

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## **Camera Layer**

You can setup the camera position by entering coordinates and values in the Layer Properties view.



Parameter	Description	
Enable/Disable	Turns the camera layer on or off.	
Change Track Colour	The Change Track Colour button lets you change the colour of the exposed frames; this helps you to quickly locate a layer in the Timeline view. Click the Change Track Colour button to open the Select Colour window and choose a new colour. You can modify the colour for any type of layer, such as group, peg, drawing, and effects.	
Name	Displays the current layer name. You can rename the layer by typing in a new layer name.	
Position	Displays the current position of the camera layer using X-axis (East/W est), Y-axis (North/South) and Z-axis (Forward/Backward) coordinates. To reposition your camera frame, type in the new values corresponding to the desired position coordinates. You can also use the up and down arrows to set the value of each field.	
Angle	Displays the current rotation value. To set a new rotation position, type in a new angle value. You can also use the up and down arrows to set the new angle value.	
Pivot	Displays the current position of the rotation pivot of the camera layer. The came will perform a rotation taking the position of the pivot as its angle centre. By default, the pivot is set at the centre of the camera frame. To reposition the pivot point, enter new X and Y coordinates values in the appropriate field. To see the pivot's position, the Rotate tool must be selected.	

# **Peg Layer**

Find below a description of all the Peg node parameters.

## **Transformation Tab**

Parameter	Description	
	<b>3D Path</b> : Use a 3D path to position the element. A 3D path uses a single function to define the position on the X, Y and Z axes. This function is made of control points linked by a curvilinear path, making the movement follow a natural curve. The pace and ease of the movement is determined by a single velocity function.	
	Separate: Positions the element using separate functions for the X, Y and Z axes.  This allows to control the direction and pace of the movement across all three axes separately. Unless ease is applied to the axes, the trajectory of the element will follow straight lines going between each keyframe.	
Position	Path: If the 3D Path option is selected, this field allows you to create or select the 3D Path function used to position the element.	
	Path (x) Axis: The position of the element on the East-W est axis, in fields.	
	Path (y) Axis: The position of the element on the South-North axis, in fields.	
	Path (z) Axis: The position of the element in the Back-Front axis, in fields.	
	<b>Velocity:</b> If the 3D Path option is selected, this function is used to control the pace at which the element moves towards each control point in the 3D Path function, on all three axes simultaneously.	
	Locked: Uses a single scale parameter to scale the element, preserving its proportions.	
Scale	<b>Separate</b> : Uses a separate parameter to scale the element on the X and Y axis, allowing to stretch or squash the element.	
	(x) Axis: The horizontal scale factor. The default value is 1.	
	(y) Axis: The vertical scale factor. The default value is 1.	
Rotation	Angle z: Lets you type in a degree value for the rotation angle. Note that you can enter values greater than 360 and -360 degrees. If you enter 720, the object will rotate twice.	
Skew	<b>Skew</b> : Lets you type in a degree value between -90 to 90 for the skew angle.	
Pivot	(x) Axis: The horizontal position of the pivot point of the element relative to the pivot point of the drawing, in fields.	

	(y) Axis: The vertical position of the pivot point of the element relative to the pivot point of the drawing, in fields.
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### **Quadmap Layer**

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The Quadmap transformation layer lets you deform the shape of an element. For example, you can use it to create a drop-shadow effect on an element.



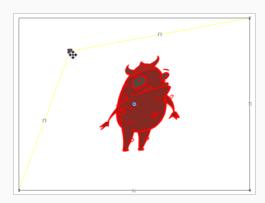
You can edit the Quadmap visually in the Camera view.

#### How to edit the Quadmap in the Camera view

- 1. In the Timeline view, click the Add Layer + button and select **Quadmap**.
- 2. Connect the drawing you want to deform to the Quadmap.



- 3. In the Tools toolbar, disable the Animate mode to change the value for the Quadmap over the entire duration of the element.
- 4. In the Timeline view, click on the Quadmap layer to select it.
- 5. From the top menu, select View > Show > Control or pressShift + F11.
  - The quadmap handles appear around the element in the window. There is also a pivot point at the centre of the quadmap frame that you can reposition.
- 6. In the Camera view window, use the Transform tool to move the points on the quadmap. Shift + click to select multiple points.





#### TIP

The position of the points can be animated. To do this, open the Quadmap layer layer properties and create functions for each of the coordinates.

### **Properties**

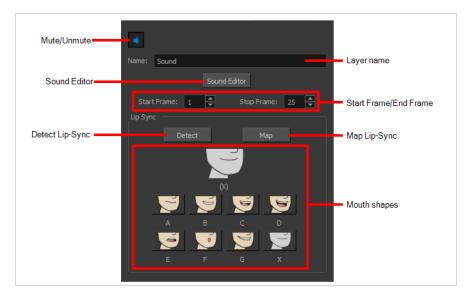


Parameter	Description
Name	Allows you to change the name given to the node.
2D Path	Changes the X and Y values simultaneously and control the velocity of the change.

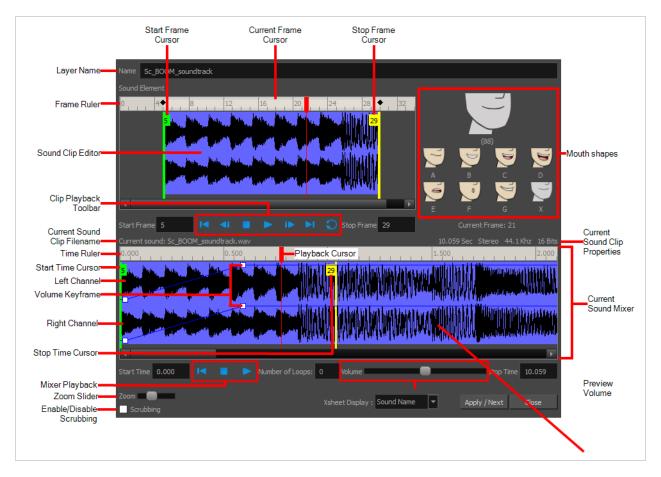
Separate	Changes the X and Y values separately. Each one can be attached to separate function curves.
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### **Sound Layer**

When you select a sound layer in the Timeline view, the options related to that layer appear in the Layer Properties view.



If you double-click on a sound layer in the Timeline view, or in a sound column in the Xsheet view, the Sound Element Editor dialog will open. This dialog allows you to fine-tune the sound track's lip sync, start time, stop time and volume.



# **Chapter 4: Tools Properties**

Harmony has a wide variety of drawing and manipulation tools and each one of them has a series of options and modes available in the Tool Properties view. This section covers these options.



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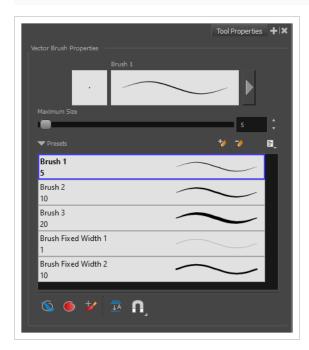
## **Brush Tool Properties**

The Brush tool allows you to draw by creating shapes based on your drawing strokes and filling them with colour. When used with a tablet, it is pressure sensitive, just like a real life brush.

#### How to access the Brush tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Brush 🥒 tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



#### **Brush Properties**

The following properties affect the brush's size, smoothing and other properties for the drawing style of your brush. Those properties can be saved into brush presets for later use.

Property	Description
Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.
Brush Properties Dialog	The arrow button right of the preview area opens the Brush Properties dialog.

Property	Description	
	While the Tool Properties view only gives you access to a few of the brush properties, a list of brush presets and other drawing options, the Brush Properties dialog gives you access to all the available options for your brush's tip and texture. For more information on the Brush Properties dialog, see the <a href="Brush Properties Dialog">Brush Properties Dialog</a> section below.	
Defines the maximum width of brush strokes.  If the tool is used with a pressure sensitive pen tablet, the width of the stroke vary between its maximum size and minimum size depending on the amount of pressure used. If used with a mouse, the width of the stroke will always be its maximum size.		

## **Brush Presets**

These options allow you to select, create and manage brush presets.

Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	By default, Harmony has preloaded brush presets. You can also create your own brush presets by configuring your brush, then saving its properties into a new preset. It is also possible to export and import brush presets.    Presets   Brush 1   5   Brush 2   10   Brush 3   20   Brush Fixed Width 1   1   Brush Fixed Width 2   10   10   Brush Fixed Width 2   10   Brush Fix
**	New Brush Preset	Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.

7	Delete Brush	Deletes the currently selected preset.
din	Brush Presets Menu	<ul> <li>Open a menu that contains the following options:</li> <li>New Brush Preset: Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.</li> <li>Delete Brush: Deletes the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Rename Brush: Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Import Brushes: Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.</li> <li>Export Brushes: Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.</li> <li>Small Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Large Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails, with their name and a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Stroke View: Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.</li> </ul>

# **Drawing Options**

These options affect the way your drawing strokes are added to your artwork.

Icon	Property	Description
	Draw Behind	When enabled, your brush strokes will appear behind the existing artwork.  The orange stroke was drawn over the black stroke, then put underneath it.  NOTE  Your brush stroke will temporarily appear over your artwork as you draw it, until you release the mouse cursor or tablet pen.

	Auto Fill	When enabled, drawing a closed shape will automatically fill it with the currently selected colour.
<b>*</b>	Repaint Brush	When enabled, your brush strokes will only repaint existing artwork and will not add colour to empty areas. If you repaint semi-transparent artwork, your artwork will not become more opaque than it already is.
<u></u> Ā	Auto-Flatten Mode	By default, when drawing, each new stroke is created as a separate drawing object, which can be edited independently from other parts of the artwork. When enabled, the Auto-Flatten option automatically merges strokes into existing artwork.
	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.  This tool supports the following snapping mode:  • Snap to Alignment Guides: While drawing, the drawing tool will snap against nearby alignment guides.

## **Brush Properties Dialog**

Brushes have an extensive set of options and properties that are not displayed in the Tool Properties view, but rather, in a dialog you can access from it. To open the Brush Properties dialog, click on the arrow button right of the stroke display area.



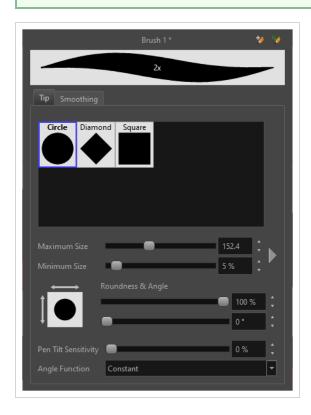
## Tip Tab

The Tip tab allows you to configure the shape, size, hardness and spacing of your brush tip.



#### **NOTE**

The "Size Proportional to Camera" option has been moved to the new Size Properties window.

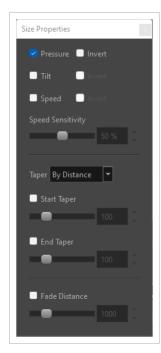


Property	Description
Brush Tip Library	This is where you select the shape of the brush tip. By default it is round.
Minimum and Maximum Size  The minimum and maximum sizes of your drawing tool produce the thick thin effect on your stroke. This works with the pressure sensitivity of a positive of the maximum width of the stroke.  • Maximum Size: Defines the maximum width of the stroke.	

 Minimum Size: Defines the minimum width of the stroke in relation to and as a percentage of the maximum size.

You can control the size properties by clicking on the arrow button on right and the dialog box will appear as shown below.





- **Pressure:** Allows you to apply more pressure and increases the size of the brush. You can check the box to invert this behaviour.
- **Tilt:** Allows you to tilt the pen closer to tablet for a bigger stroke. You can check the box to invert this behaviour.
- **Speed:** Allows you to reduce the size of the stroke by drawing at a fast speed. You can check the box to invert this behaviour.
- **Speed Sensitivity:** A slider is used to control how fast must the stroke be drawn to reach the minimum value.
- Taper: Allows you to reduce the value of a property at the start or the end of each stroke. The value can be expressed using two options:
   Distance and Percentage. Distance is selected by default. For example:
   A taper of 200 will be the same length as the width (diameter) of a stroke that has its size set at 200.

You can enable Start and End Tapering option individually.

• Start Taper: When distance is selected as a Taper value, the effect of start taper can be visualized as the stroke is drawn.

•	• End Taper: When distance or percentage is selected as a Taper value,		
	the effect of end taper can be visualized once the stroke is complete and		
	vectorized as the length is unknown until the stroke is complete.		

• Fade Distance: Allows you to fade the value of property over a given distance. It uses the same units as the size and is applied as the stroke is drawn.



#### **NOTE**

Setting the Minimum Size value to 100% eliminates the possibility of creating width variation on your stroke. In other words, you would be forcing a uniform line width using the Maximum Size value.

The Roundness and Angle parameters allow you to change the shape and orientation of the tip.

- Roundness: The vertical scaling to apply to the tip. Reducing this setting squashes the tip vertically, allowing you to turn round or square tips into flat tips.
- Angle: The angle at which to rotate the brush tip, counterclockwise.

Roundness and Angle



#### NOTE

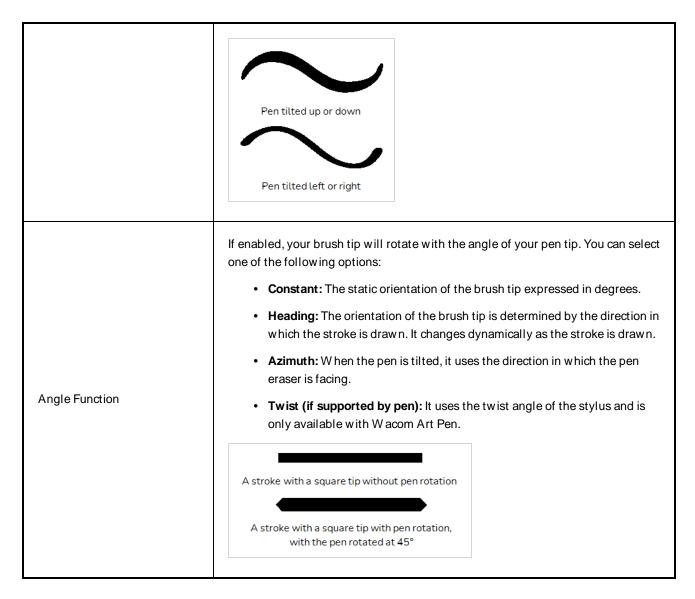
The squashing is not relative to the angle—if the tip is rotated, the squashing will still be done relative to the tip's original orientation.



Pen Tilt Sensitivity

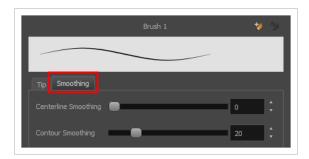
If your pen and tablet support tilt sensitivity, this option allows you to set whether your brush takes your pen's tilt angle into account, and how much.

When your pen is fully tilted, your brush tip will be stretched by the percentage you set in this parameter, in the angle in which you tilt it. For example, if you set the Pen Tilt Sensitivity to 50%, and you tilt your pen all the way up or down, your brush tip will be stretched vertically by 50%. With the same setting, if you tilt your pen all the way left or right, your brush tip will be stretched horizontally by 50%.



#### **Smoothing Tab**

The Smoothing tab contains options to configure how Harmony should automatically smooth your brush strokes as you paint.



Property	Description
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Centerline Smoothing	Defines the amount of smoothing Harmony should perform on the central line of the brush stroke. A higher setting will prevent your line from being shaky, but is liable to reduce drawing precision and turn sharp angles into curves.	
Contour Smoothing	Defines the amount of smoothing Harmony should perform on the outer contour of the brush stroke. A higher setting will round sharp corners and reduce the amount of control points for the resulting vector shape.	

## **Centerline Editor Tool Properties**

The Centerline Editor tool allows you to edit brush strokes by their centreline rather than by their contour. This makes it easier to tweak the tips, curves and corners of brush strokes. The purpose of this tool is to make it as easy to edit brush strokes as it is to edit pencil lines with the Contour Editor tool.

#### How to access the Centerline Editor tool properties

- 1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Centerline Editor  $\geq$  tool.
- 2. The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



### **Tool Options**

Icon	Property	Description
Q	Selection Mode	Allows you to choose the method to visually select multiple elements:  • Lasso: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing an irregular closed shape around them with your mouse.  • Marquee: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing a rectangle around them. This is faster, as you only need to drag your mouse from one corner of the rectangle to its opposite corner, but it may not be as precise as you want.  TIP  You can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use the other selection mode.
17. j.	Show Centerline Editor Controls	When enabled, selecting several control points will make a manipulator bounding box appear. You can use this manipulator to scale and rotate the selection of points.

Icon	Property	Description
	Centerline Smoothness	Allows you to adjust the amount of control points on the centreline that is generated from the selected stroke. A lower value will create a centreline with less points, which makes it easier to manipulate large lengths of the stroke, and a higher value will generate a centreline with more points, allowing you to tweak details.

### **Close Gap Tool Properties**

The paint tool requires the area you attempt to fill to be closed in order to know exactly what area of your artwork must be filled. However, it is common for artists to accidentally leave small gaps in their artwork.

The Close Gap tool allows you to quickly close small gaps in a shape by creating an invisible stroke connecting two extremities of the gap. You can then fill the area using the Paint tool, as this invisible stroke will be taken in account to determine the outline of the shape to fill.



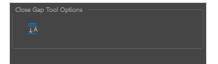
#### TIP

You do not need to use the Close Gap tool with precision. If you draw a crude stroke near the gap you want to close, the tool will automatically detect the two closest line extremities and will draw an invisible straight line connecting them. closing the gap between them.

#### How to access the Close Gap tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Close Gap  $\nearrow$  tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



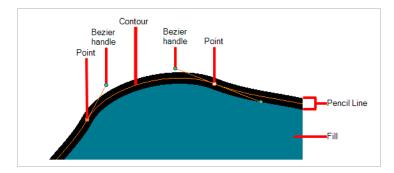
## **Tool Options**

Icon	Property	Description
<u> </u>	Auto Flatten	The Close Gap tool creates an invisible drawing stroke to close the shape.  Enabling this option will merge the stroke into the artwork instead of adding the stroke on top of it.  NOTE  The area you close with the Close Gap tool will be fillable regardless of whether or not this option is enabled.

### **Contour Editor Tool Properties**

The Contour Editor lets you reshape vector shapes, brush strokes and lines in your drawings.

Artwork in Harmony is made of vector shapes. Vector shapes are defined by points, the lines joining the points together (contours) and the curve vectors, represented by Bezier handles, which make the curve of said lines.



The Contour Editor tool allows you to select a contour or point, and change the position of points, add and remove points from the shape, rotate, lengthen and shorten curve handles to influence the curve of contours between those points, or drag contours between points to change their curve directly.

#### How to access the Contour Editor tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Contour Editor 🖟 tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



#### **Tool Modes**

Icon	Property	Description
Q	Selection Mode	Allows you to choose the method to visually select multiple elements:  • Lasso: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing an irregular closed shape around them with your mouse.  • Marquee: Allows you to select multiple elements by

Icon	Property	Description
		drawing a rectangle around them. This is faster, as you only need to drag your mouse from one corner of the rectangle to its opposite corner, but it may not be as precise as you want.  TIP  You can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use the other selection mode.
	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.  This tool supports the following snapping modes:  • Snap to Contour: When enabled, moving the control point in a contour near another contour will snap that control point against that contour. This will lock the point and the contour together, and moving the control point will deform the contour.  This option can be especially useful if you need to makes the edges of two shapes snap together, like so:  You can also use this option to make a control point snap against another control point, allowing you to join lines together.

Icon	Property	Description
		NOTE  When a control point is snapped against a contour or another control point in your drawing, the Contour Editor will manipulate them together. However, even if you make a point in one drawing stroke snap against another drawing stroke, they will remain separate drawing strokes unless they are flattened together, and you will still be able to manipulate them individually with the Select ★ tool.  • Snap to Alignment Guides: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against nearby alignment guides.  • Snap and Align: Snaps the selected anchor point to any existing line while displaying temporary rulers as a guide that you can also snap your anchor point to.
<b>₩</b>	Show Contour Editor Controls	When enabled, selecting several control points will make a manipulator bounding box appear. You can use this manipulator to scale and rotate the selection of points.

# **Operations**

Icon	Property	Description
Ø	Smooth Selection	The Smooth operation lets you smooth out selected drawing strokes and remove extra points.

Icon	Property	Description
		TIP  You can also smooth the selection by selecting Drawing> Optimize > Smooth from the top menu or by pressing Alt + Shift + S.

## **Cutter Tool Properties**

The Cutter tool lets you cut out part of a drawing so that you can transform it, copy it or delete it. It also allows you to trim overshot lines.

#### How to access the Cutter tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, click and hold on the Select tool to display the menu beneath and select the Cutter ∠ tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



### **Tool Options**

Icon	Property	Description
Q	Selection Mode	<ul> <li>Allows you to choose the method to visually select multiple elements:</li> <li>Lasso: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing an irregular closed shape around them with your mouse.</li> <li>Marquee: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing a rectangle around them. This is faster, as you only need to drag your mouse from one corner of the rectangle to its opposite corner, but it may not be as precise as you want.</li> <li>TIP         You can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use the other selection mode.     </li> </ul>
	Easy Drag	When enabled, you can drag the selection by clicking anywhere inside its bounding box. By default, you must click on the artwork in the selection to be able to drag it.

Icon	Property	Description
*	Use Mouse Gesture	When this option is enabled along with the Lasso selection type, quickly drawing a line with the Cutter tool over a line segment in your artwork will instantly delete it. This can be useful if you want to use the Cutter tool to quickly clean up your artwork.  It allows you to cut in two modes as follows:  • Single Line Cutting Gesture: It deletes first line segment over which a straight gesture is drawn with the cutter.  • Multiple Lines Cutting Gesture: It deletes all line segments over which a straight gesture is drawn with the cutter.  NOTE  This option will only work when using the Cutter tool on separate brush or pencil strokes. Hence, it is important not to flatten your artwork if you intend to use this option to clean up your drawings. This option has no effect on bitmap layers as the artwork in bitmap layers is always flattened.
œ	Apply to Visible Drawing Layers	By default, the tool only works on the currently selected layer. When enabled, the tool will work on all the visible layers in the Camera view.  NOTES  When this option is disabled, you can select several layers to use the tool on all the selected layers simultaneously.  This option only works in the Camera view.

# **Operations**

Icon	Property	Description
110	Flip Horizontal	Flips the current selection horizontally.
	Flip Vertical	Flips the current selection vertically.
90>	Rotate 90 Degrees CW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees clockwise.
(90)	Rotate 90 Degrees CCW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees counter-clockwise.

## **Edit Gradient/Texture Tool Properties**

The Edit/Gradient Texture tool allows you to move, rotate and scale a gradient or texture fill within the shape it fills, without modifying the shape itself.



#### How to access the Edit Gradient/Texture tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Edit Gradient/Texture \_\_\_ tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.

### **Tool Options**

Icon	Property	Description
Œŋ↓	Apply to Visible Drawing Layers	By default, the tool only works on the currently selected layer. When enabled, the tool will work on all the visible layers in the Camera view.  NOTES  When this option is disabled, you can select several layers to use the tool on all the selected layers simultaneously.  This option only works in the Camera view.

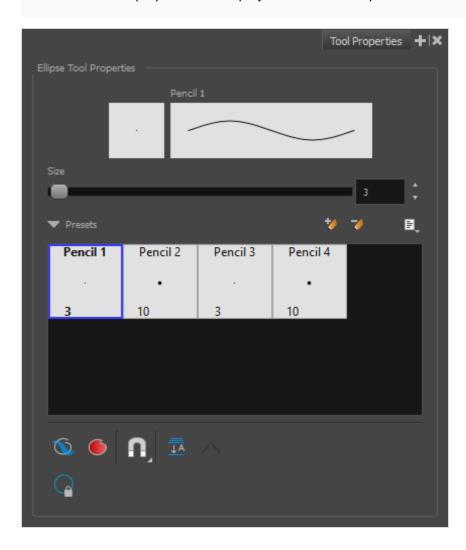
## **Ellipse Tool Properties**

The Ellipse tool allows you to quickly draw an ellipse or a circle.

#### How to access the Ellipse tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Ellipse 🔿 tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



### **Pencil Properties**

Just like other shape tools, this tool creates pencil lines. Hence, its tool properties are similar to the ones of the Pencil tool and it can be used with pencil presets.

Property	Description	
Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.	
Size	Defines the width of the pencil line used to draw the shape.	

### **Pencil Presets**

These options allow you to select, create and manage pencil presets.

Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	Harmony provides a few pencil presets and also lets you create and save your own. It is a good idea to create and save pencils with precise sizes and parameters when you draw for efficiency and consistency.  You can export the pencil presets that you have created and import those that others have created. This is a good way for you and project collaborators to keep a consistent look for the project.
**	New Brush Preset	Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.
D	Delete Brush Preset	Deletes the currently selected preset.
	Brush Presets Menu	<ul> <li>Open a menu that contains the following options:</li> <li>New Brush Preset: Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.</li> <li>Delete Brush: Deletes the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Rename Brush: Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Import Brushes: Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.</li> <li>Export Brushes: Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.</li> <li>Small Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.</li> </ul>

Icon	Property	Description
		<ul> <li>Large Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails, with their name and a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Stroke View: Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.</li> </ul>

# **Drawing Options**

These options affect the way your shape is added to your artwork.

Icon	Property	Description
	Draw Behind	When enabled, your brush strokes will appear behind the existing artwork.  The orange stroke was drawn over the black stroke, then put underneath it.  NOTE  Your brush stroke will temporarily appear over your artwork as you draw it, until you release the mouse cursor or tablet pen.
	Auto Fill	When enabled, the shape you draw is automatically filled with the selected colour. By default, drawing a shape only creates its outlines.
A	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also

Icon	Property	Description
		click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.
		This tool supports the following snapping modes:
		<ul> <li>Snap to Contour: When enabled, while you're drawing, the mouse cursor will snap to the nearby contours of the artwork in your drawing.</li> </ul>
		Snap to Alignment Guides: While drawing, the drawing tool will snap against nearby alignment guides.
		Snap and Align: When enabled, while you're drawing, the mouse cursor will automatically align to the rectangular bounding boxes of other strokes and shapes in your drawing.
		Snap to Grid: While moving the selection, the mouse cursor will snap against the intersecting points of the grid.
		TIP  To display the grid, select View > Grid > Show Grid from the top menu or press Ctrl + '.
<b>■</b>	Auto Flatten Mode	By default, when drawing, each new stroke is created as a separate drawing object, which can be edited independently from other parts of the artwork. When enabled, the Auto-Flatten option automatically merges strokes into existing artwork.
		NOTE  Using the Select tool, you can use select and remove a segment of flattened pencil lines. Overlapping pencil lines drawn with the Auto-Flatten mode are essentially cut into segments by the overlap and can be treated as individual lines.

# **Envelope Tool Properties**

Selecting the Envelope tool displays its properties and options in the Tool Properties view.



Icon	Tool Name	Description
	Width and Height	Increase the width and height values to add more columns and rows to the deformation grids.
	Lasso	Sets the selection mode to Lasso, which allows you to select multiple items by drawing a lasso around them.  TIP  When this option is enabled, you can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use Marquee mode.
	Marquee	Sets the selection mode to Marquee, which allows you to select multiple items by drawing a rectangle around them.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
		TIP When this option is enabled, you can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use Lasso mode.
	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.  This tool supports the following snapping modes:  • Snap to Contour: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against the nearby points and contours of your artwork, allowing you to snap parts of your artwork together.  • Snap to Alignment Guides: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against nearby alignment guides.  • Snap and Align: When enabled, while moving a selection, the rectangular bounding box of any other drawing stroke in the drawing, allowing you to align drawing strokes laterally.
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Show Advanced Controls	To display more controls, you can click on the Show Advanced Controls button.
410	Flip Horizontal	Flips the current selection horizontally.

Icon	Tool Name	Description	
	Flip Vertical	Flips the current selection vertically.	
90	Rotate 90 Degrees CW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees clockwise.	
(90)	Rotate 90 Degrees CCW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees counter-clockwise.	
2	Smooth	You can modify the central line smoothness of your line using this option. This parameter smooths the deformed lines. Increasing the value will result in a smoother line with fewer control points. The more you increase the value, the less details and curves you will get. Use the left and right arrows to increment the value by one full unit. Use the Up - Down slider to quickly increment the value.	

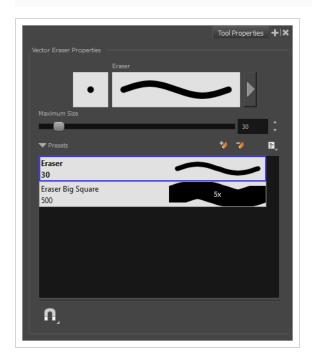
## **Eraser Tool Properties**

The Eraser tool allows you to erase artwork by drawing eraser strokes over it. When using the Eraser tool with a tablet, it is pressure sensitive, like with the Brush tool.

#### How to access the Eraser tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Eraser 🥏 tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Eraser Properties**

The way the Eraser tool is configured is almost identical to the way the Brush tool is configured.

Property	Description	
Stroke Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.	
Eraser Properties Dialog	The arrow button right of the display area opens the Eraser Properties dialog, which gives you access to all the parameters and options for your eraser. The Tool Properties view only gives you access to a few of the eraser properties, a list of eraser presets and options for the Eraser tool that are not related to the eraser properties. For more	

Property	Description	
	information on the Eraser Properties dialog, see the <a href="Eraser Properties Dialog">Eraser Properties Dialog</a> section below.	
Defines the maximum size of the eraser.  Maximum Size  If the tool is used with a pressure sensitive pen tablet, the width of the stroke between its maximum size and minimum size depending on the amount of prused. If used with a mouse, the width of the stroke will always be its maximum		

## **Eraser Presets**

These options allow you to select, create and manage eraser presets.

Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	By default, Harmony has preloaded eraser presets. You can also create your own eraser presets by configuring your eraser, then saving its properties into a new preset. It is also possible to export and import eraser presets.
**	New Brush Preset	Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.
7	Delete Brush	Deletes the currently selected preset.
	Rename Brush	Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.
	Import Brushes	Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.
	Export Brushes	Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.
	Small Thumbnail	Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.
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Stroke View	Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.
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### **Eraser Properties Dialog**

Erasers have an extensive set of options and properties that are not displayed in the Tool Properties view, but rather, in a dialog you can access from it. To open the Eraser Properties dialog, click on the arrow button right of the stroke display area.

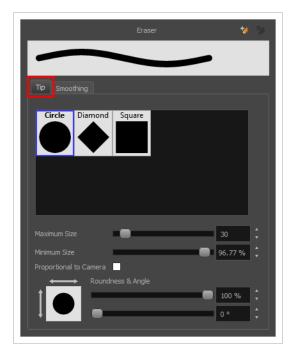


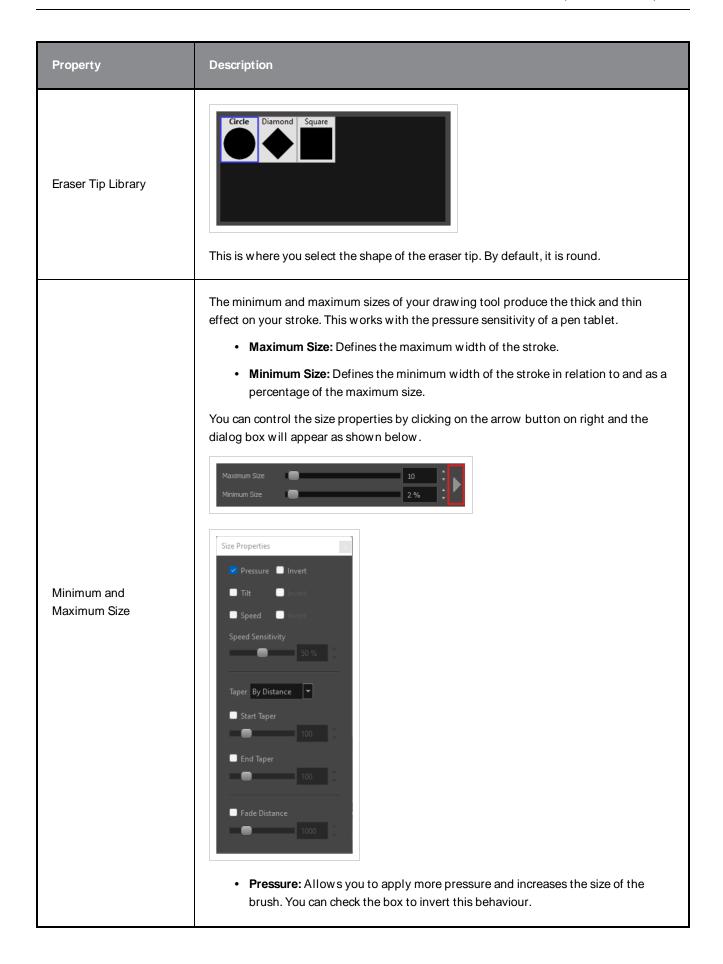
The Eraser Properties dialog has two tabs. Below is detailed information about the options available in each tab:

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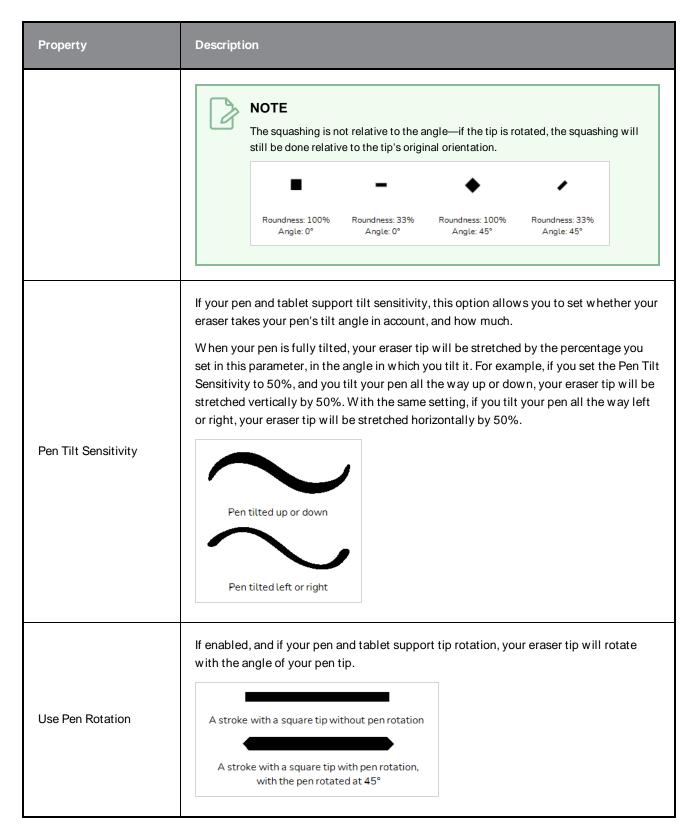
#### **Tip Tab**

The Tip tab allows you to configure the shape, size, hardness and spacing of your eraser tip.





Property	Description	
	Tilt: Allows you to tilt the pen closer to tablet for a bigger stroke. You can check the box to invert this behaviour.	
	Speed: Allows you to reduce the size of the stroke by drawing at a fast speed. You can check the box to invert this behaviour.	
	Speed Sensitivity: A slider is used to control how fast must the stroke be drawn to reach the minimum value.	
	Taper: Allows you to reduce the value of a property at the start or the end of each stroke. The value can be expressed using two options: Distance and Percentage. Distance is selected by default. For example: A taper of 200 will be the same length as the width (diameter) of a stroke that has its size set at 200.	
	You can enable Start and End Tapering option individually.	
	Start Taper: When distance is selected as a Taper value, the effect of start taper can be visualized as the stroke is drawn.	
	<ul> <li>End Taper: When distance or percentage is selected as a Taper value, the effect of end taper can be visualized once the stroke is complete and vectorized as the length is unknown until the stroke is complete.</li> </ul>	
	Fade Distance: Allows you to fade the value of property over a given distance.  It uses the same units as the size and is applied as the stroke is drawn.	
	NOTE  Setting the Minimum Size value to 100% eliminates the possibility of creating width variation on your stroke. In other words, you would be forcing a uniform line width using the Maximum Size value.	
Proportional to Camera	If you check this option, the size of the eraser will be adjusted to the position of the camera on the z-axis. This means that if the camera is zoomed in on the scene, the eraser will be proportionally smaller so that it appears the same size in the rendered image. Likewise, if the camera is zoomed out, the eraser will be proportionally bigger.	
	The Roundness and Angle parameters allow you to change the shape and orientation of the tip.	
Roundness and Angle	<ul> <li>Roundness: The vertical scaling to apply to the tip. Reducing this setting squashes the tip vertically, allowing you to turn round or square tips into flat tips.</li> </ul>	
	Angle: The angle at which to rotate the brush tip, counterclockwise.	



#### **Smoothing Tab**

The Smoothing tab contains options to configure how Harmony should automatically smooth your eraser strokes as you paint.



Property	Description
Centerline Smoothing	Defines the amount of smoothing Harmony should perform on your eraser stroke's direction, curves and corners. A higher setting will prevent your line from being shaky, but is liable to reduce drawing precision and turn sharp angles into curves.
Contour Smoothing	Defines the amount of smoothing Harmony should perform on outer contour of the eraser stroke. A higher setting will round sharp corners and reduce the amount of control points for the resulting vector shape.

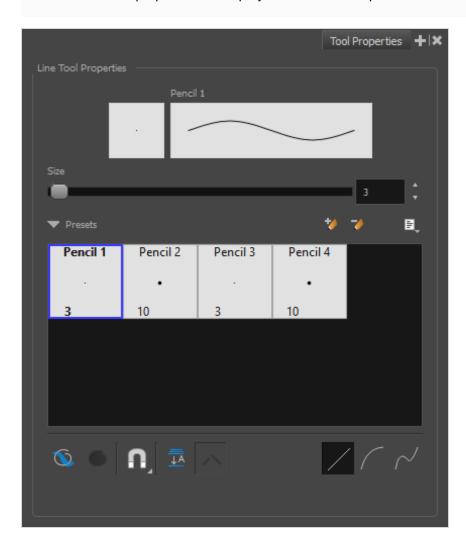
# **Line Tool Properties**

The Line tool allows you to quickly draw a line segment by dragging the mouse from its starting point to its end point.

#### How to access the Line tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Line / tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Pencil Properties**

Just like other shape tools, this tool creates pencil lines. Hence, its tool properties are similar to the ones of the Pencil tool and it can be used with pencil presets.

Tool Name	Description	
Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.	
Size	Defines the width of the pencil line used to draw the line.	

These options allow you to select, create and manage pencil presets.

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	Presets list	Harmony provides a few pencil presets and also lets you create and save your own. It is a good idea to create and save pencils with precise sizes and parameters when you draw for efficiency and consistency.  You can export the pencil presets that you have created and import those that others have created. This is a good way for you and project collaborators to keep a consistent look for the project.
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dir	Brush Presets Menu	<ul> <li>Open a menu that contains the following options:</li> <li>New Brush Preset: Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.</li> <li>Delete Brush: Deletes the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Rename Brush: Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Import Brushes: Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.</li> <li>Export Brushes: Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.</li> <li>Small Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.</li> </ul>

Icon	Property	Description
		<ul> <li>Large Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails, with their name and a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Stroke View: Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.</li> </ul>

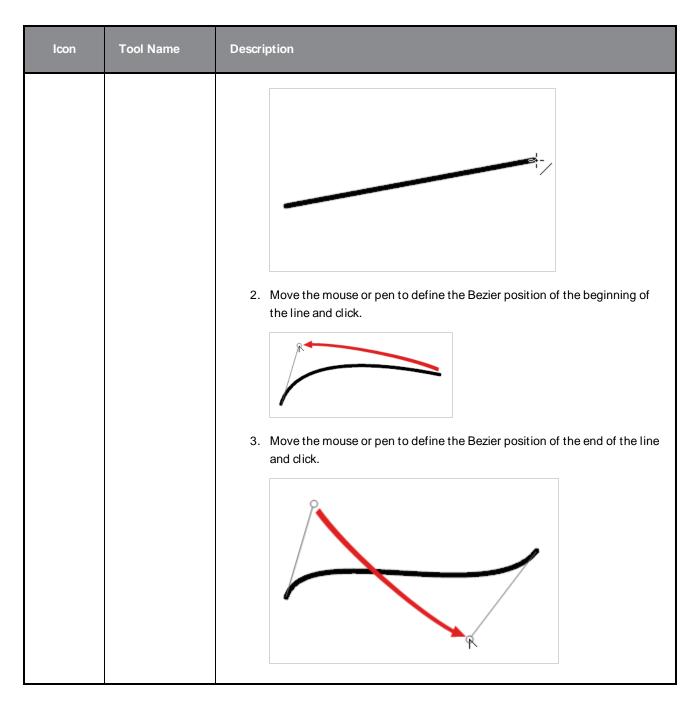
These options affect the way your drawing strokes are added to your artwork.

Icon	Tool Name	Description	
	Draw Behind	When enabled, your brush strokes will appear behind the existing artwork.  The orange stroke was drawn over the black stroke, then put underneath it.  NOTE  Your brush stroke will temporarily appear over your artwork as you draw it, until you release the mouse cursor or tablet pen.	
	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.  This tool supports the following snapping modes:  • Snap to Contour: When enabled, while you're drawing, the mouse cursor will automatically snap to the nearby contours of existing artwork, allowing you to draw shapes that connect with other parts of your drawing.	

Icon	Tool Name	Description
		NOTE  If you draw a line with the Line tool and make its tip snap to a contour or another control point in your artwork, they will be locked together. You can then manipulate both simultaneously using the
<u></u> ↓A	Auto-Flatten Mode	By default, when drawing, each new stroke is created as a separate drawing object, which can be edited independently from other parts of the artwork. When enabled, the Auto-Flatten option automatically merges strokes into existing

Icon	Tool Name	Description
		artwork.  NOTE  Using the Select tool, you can use select and remove a segment of flattened pencil lines. Overlapping pencil lines drawn with the Auto-Flatten mode are essentially cut into segments by the overlap and can be treated as individual lines.
	Auto-Close Gap	When enabled, small gaps between the pencil lines you draw will be closed by an invisible stroke to make sure your shapes are closed and that they can be filled with the Paint tool.  When drawing contours with pencil lines, the centreline is used to determine whether or not the contour is closed, but the visible tips of the pencil line will extend a bit beyond the tips of its centreline, making it possible to have shapes that appear closed, but are not really. This can prevent the shape from being filled with the Paint tool. Enabling this option when drawing with the Pencil or Line tool will prevent you from leaving invisible gaps in your contours.
	Straight Line Mode	Draws a straight line.  In this mode, you can draw curved lines with the following method:  1. Draw the line by clicking and dragging from the start point to the end point of the line, but don't release the mouse button or pen yet.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
		2. While holding the mouse button or pen down, press and hold the Ctrl (Windows) or ** (macOS) and move the mouse or pen to define the line's curve.  3. Once the line's curve looks right, release the mouse button or pen.
	Curve Line Mode	This mode allows you to draws a simple curved (quadratic Bezier) line in two clicks:  1. Draw the line by clicking and dragging from the start point to the end point of the line.  2. Move the mouse or pen to define the curve of the line and click.
~	S Curve Line Mode	Draws an S-shaped (cubic Bezier) line. This mode allows you to draw lines with finely tuned or even S-shaped curves with three clicks:  1. Draw the line by clicking and dragging from the start point to the end point of the line.



**Pencil Properties Dialog** 

# **Paint Tool Properties**

The Paint tool allows you to fill closed areas of your drawing with the selected colour.

#### How to access the Paint tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Paint 🖲 , Paint Unpainted 🛂 or Unpaint 🔄 tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Paint Tool Options**

Icon	Property	Description	
Q	Selection Mode	Allows you to choose the method to visually select multiple elements:  • Lasso: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing an irregular closed shape around them with your mouse.  • Marquee: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing a rectangle around them. This is faster, as you only need to drag your mouse from one corner of the rectangle to its opposite corner, but it may not be as precise as you want.  TIP  You can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use the other selection mode.	
	Paint Mode	<ul> <li>The Paint tool has three different modes:</li> <li>Paint: Paints or repaints selected zones, whether or not they are already filled.</li> <li>Paint Unpainted: Only paints empty zones, and does not repaint zones that are already filled with colour.</li> <li>Unpaint: Removes colour from the selected zone, replacing it with transparency.</li> </ul>	

Icon	Property	Description	
149	Apply to All Frames	This option allows you to determine which drawings in the current layer the tool should affect. It can be toggled on or off. When toggled on, it has two different modes. You can select a mode by clicking and holding on the button.  • Off: When this button is toggled off, the tool only works on the drawing in the current frame.  • Apply to All Frames: The tool will work on every exposed drawing in the selected layer simultaneously.  • Apply to Onion Skin Range: The tool will work on every drawing displayed in the Onion Skin. Onion Skin must be enabled for this option to work.  You can quickly paint several drawings in the same layer simultaneously, provided that they have overlapping colour	
	Close Gap	By default, if you attempt to fill a shape that has a small gap in its contour, the Paint tool will not be able to fill the shape. This option allows you to make the Paint tool automatically add a stroke to close the shape when it detects a small gap between two strokes in the shape.  The Close Gap setting can be set to a value between 0 and 10. This determines the maximum size of a gap to close, in pixels. You can also use one of the following presets:  • O No Close Gap: Sets the Close Gap setting to 0, disabling the feature.  • Close Small Gap: Sets the Close Gap setting to 2, making the Paint tool close gaps that are barely visible.  • Close Medium Gap: Sets the Close Gap setting to 4, making the Paint tool close gaps that are somewhat visible.  • Close Large Gap: Sets the Close Gap setting to 8, making the Paint tool close gaps that are easy to notice.	

## **Pencil Tool Properties**

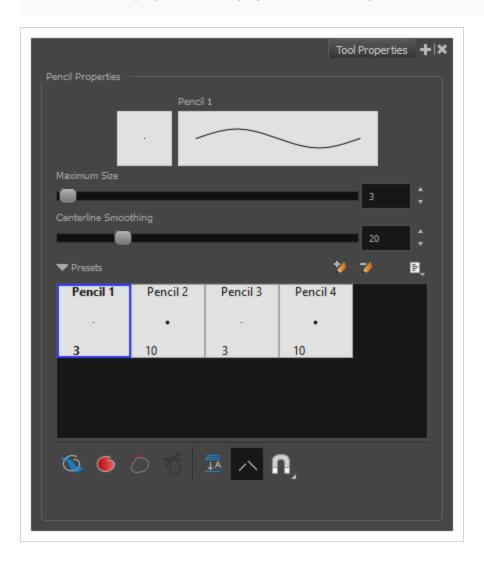
The Pencil tool allows you to draw simple contour lines that are defined by their centerline and their thickness.

When you select the Pencil tool, the Tool Properties view displays the different Pencil modes that control how the pencil line is drawn.

#### How to access the Pencil tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Pencil / tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Pencil Properties**

The following properties affect the pencil's width and smoothing. Those properties can be saved into pencil presets for later use.

Property	Description	
Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.	
Size	Defines the width of the pencil line.	
Centerline Smoothing	Defines the number of control points added to the centre line. The fewer the control points the smoother (but less faithful) the line.	

These options allow you to select, create and manage pencil presets.

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Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	Harmony provides a few pencil presets and also lets you create and save your own. It is a good idea to create and save pencils with precise sizes and parameters when you draw for efficiency and consistency.  You can export the pencil presets that you have created and import those that others have created. This is a good way for you and project collaborators to keep a consistent look for the project.
*	New Brush Preset	Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.
D.	Delete Brush Preset	Deletes the currently selected preset.
ille	Brush Presets Menu	<ul> <li>Open a menu that contains the following options:</li> <li>New Brush Preset: Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.</li> <li>Delete Brush: Deletes the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Rename Brush: Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Import Brushes: Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.</li> <li>Export Brushes: Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.</li> </ul>

Icon	Property	Description
		<ul> <li>Small Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Large Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails,</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>with their name and a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Stroke View: Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.</li> </ul>

These options affect the way your drawing strokes are added to your artwork.

Icon	Property	Description
	Draw Behind	When enabled, your brush strokes will appear behind the existing artwork.  The orange stroke was drawn over the black stroke, then put underneath it.  NOTE  Your brush stroke will temporarily appear over your artwork as you draw it, until you release the mouse cursor or tablet pen.
	Auto Fill	When enabled, drawing a closed shape will automatically fill it with the currently selected colour.
7	Trim Extra Lines	When enabled, drawing a closed shape will automatically remove the outstanding lines.

Icon	Property	Description
T	Align Handles After Trim	When the Trim Extra Lines option is enabled, enable this option to make the point where the beginning and end of the stroke meet into a smooth curve rather than a hard corner.
<u></u>	Auto Flatten	By default, when drawing, each new stroke is created as a separate drawing object, which can be edited independently from other parts of the artwork. When enabled, the Auto-Flatten option automatically merges strokes into existing artwork.  NOTE  Using the Select tool, you can select and remove a segment of flattened pencil lines. Overlapping pencil lines drawn with the Auto-Flatten mode are essentially cut into segments by the overlap and can be treated as individual lines.
A	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping

Icon	Property	Description
		modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.  This tool supports the following snapping mode:  • Snap to Alignment Guides: While drawing, the drawing tool will snap against nearby alignment guides.

# **Perspective Tool Properties**

The perspective tool allows you to deform artwork by creating a rectangular bounding box around it and allowing you to manipulate any of the four corners. The selected artwork will be deformed to fit the shape you make by simulating a perspective effect.

#### How to access the Perspective tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Perspective △ tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



Icon	Tool Name	Description
Perspective	Tool Options	
Q	Selection Mode	<ul> <li>Allows you to choose the method to visually select multiple elements:</li> <li>Lasso: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing an irregular closed shape around them with your mouse.</li> <li>Marquee: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing a rectangle around them. This is faster, as you only need to drag your mouse from one corner of the rectangle to its opposite corner, but it may not be as precise as you want.</li> <li>TIP         You can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use the other selection mode.     </li> </ul>
A	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also

Icon	Tool Name	Description
		click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.
		This tool supports the following snapping modes:
		<ul> <li>Snap to Contour: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against the nearby points and contours of your artwork, allowing you to snap parts of your artwork together.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Snap to Alignment Guides: W hile moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against nearby alignment guides.</li> </ul>
		Snap and Align: When enabled, while moving a selection, the rectangular bounding box of the selection will snap to the rectangular bounding box of any other drawing stroke in the drawing, allowing you to align drawing strokes laterally.
		Allows you to select between one of the two following deformation modes:  • Perspective: Deforms the selection by simulating a perspective effect.
		<ul> <li>Lattice: Deforms the selection by simply making the artwork fit the bounding box, without applying a perspective effect.</li> </ul>
	Deformation Mode	The difference between both modes becomes easier to understand if you apply a transformation to a drawing of a grid to make it look like it's laid down on a surface:
		Orignal shape Deformed with Perspective Mode Deformed with Lattice Mode
Operations		
410	Flip Horizontal	Flips the selection horizontally.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
	Flip Vertical	Flips the selection vertically.
90>	Rotate 90 CW	Rotates the selection 90° clockwise.
<b>(90)</b>	Rotate 90 CCW	Rotates the selection 90° counterclockwise.

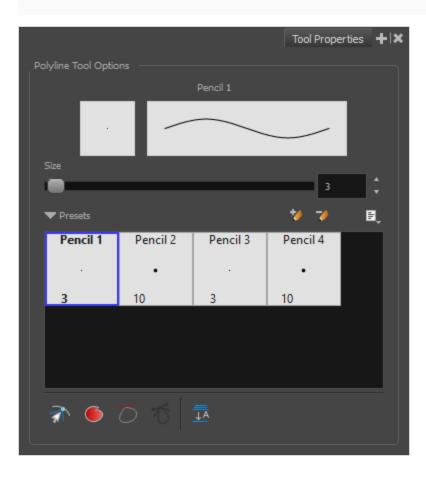
# **Polyline Tool Properties**

The Polyline tool allows you to draw complex lines or shapes by defining each point and their Bezier handles one by one.

#### How to access the Polyline tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Polyline  $\subseteq$  tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Pencil Properties**

Just like other shape tools, this tool creates pencil lines. Hence, its tool properties are similar to the ones of the Pencil tool and it can be used with pencil presets.

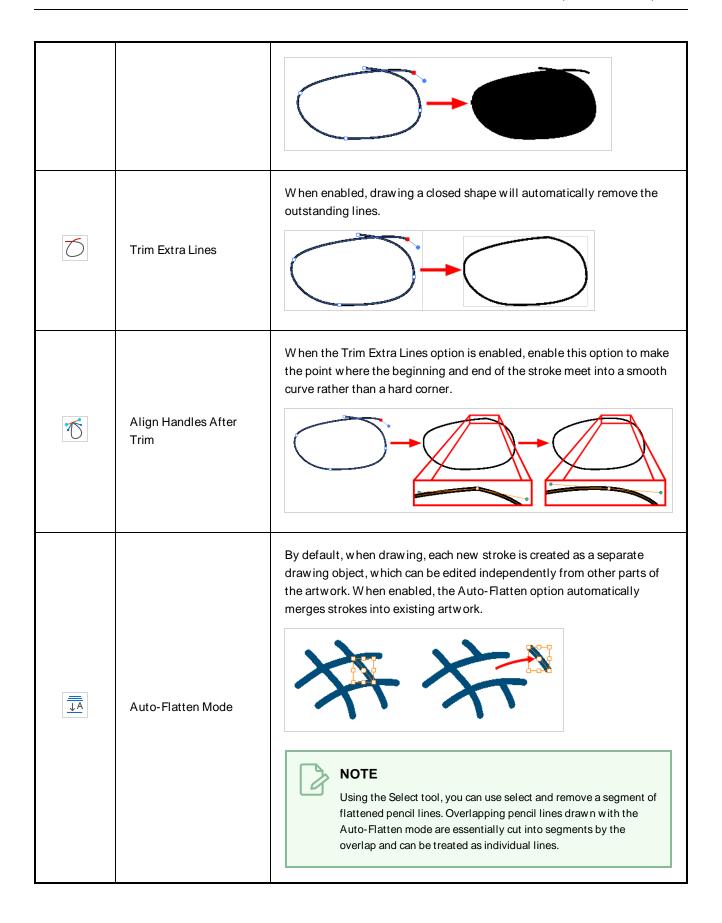
Icon	Property	Description
	Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.

Pencil Properties Dialog	The arrow button right of the preview area opens the Pencil Properties dialog.  While the Tool Properties view only gives you access to the pencil size, a list of pencil presets and other drawing options, the Pencil Properties dialog gives you access to all the available options for your pencil's shape and texture. For more information on the Pencil Properties dialog, see the Polyline Tool Properties section below.
Size	Defines the width of the pencil line used to draw the shape.

Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	Harmony provides a variety of presets and also lets you create and save your own. It is a good idea to create and save pencils with precise sizes and parameters when you draw and design for efficiency and consistency.
		All tools using pencil lines share the same preset list. Therefore, the Polyline, Line, Rectangle, Ellipse, and Pencil tools share the same preset list.
**	New Preset	Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.
D	Delete Preset	Deletes the currently selected preset.
	Presets Menu	Gives access to more options for managing presets.
	Rename Brush	Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.
	Import Brushes	Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.

Export Brushes	Allows you to export your brush presets into an . xml file.
Small Thumbnail	Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.
Large Thumbnail	Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails, with their name and a preview of their tip.
Stroke View	Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.

Icon	Property	Description
	Snap to Contour	When this option is enabled, clicking close to a contour in your drawing will add the point to that contour. The line you are building will be linked to that contour.  If this option is disabled, attempting to click on existing contours will always create a point very close to that contour, but not exactly on it. Therefore, it is necessary to enable this mode if you want to create lines that branch from into existing contours in your drawing.  NOTE  If you draw a line with the Line tool and make its tip snap to a contour or another control point in your artwork, they will be locked together. You can then manipulate both simultaneously using the Contour Editor tool. You can also separate two drawing strokes that have been snapped together by selecting one of them with the Select tool and moving it away.
6	Auto Fill	When enabled, drawing a closed shape will automatically fill it with the currently selected colour.



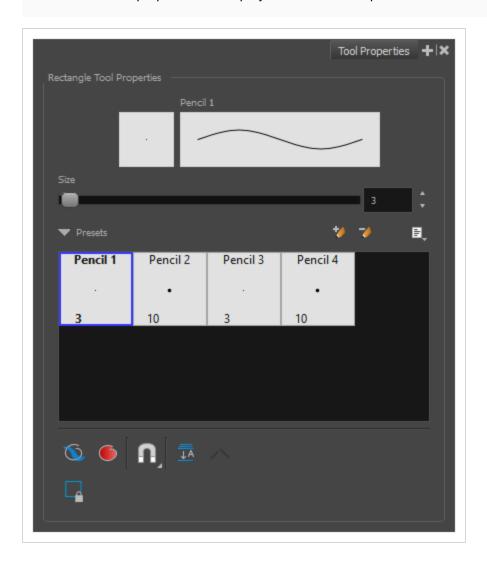
# **Rectangle Tool Properties**

The Rectangle tool allows you to quickly draw a rectangle or a square.

#### How to access the Rectangle tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Rectangle □ tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



# **Pencil Properties**

Just like other shape tools, this tool creates pencil lines. Hence, its tool properties are similar to the ones of the Pencil tool and it can be used with pencil presets.

Property	Description
Preview Area	The Preview area lets you see a preview of the stroke your drawing tool will make.
Size	Defines the width of the pencil line used to draw the shape.

These options affect the way your shape is added to your artwork.

Icon	Property	Description
	Draw Behind	When enabled, your brush strokes will appear behind the existing artwork.  The orange stroke was drawn over the black stroke, then put underneath it.  NOTE  Your brush stroke will temporarily appear over your artwork as you draw it, until you release the mouse cursor or tablet pen.
	Auto Fill	When enabled, the shape you draw is automatically filled with the selected colour. By default, drawing a shape only creates its outlines.
A	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.

Icon	Property	Description
		If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.
		This tool supports the following snapping modes:
		Snap to Contour: When enabled, while you're drawing, the mouse cursor will snap to the nearby contours of the artwork in your drawing.
		Snap to Alignment Guides: While drawing, the drawing tool will snap against nearby alignment guides.
		Snap and Align: When enabled, while you're drawing, the mouse cursor will automatically align to the rectangular bounding boxes of other strokes and shapes in your drawing.
		W hen enabled, while you're drawing, the mouse cursor will snap against the intersecting points of the grid.
		TIP  To display the grid, select View > Grid > Show Grid from the top menu or press Ctrl + '.
<u></u>	Auto Flatten Mode	By default, when drawing, each new stroke is created as a separate drawing object, which can be edited independently from other parts of the artwork. When enabled, the Auto-Flatten option automatically merges strokes into existing artwork.  NOTE
		Using the Select tool, you can use select and remove a segment of flattened pencil lines. Overlapping pencil lines drawn with the Auto-Flatten mode are essentially cut into segments by the overlap and can be treated as individual lines.

These options allow you to select, create and manage pencil presets.

Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	Harmony provides a few pencil presets and also lets you create and save your own. It is a good idea to create and save pencils with precise sizes and parameters when you draw for efficiency and consistency.  You can export the pencil presets that you have created and import those that others have created. This is a good way for you and project collaborators to keep a consistent look for the project.
**	New Brush Preset	Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.
D	Delete Brush Preset	Deletes the currently selected preset.
Min	Brush Presets Menu	<ul> <li>Open a menu that contains the following options:         <ul> <li>New Brush Preset: Creates a new preset based on the current tool properties.</li> <li>Delete Brush: Deletes the currently selected preset.</li> <li>Rename Brush: Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Import Brushes: Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.</li> <li>Export Brushes: Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.</li> <li>Small Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Large Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails, with their name and a preview of their tip.</li> <li>Stroke View: Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.</li> </ul>

# **Reposition All Drawings Tool Properties**

When you use the Reposition All Drawings tool, its properties and options appear in the Tool Properties view.



# **Tool Options**

Icon	Option	Description
	Easy Drag	When enabled, you can drag the selection by clicking anywhere inside its bounding box. By default, you must click on the artwork in the selection to be able to drag it.

# **Operations**

Icon	Option	Description
4 0	Flip Horizontal	Flips the current selection horizontally.
	Flip Vertical	Flips the current selection vertically.
903	Rotate 90 Degrees CW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees clockwise.
(90°)	Rotate 90 Degrees CCW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees counter-clockwise.
	Offset X and Y	Use the Offset X and Offset Y operation fields to enter specific values and precisely reposition the selected shape.  1

Icon	Option	Description
		<ul> <li>axis.</li> <li>Y: Type a value in this field to reposition your selection along the Y-axis.</li> <li>Up/Down arrows: Use the up and down arrows to modify the value in the X or Y value field.</li> </ul>
	Width and Height	Use the Width and Height operation fields to enter specific values to resize the selected shape with precision.  1. Width: Type a value in this field to resize the width of your selection.  2. Height: Type a value in this field to resize the height of your selection.  3. Up/Down arrows: Use the up and down arrows to modify the value in the Width or Height fields.  4. Lock icon: Click the lock icon to lock or unlock the ratio between the Width and Height values.
	Angle	The Angle operation lets you to enter specific values and accurately rotate the selected shape.  1

# **Rigging Tool Properties**

In the Tool Properties view, you can customize not only the behaviour of the tool but also the settings of the deformers that you will create.



#### Mode

Button	Name	Description
4	Bone Mode	Sets the Rigging tool to create Bone deformations.
<b>*</b>	Game Bone Mode	Sets the Rigging tool to create Game Bone deformations.

# **Options**

Button	Parameter	Description
- <u>-</u> -	Show All Manipulators	Lets you immediately see the resting position in red (Setup) and the animated position in green.

## **Operations**

Button	Name	Description
<b>→</b> <sup>Q</sup> <sub>Q</sub>	Reset Deform (Reset Current Keyframe)	Copies the resting position of the deformation skeleton to the current frame.

### **Select Tool Properties**

The Select tool lets you select strokes and apply basic transformations such as repositioning, rotating, scaling or skewing, using the different handles of the bounding box.

If you have text or pencil lines selected with the Select tool, their properties will display in the Tool Properties view, allowing you to make changes to your selection.

#### How to access the Select tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select either the Select ▶ tool or the Select by Colour ▶ tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



#### **NOTE**

Selecting the Select by Colour tool from the Tools toolbar activates the Select tool, with the Select by Colour option enabled. Hence, this topic covers the tool properties for both the Select and Select by Colour tools.



## **Tool Options**

Icon	Property	Description
	Selection Mode	Allows you to choose the method to visually select multiple elements:  • Lasso: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing an irregular closed shape around them with your mouse.

Icon	Property	Description
		Marquee: Allows you to select multiple elements by drawing a rectangle around them. This is faster, as you only need to drag your mouse from one corner of the rectangle to its opposite corner, but it may not be as precise as you want.
		You can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use the other selection mode.
	Easy Drag	When enabled, you can drag the selection by clicking anywhere inside its bounding box. By default, you must click on the artwork in the selection to be able to drag it.
	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.
		If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.
		This tool supports the following snapping modes:
A		<ul> <li>Snap to Contour: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against the nearby points and contours of your artwork, allowing you to snap parts of your artwork together.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Snap to Alignment Guides: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against nearby alignment guides.</li> </ul>
		Snap and Align: While moving the selection, the rectangular bounding box of the selection will align with the rectangular bounding boxes of other strokes and shapes in your artwork. If you move one of your selection's control points, it will also align with the bounding boxes of other strokes and shapes in your artwork.

Icon	Property	Description
		Snap to Grid: While moving the selection, the mouse cursor will snap against the intersecting points of the grid.  TIP  To display the grid, select View > Grid > Show Grid from the top menu or press Ctrl + '.
<b>≥</b> <sup>7</sup>	Scale Pencil Line Thickness	When enabled, the width of pencil lines will be adjusted when scaling them with the Select tool.  TIP  You can quickly enable this mode by selecting the Scale Pencil Line Thickness  tool, in the Select tool's properties dialog.
	Select by Colour	When enabled, clicking on a coloured zone in your artwork will instantly select all the zones that are filled with the same colour.  Select by Colour can also be accessed from the Tools toolbar.

Icon	Property	Description
		NOTE Only the zones painted with the same colour swatch in your palette will be selected. If another zone is coloured with the exact same colour, but not the same colour swatch, it will not be selected.
	Apply to Visible Drawing Layers	By default, the tool only works on the currently selected layer.  When enabled, the tool will work on all the visible layers in the Camera view.  NOTES  When this option is disabled, you can select several layers to use the tool on all the selected layers simultaneously.  This option only works in the Camera view.

# **Operations**

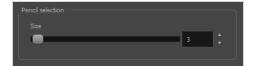
Icon	Property	Description
	Flip Horizontal	Flips the current selection horizontally.
	Flip Vertical	Flips the current selection vertically.

Icon	Property	Description
90	Rotate 90 Degrees CW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees clockwise.
<b>√90</b> )	Rotate 90 Degrees CCW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees counter-clockwise.
Ø	Smooth	Smooth out selected drawing strokes and remove extra points.
<b>■</b>	Flatten	Merges drawing objects and brush strokes into a single layer. If you draw new lines to fix a drawing or line with many brush strokes, it can be useful to flatten them all into a single shape. By default, lines are drawn one on top of each other. If you intend to repaint the lines or modify their shape, it will be easier if they are flattened.
133	Create Colour Art from Line Art	Lets you use the outline you traced on one of the four embedded layers (line art, colour art, overlay, underlay) and create invisible strokes to paint your drawings on separate layers. This provides more inking and painting flexibility.  You can also configure this option to create the invisible strokes on any of the four embedded layers.
	Distribute to Layers	The Distribute to Layers option is used to separate the selected art strokes and send them to new drawing layers. In the Camera view, once you have drawn your artwork, you can select the strokes you want to distribute using the Select tool and click on the Distribute to Layers button; you can also select <b>Drawing &gt; Distribute to Layers</b> . It will automatically take every stroke from the drawing selection made

Icon	Property	Description
		in the Camera view and separate them into a different layer for each.  If an artwork is composed of several strokes, you must group them using <b>Edit &gt; Group &gt; Group</b> before using the Distribute to Layers option. This option cannot be done from the Drawing view.
<i>&gt;</i> 3	Pencil to Brush	Converts the selected centre line pencil strokes into contour strokes brush lines.
X	Offset X	Lets you enter a value to reposition the selection along the X-axis.
Уţ	Offset Y	Lets you enter a value to reposition the selection along the Y-axis.
	Width	Lets you enter a value to resize the width of the selection.
	Height	Lets you enter a value to resize the height of the selection.
	Lock	Locks or unlocks the ratio between the Width and Height values.
<b>©</b>	Angle	Lets you enter specific values to rotate the selection. A positive value rotates the selection counter clockwise and a negative value rotates the selection clockwise.

### **Pencil Selection**

If the selection contains pencil lines, the Pencil Selection section appears at the bottom of the Tool Properties view, allowing you to adjust the size of those pencil lines.



Icon	Property	Description
	Size	Adjusts the width of the selected pencil lines.

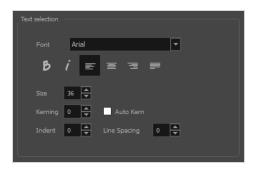
#### **Text Selection**

If your selection include text boxes created with the Text tool, a Text Selection section will appear at the bottom of the Tool Properties view, allowing you to adjust the formatting of the whole text box.



#### TIP

You can also adjust the formatting of parts of the text in the text box using the Text tool—see <u>Text</u> <u>Tool Properties</u> on page 275.



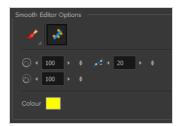
Icon	Property	Description
	Font	Lets you select the font in which to display the text.  Vivaldi  Copperplate Gothic Light  MY PROJECT
В	Bold	Makes the selected text bold.  My Project
i	Italic	Makes the selected text italic.  My Project

Icon	Property	Description
	Align Left	Aligns the text in the selected text box to the left.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTTITOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTTITOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
	Align Center	Aligns the text in the selected text box to the centre.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITIOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITIOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
	Align Right	Aligns the text in the selected text box to the right.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITIOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITITOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
	Justify	Makes the text in the selected text box take all the horizontal space by adjusting the spacing between each word. Text that use a single line and text in the last line of a paragraph is aligned to the left.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITIOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITIOR, NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
	Size	Allows you to set the size of the selected text.  small text big text

Icon	Property	Description
	Kerning	Allows you to increase or decrease the spacing between each character.  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aenean vestibulum, metus ac fermentum porttitor, odio turpis porttitor, odio turpis porttitor nibh, id consequat magna ligula et elit. Curabitur sollicitudin elit ac lorem mollis acc umsan.
	Auto Kern	Sets the kerning automatically based on the font's predefined standard.
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# **Smooth Editor Tool Properties**

When you select the Smooth Editor tool, its properties and options appear in the Tool Properties view.



Icon	Tool Name	Description
	Smoothing Style	The Smoothing Style options allow you to smooth a portion of your drawing by tracing a smoothing stroke over the zone to optimize or by selecting an area of the drawing with the Marquee or Lasso.  Note that by default, the Smooth Editor tool colour is yellow, it was changed to orange for screen grab clarity.
**	Show Control Points	The Show Control Points option allows you to show or hide the Bezier points around lines. When the Bezier points are displayed, you can see the result of your smoothing and the number of points left on the curve. When it is turned off, only the original artwork is displayed.
	Minimum Size and Maximum Size	This is where you set the minimum and maximum sizes of your drawing tool which will produce the thick and thin effect on your stroke. This works with the pressure sensitivity of a pen tablet.  This options is available while using the Brush Smoothing  style.  • Maximum and Minimum Size: Defines the maximum and minimum width of the stroke.

	Up/Down arrows: Use the up and down arrows to set the minimum and maximum size value.
Smoothness	The Smoothness impacts the strength of the smoothing result. The higher the value, the more points are removed and the smoother the curve. The Smoothness range is from 0 to 100; the default value is 20.  Smoothness = 2  Smoothness = 10
Colour	You can modify the colour of the control points displayed on the artwork while working with the Smooth Editor tool by double-clicking on the colour swatch.

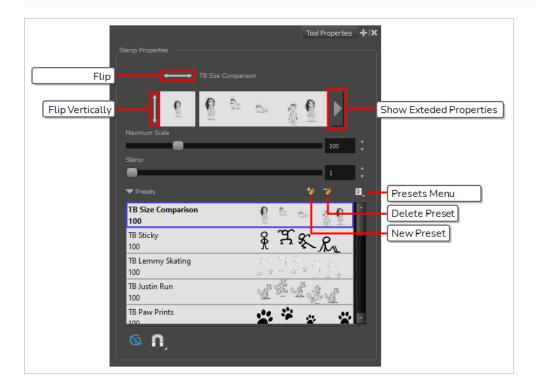
### **Stamp Tool Properties**

The Stamp tool allows you to create and use stamps, which can contain one or several drawings that can be stamped individually or in sequence onto your artwork.

#### How to access the Stamp tool properties

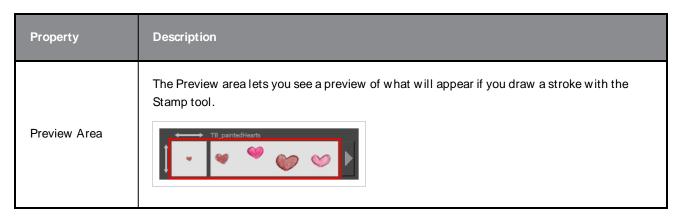
1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Stamp 2 tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Stamp Properties**

The following options allow you, among other things, to preview your stamp, to change the size of your stamp as well as to flip it horizontally and vertically.



Property	Description
Stamp Properties Dialog	The arrow button right of the preview area opens the Stamp Properties dialog.  While the Tool Properties view only gives you access to a few of the stamp properties and a list of stamp presets, the Stamp Properties dialog gives you access to all the available options for the way your stamp will be applied. For more information on the Stamp Properties dialog, see the <a href="Stamp Properties Dialog">Stamp Properties Dialog</a> on page 269 section below.
Flip Horizontally / Flip Vertically	The two-ended arrows to the left and over the Stamp thumbnail allow you to flip the stamp horizontally or vertically.  Flip Vertically  Flip Vertically
Maximum Scale	The maximum scaling factor to apply to the stamp before stamping it onto the drawing.  This setting is a percentage, which is relative to the size of the original drawing that was used to create the stamp. This means that, at 100%, the drawing will be stamped into your artwork in its original size.  NOTE  If the tool is used with a pressure sensitive tablet, the scale of the stamp can be made to be relative to the amount of pressure you put on your pen. To do this, you must reducing the Minimum Scale property of your stamp in the Stamp Properties dialog. If the Minimum Scale setting is left at its default value, which is 100%, the size of the stamp will not vary.
Stamp	When using a multi-drawing stamp, this is the number of the drawing in the series that will be stamped on the next time you use the Stamp tool. For example, if your stamp has 3 drawings and this is set to 2, the next drawing that will be stamped on is the second drawing in the series.  If your stamp's <b>Cycle</b> setting is set to <b>Hold</b> , then you have to use this slider to select which drawing to stamp with the Stamp tool.  If your stamp's <b>Reset Cycle for Each Stroke</b> option is enabled, then you can use this slider to select which drawing to start each stroke with.  Otherwise, when you draw a stroke with the Stamp tool, the Stamp slider will automatically

Property	Description	
	update to the next drawing in the sequence.	
	TIP  You can also cycle through the drawings in your stamp by using the Left Arrow and Right Arrow keys.	
	NOTE The Cycle and Reset Cycle for Each Strokee options are available in the Stamp Properties dialog.	

### **Stamp Presets**

These options allow you to select, create and manage stamp presets.

Contrary to the Brush and Pencil tools, creating a Stamp preset is required to use the Stamp tool, as this preset will contain the drawings to stamp onto your artwork. A Stamp preset is created by selecting one or several layers, then adding a preset to the Stamp Presets list. If several layers are selected, the Stamp will contain a series of drawings, which it will stamp onto your artwork in a sequence as you draw strokes with the Stamp tool.

Icon	Property	Description
	Presets list	The list of Stamp presets. Click on one of the presets to select it and use it in your drawing.
	New Brush Preset	Creates a new Stamp preset based on the selected artwork. The artwork can either be a selection made with the Select tool, or by selecting a layer.
*		If several layers are selected, this will create a multi-drawing Stamp. As you draw a stroke with the Stamp tool using a multi-drawing stamp, each drawing in the stamp will be applied onto your artwork, one after the other.
7	Delete Brush	Deletes the currently selected preset.
	Brush Presets Menu	Open a menu that contains all of the previous options, along with all of the following options:

	New Brush Preset: Creates a new stamp based on the selected artwork.
	<ul> <li>Rename Preset: Allows you to rename the currently selected preset.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Import Brushes: Allows you to import brush presets exported from Harmony.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Export Brushes: Allows you to export your brush presets into an .xml file.</li> </ul>
	Small Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of small thumbnails with a preview of their tip.
	• Large Thumbnail: Displays presets in a grid of big thumbnails, with their name and a preview of their tip.
	Stroke View: Displays presets in a list, with their name and a preview of a stroke done with each preset.

# **Drawing Options**

These options affect the way your drawing strokes are added to your artwork

Icon	Property	Description
	Draw Behind	When enabled, your brush strokes will appear behind the existing artwork.  The orange stroke was drawn over the black stroke, then put underneath it.  NOTE  Your brush stroke will temporarily appear over your artwork as you draw it, until you release the mouse cursor or tablet pen.
A	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a pop-up menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping

modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to re-enable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.

This tool supports the following snapping mode:

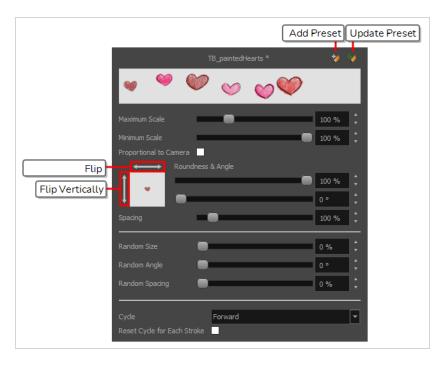
• Snap to Alignment Guides: While drawing, the drawing tool

will snap against nearby alignment guides.

### **Stamp Properties Dialog**

The Stamp Properties dialog allows you to set more specific settings for your stamp, such as pressure sensitivity, spacing, angle, randomness and, for multi-drawing stamps, how to cycle through each drawing in the stamp. To open the Stamp Properties dialog, click on the arrow button right of the stroke display area.





Property	Description
Maximum Scale	The maximum scaling factor to apply to the stamp before stamping it onto the drawing.  This setting is a percentage, which is relative to the size of the original drawing that was used to create the stamp. This means that, at 100%, the drawing will be stamped into your artwork in its original size.
Minimum Scale	The minimum scaling factor to apply to the stamp before stamping it onto your drawing.

Property	Description	
	When using the Stamp tool with a pressure-sensitive pen tablet, the size of the stamps applied onto your artwork will vary between its Minimum Scale and Maximum Scale properties, relative to the amount of pressure you apply to the pen.	
	This setting is relative to the Maximum Scale property. This means that if the Maximum Scale is set to 50% and the Minimum Scale is set to 50%, the actual scaling factor applied to the stamp will vary between 25% and 50%.	
	This setting is also used with the Random Size setting.	
Flip Horizontally / Flip Vertically	The two-ended arrows to the left and over the Stamp thumbnail allow you to flip the stamp horizontally or vertically.	
The Roundness and Angle parameters allow you to change the shape and oriental stamp.  • Roundness: The vertical scaling to apply to the stamp. Reducing this setting squashes the stamp vertically, allowing you to turn round or square stamp stamps.  • Angle: The angle at which to rotate the brush tip, counterclockwise.  Roundness & Angle  NOTE		
	still be done relative to the stamp's original orientation.  Roundness: 100% Roundness: 33% Roundness: 100% Roundness: 33% Angle: 0° Angle: 45° Angle: 45°	
Spacing	Defines the amount of space between each stamp that is applied onto the artwork. The larger the value, the greater the space between each stamp.	

Property	Description	
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Random Size	The percentage of randomness to apply to the size of the stamp. This makes the size of the stamp randomly vary between its Maximum Scale and Minimum Scale settings each time it is applied to your artwork.  1 2 3 1 2	
Random Angle	The maximum value of randomness to apply to the angle of the stamp. This makes the angle of the stamp randomly vary within the range of degrees in this setting, in either direction, each time it is applied to your artwork. For example, if the stamp's Angle is set to 0°, and the Random Angle is set to 180°, each instance of the stamp will be at a random angle varying between -90° and 90°.	
Random Spacing	The maximum amount of randomness to apply to the spacing of the stamp. Increasing this setting makes the distance between each instance of the stamp vary randomly as you draw a stroke. At 100%, this makes the distance between each stroke vary between 0% and 200% of its Spacing property.  123 12 3 12 312	
Cycle	For multi-drawing stamps, this decides the logic with which to cycle through the sequence of drawings in the stamp as you draw a stroke.  • Forward: Starts by applying the first drawing in the sequence, then the next one, and so on until it reaches the last drawing in the sequence, then cycles back to the first one.	

Property	Description	
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	<ul> <li>Reverse: Starts by applying the last drawing in the sequence, then the previous one, and so on until it reaches the first drawing in the sequence, then cycles back to the last one.</li> </ul>	
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	Forward->Reverse: Starts by cycling forward through the sequence until it reaches the last drawing, then cycles backward to the first drawing, and so on.	
	1232123	
	<ul> <li>Reverse-&gt;Forward: Starts by cycling backward through the sequence until it reaches the first drawing, then cycles back to the last drawing, and so on.</li> </ul>	
	3212321	
	• Random: Applies a random drawing in the sequence each time the stamp is applied.	
	<ul> <li>1321123</li> <li>Hold: Applies a single one of the drawings in the sequence over and over again.</li> </ul>	
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	TIP  When this option is set to Hold, you can select which one of the drawings is stamped on by changing the Stamp setting in the Tool Properties view.	
	For multi-drawing stamps. This makes it so each stroke you draw with the stamp too always starts with the first drawing in the cycle, which is decided by the <b>Stamp</b> option in the Tool Properties view.	
Reset Cycle for Each Stroke	When disabled, the Stamp tool keeps track of which drawing it was going to stamp next when you finish drawing a stroke by storing the number of that drawing in the Stamp setting. When this option is enabled, it simply stops updating the Stamp setting. Hence, your strokes always start at the drawing selected with that setting. Likewise, you can manually decide which drawing to start your strokes with by adjusting the Stamp setting.	

# **Stroke Tool Properties**

When you select the Stroke tool, its properties and options appears in the Tool Properties view.



Icon	Tool Name	Description
<b>√</b> 3	Draw Stroke as Straight Lines	Enable the Draw Stroke as Straight Lines option if you want the new strokes you draw to be a perfect straight line. Disable the option if you want the stroke to follow the mouse gesture.
<b>&gt;</b>	Connect Line Ends	Enable the Connect Line Ends option if you want the start or end point of your new stroke to connect to your existing strokes to make sure no gaps are left in your drawing.
	Auto Fill	When enabled, drawing a closed shape will automatically fill it with the currently selected colour.
5	Trim Extra Lines	When enabled, drawing a closed shape will automatically remove the outstanding lines.
7	Align Handles After Trim	When the Trim Extra Lines option is enabled, enable this option to make the point where the beginning and end of the stroke meet into a smooth curve rather than a hard corner.

Auto-Flatten Mode	By default, when drawing, each new stroke is created as a separate drawing object, which can be edited independently from other parts of the artwork. When enabled, the Auto-Flatten option automatically merges strokes into existing artwork.
Smoothness	You can modify the central line smoothness of your line using this option.  This parameter smooths the initial movement of your line. Increasing the value will result in a smoother line with fewer control points. Use the left and right arrows to increment the value by one full unit. Use the Up - Down slider to quickly increment the value.

## **Text Tool Properties**

The Text tool lets you add text fields to your project, in which you can type text, then adjust its formatting using various fonts and text attributes.

With the Text tool selected, you can select text within text boxes you created and change the formatting of the selection. You can also select and manipulate text boxes using the Select tool, and change the formatting of the entire text box in the Select tool properties.

#### How to access the Text tool properties

• In the Tools toolbar, select the Text  $\,T\,$  tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



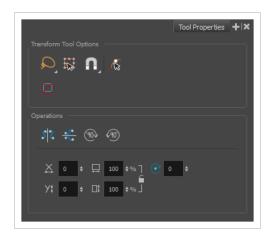
Icon	Property	Description
	Font	Lets you select the font in which to display the text.  Vivaldi  Copperplate Gothic Light  MY PROJECT
В	Bold	Makes the selected text bold.  My Project
i	Italic	Makes the selected text italic.

Icon	Property	Description
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	Align Left	Aligns the text in the selected text box to the left.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITIOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITIOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
	Align Center	Aligns the text in the selected text box to the centre.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITIOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITIOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
==	Align Right	Aligns the text in the selected text box to the right.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITIOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITIOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.
	Justify	Makes the text in the selected text box take all the horizontal space by adjusting the spacing between each word. Text that use a single line and text in the last line of a paragraph is aligned to the left.  LOREM IPSUM DOLOR SIT AMET, CONSECTETUR ADIPISCING ELIT. AENEAN VESTIBULUM, METUS AC FERMENTUM PORTITITOR, ODIO TURPIS PORTITITOR NIBH, ID CONSEQUAT MAGNA LIGULA ET ELIT. CURABITUR SOLLICITUDIN ELIT AC LOREM MOLLIS ACC UMSAN.

Icon	Property	Description
	Size	Allows you to set the size of the selected text.  small text big text
	Kerning	Allows you to increase or decrease the spacing between each character.  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aenean vestibulum, metus ac fermentum porttitor, odio turpis porttitor nibh, id consequat magna ligula et elit. Curabitur sollicitudin elit ac lorem mollis acc umsan.
	Auto Kern	Sets the kerning automatically based on the font's predefined standard.
	Indent	Allows you to increase or decrease the indentation of the first line of text in each paragraph.  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aenean vestibulum, metus ac fermentum portitior, odio turpis portitior nibh, id consequat magna ligula et elit. Curabitur sollicitudin elit ac lorem mollis acc umsan.  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Aenean vestibulum, metus ac fermentum portitior, odio turpis portitior nibh, id consequat magna ligula et elit. Curabitur sollicitudin elit ac lorem mollis acc umsan.
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# **Transform Tool Properties**

When selecting the Transform tool, several options are available in the Tool Properties view.



Icon	Tool Name	Description
	Lasso	Sets the selection mode to Lasso, which allows you to select multiple items by drawing a lasso around them.  TIP  When this option is enabled, you can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use Marquee mode.
	Marquee	Sets the selection mode to Marquee, which allows you to select multiple items by drawing a rectangle around them.  TIP  When this option is enabled, you can press and hold the Alt key to temporarily use Lasso mode.
[K]	Easy Drag	When enabled, you can drag the selection by clicking anywhere inside its bounding box. By default, you must click on the artwork in the selection to be able to drag it.
A	Snapping	Allows you to enable or disable snapping for this tool and all other animation and drawing tools that support snapping, as well as to select which types of snapping are enabled.  If you double-click or long-click on this button, it will open a popup menu in which you can toggle different snapping modes. You

		can also click on this button to toggle it off, which will disable all snapping modes, and click on it again and toggle it on to reenable the snapping modes which were previously enabled.  This tool supports the following snapping modes:  • Snap to Alignment Guides: While moving the selection or one of its control points, it will snap against nearby alignment guides.  • Snap and Align: While moving the selection, the rectangular bounding box of the selection will align with the rectangular bounding boxes of other elements in your scene. If you move one of your selection's control points, it will also align with the bounding boxes of other elements.  • Snap to Grid: While moving the selection, the mouse cursor will snap against the intersecting points of the grid.  TIP  To display the grid, select View > Grid > Show Grid from the top menu or press Ctrl + 1.
<b>₽</b>	Peg Selection Mode	In the Camera view, the Peg Selection Mode limits the selection to peg layers instead of drawing layers. This mode is useful when you have created a character rig using peg layers for each drawing. That way, you do not accidentally select the drawing layer when you want to animate on the peg.  When disabled, the Transform tool selects the drawing layers.
F	Mixed Manipulation Mode	Allows the selection and manipulation of different types of interfaces, such as pegs and curves, together in the same operation.

		When enabled, certain deformation controls and extra controls will be able to be selected and manipulated with the Transform Tool. This will extend the bounding box used by the tool to encompass the selected controls. These controls can then be transformed at the same time with other selected pegs, drawings and compatible controls.
	Hide Manipulator Controls	The Hide Manipulator Controls button lets you hide the bounding box and manipulator controls from the Camera view when an element is selected.
\$ 2	Flip Horizontal	Flips the current selection horizontally.  You can also select <b>Animation &gt; Flip &gt; Flip Horizontal</b> from the top menu or press 4 or 5.
<u>~</u>	Flip Vertical	Flips the current selection vertically.  You can also select <b>Animation &gt; Flip &gt; Flip Vertical</b> from the top menu or press 4 or 5.
90>	Rotate 90 Degrees CW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees clockwise.
<b>(90)</b>	Rotate 90 Degrees CCW	Rotates the current selection 90 degrees counter-clockwise.
	Offset X ad Y	Use the Offset X and Offset Y operation fields to enter specific values and precisely reposition the selected shape.  1. X: Type a value in this field to reposition your selection along the X-axis.  2. Y: Type a value in this field to reposition your selection along the Y-axis.  3. Up/Down arrows: Use the up and down arrows to modify the value in the X or Y value field.
	W idth and Height	Use the Width and Height operation fields to enter specific values to resize the selected shape with precision.

	<ol> <li>Width: Type a value in this field to resize the width of your selection.</li> <li>Height: Type a value in this field to resize the height of your selection.</li> <li>Up/Down arrows: Use the up and down arrows to modify the value in the Width or Height fields.</li> <li>Lock icon: Click the lock icon to lock or unlock the ratio between the Width and Height values.</li> </ol>
Angle	The Angle operation lets you to enter specific values and accurately rotate the selected shape.  1 — • • • • 2  1. Angle: Type a degree value in this field to rotate your selection.  2. Up/Down arrows: Use the up and down arrows to modify the value in the Angle value field.

## **Zoom Tool Properties**

The Zoom tool lets you zoom in and out of the Camera, Drawing, Side and Top views. You can also use it to reset the zoom level.

### How to access the Zoom tool properties

1. In the Tools toolbar, select the Zoom \$\bigsig\$ tool.

The tool's properties are displayed in the Tool Properties view.



## **Tool Options**

Icon	Parameter	Description
•	Zoom In Mode	Use the mouse cursor to zoom in to the Camera or Drawing view.
•	Zoom Out Mode	Use the mouse cursor to zoom out of the Camera or Drawing view.

## **Operations**

Icon	Parameter	Description
•	Perform Zoom In	Zoom in the Camera or Drawing view.  The keyboard shortcut is 2.
•	Perform Zoom Out	Zoom out the Camera or Drawing view.  The keyboard shortcut is 1.
<b>\bar{Q}</b>	Reset Zoom	Restores the current zoom level to 100%.
<b>5</b>	Reset View	Restores the original display by resetting any pan, rotation or zoom actions.

# **Chapter 5: Toolbars**

Harmony contains toolbars which, by default, are located at the top of the interface. Some views also have a toolbar which you can reposition to suit your work style. You can show or hide toolbars, as well as customize it with the tools you use most often and hide the ones you don't.

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# Workspace Toolbars

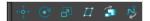
Harmony has a series of toolbars that are added by default at the top of the interface. These toolbars can be moved on the sides of the interface as well as within specific views.

All top toolbars can be added by selecting **Windows > Toolbars** in the top menu.

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### **Advanced Animation Toolbar**

The Advanced Animation toolbar contains tools to position and animate layers. The Scale, Translate and Rotate tools can be used to reposition the permanent pivot position of a layer. Unlike the Transform tool, each tool in the Advanced Animation toolbar performs a single operation, either rotate, scale, translate or scale in relation to the camera distance.



#### How to access the Advance Animation toolbar

#### 1. Select Windows > Toolbars > Advanced Animation.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
<b>←</b> ੍ਰ̂→	Translate	Lets you move the selected element along the X and Y axes.
C	Rotate	Turns a selected element around its pivot point.
P	Scale	Increases or decreases the size of a selected element. You can scale an object up to make it larger or down to make it smaller. Press Shift to scale the element while maintaining its proportions.
II	Skew	Slants the selected element.
â	Maintain Size	Keeps elements the same size aspect ratio in the Camera view as you move them towards or away from the camera.
%	Spline Offset	Lets you reposition the visual trajectory without offsetting or modifying your animation. By default, the trajectory is located at 0,0,0 fields. If your elements were drawn in a different location than the centre of the drawing area, it will look like the trajectory is not aligned with your drawing. Also, if you have several elements attached to one trajectory, you might want your trajectory to be at a different location to represent the group's motion better.

### **Deformation Toolbar**

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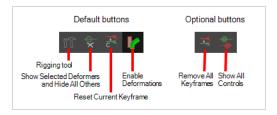
The Deformation toolbar contains the various tools and options used to create a deformation rig. This toolbar is displayed in the default interface.

By default, the Deformation toolbar only contains the essential options. If you right-click on the toolbar and select **Customize**, you can add additional buttons.



#### **NOTE**

The Customize option is only available if a toolbar is right-clicked in the space above the Camera view. To move the toolbar to the space above the Camera view, either click and drag the toolbar directly to the space above, or right-click in the space above and select the toolbar you wish to add.



#### **Default Buttons**

Icon	Tool Name	Description
T	Rigging Tool	The Rigging tool is used to create a Bone deformation chain. You also use it to set up the resting position.  To learn more about the Rigging tool's properties, see Rigging Tool Properties on page 253.
0	Show Selected Deformation Chain and Hide All Others	Displays the deformation controls for the selected element and all of its children in the Camera view, and hides the deformation controls for any other element in your scene.
	Show Selected Deformers	Displays the deformation controls for the selected element and all of its children in the Camera view. If deformation controls for other elements are currently visible, they will remain visible as well.
	Show Deformation Mesh	Overlay the deformation mesh as a wireframe over the drawings.

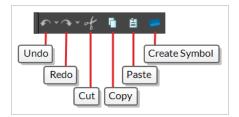
	Show Manipulator	When several points from a curve or envelope deformation chain are selected, this displays a manipulator bounding box around them. Using this manipulator, you can move, rotate and scale the selected points together.
C	Reset Current Keyframe	The Reset Current Keyframe copies the resting position, the original setup of your skeleton before undergoing any deformation, to your current frame. Once you have created a deformation chain, you can use the Rigging tool to adjust the position and appearance of the rig to fit the element. When the skeleton is in place, you can use the Reset Current Keyframe button to reset the current frame position to the resting position.
	Enable Deformations	The Enable Deformations button allows you to display your drawings in their original state or with deformations while creating additional drawings. Depending on the artwork you need to create, you might need to refer to the other images either deformed or in their original position.  NOTE  Disabling deformations is only a display mode. Although drawings will not appear deformed in the Camera view, even in Render View mode, they will still be deformed in the rendered images.

# **Optional Buttons**

Icon	Tool Name	Description
<u> </u>	Remove All Keyframes	The Remove All Keyframes option removes all keyframes on the selected deformation chain.
<u></u>	Show All Controls	The Show All Controls button lets you visualize the resting position in red (Setup mode) and the active position (Animation) in green at the same time

# **Edit Toolbar**

The Edit toolbar contains common operations such as Undo, Redo, Cut, Copy and Paste. These commands can also be found in the Edit top menu.



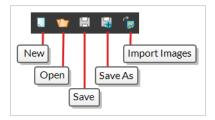
### How to access the Edit toolbar

1. Select Windows > Toolbars > Edit.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
•	Undo	Removes the last change made to your project. Harmony supports multiple undo, so you can undo changes you made in the order you made them.
	Redo	Redoes an operation you have undone. This command is active only after you use the Undo command.
t	Cut	Removes selected objects. You can then paste the object or its properties to another object.
ū	Сору	Copies selected objects and properties.
	Paste	Places an object you cut or copied into the location you select in a view.
	Create Symbol	Creates a symbol from selected drawing elements in the Drawing or Camera view or a layer or cells in the Timeline view.

## File Toolbar

The File toolbar contains buttons for common file operations such as New, Save and Open. These commands can also be found in the File top menu.



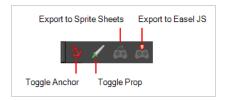
### How to access the File toolbar

### 1. Select Windows > Toolbars > File.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
	New (Harmony Stand Alone)	Creates a new scene while closing any scene already open. The New Scene dialog box opens, asking for directory, name, and resolution information.
<b>√</b>	Open	Displays the Open Scene dialog box where you can browse for a scene file. You can open a new scene from the current one and the previous scene will close.
8	Save	Saves all changes made to the opened scene, drawings, palettes, and palette lists.
O <del>g</del>	Save As	Saves the current file with a different name and at a different location.  Saves the current state of a scene as another scene. The Save As window prompts you for a new name and a different location for this scene before saving it. This will create a complete scene directory for the new scene.  NOTE  The scene name cannot exceed 23 characters.
Č.	Import Images	Imports bitmap images which you can choose to vectorize.

# **Game Toolbar**

The Game toolbar contains tools for setting anchors and props, as well as exporting to sprite sheets and Easel  $\mathcal{L}$ .



## How to access the Game toolbar

1. Select Windows > Toolbars > Game.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
కు	Toggle Anchor	Adds the Anchor parameter to the selected layer.
1	Toggle Prop	Adds the Prop parameter to the selected layer.
<u></u>	Export to Sprite Sheets	Opens the Export to Sprite Sheets window where you can export your animation as sprite sheets.
o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o o	Export to Easel JS	Opens the Export to Easel JS window where you can export your animation as Easel JS.

# Mini Playback Toolbar

The Mini Playback toolbar allows you to quickly preview a short span of animation starting a few frames before the current frame and ending a few frames after the current frame, at a customizable frame rate.



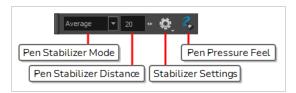
## How to add the Mini Playback toolbar to your workspace

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Toolbars > Mini Playback.
  - Right-click on any existing toolbar and select Mini Playback.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
	Mini Playback Dialog	Open the Mini Playback dialog. This dialog allows you to set the amount of frames before and after the current frame to playback when using Mini Playback, to set the speed of Mini Playback and to start Mini Playback.
	Mini Playback	Begins Mini Playback using the last settings entered in the Mini Playback dialog.  By default, Mini Playback will play 5 frames before and after the current frame, at the scene's frame rate.

# Pen Settings Toolbar

The Pen Settings toolbar provides options for enabling and configuring the Pen Stabilizer, which can help you draw smooth lines with precision and minutia. It also allows you to access the Pen Pressure Feel dialog, which allows you to configure how the pressure you apply to your tablet pen is processed by Harmony to affect the size of your drawing strokes.





### **NOTE**

For information on how to use the Pen Settings toolbar, refer to the User Guide.

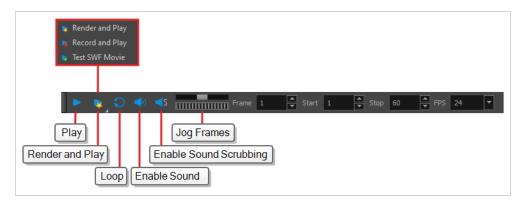
Icon	Parameter	Description
Stabilizer Off ▼	Pen Stabilizer Mode	Allows you to select a method for Harmony to stabilize your drawing strokes.  Stabilization is a process by which Harmony uses the general direction of your drawing strokes to create smooth, stable curves and avoid jittering and sharp corners.  Harmony accomplishes this by his by letting you draw a stroke of a certain length without generating artwork right away. After your stroke has reached that length, Harmony starts generating an drawing stroke that keeps trailing behind your mouse cursor or tablet pen as you draw. Harmony uses the buffer between your mouse cursor or pen tablet and the actual drawing stroke to generate smooth curves and ignore jittering and small mistakes.  The way Harmony does this depends on the stabilization method you choose:  Stabilizer Off: No stabilization is performed. When you draw a stroke, artwork for it is generated immediately.  Average: Harmony calculates the average direction of all of your mouse or pen gestures between the end of the actual drawing stroke and the current position of your mouse cursor or pen tip, and extends the stroke in this average direction, effectively evening out jitter and rounding sharp turns.  Pulled String: When you start drawing a stroke, Harmony positions the drawing tool where your stroke starts. As you move the mouse or tablet pen, the drawing tool remains in that position, but a "string" appears,

Icon	Parameter	Description
		Iinking your drawing tool to your mouse cursor or pen tip.  This string has a certain maximum length. Once that length is reached, the string pulls the drawing tool in the direction of your mouse cursor or tablet pen.
		NOTE  The distance between your mouse cursor or tablet pen and the stroke can be adjusted. For the purpose of demonstration, these images were done using the largest supported distance.
20 •	Pen Stabilizer Distance	This parameter determines how far your drawing strokes trail behind your mouse cursor or tablet pen as you draw.  In the case of the Average technique Harmony lets you draw an invisible stroke of a certain length before it starts generating the artwork based on the average direction of that invisible stroke. This parameter determines the invisible stroke's length.  In the case of the Pulling String, Harmony binds your drawing tool to your mouse cursor or tablet pen with a virtual string of a given length. This parameter sets the length of that string.
	Pen Stabilizer Settings	Allows you to enable or disable the following options:      Catch Up: When using stabilization, your drawing strokes trail behind your mouse cursor or tablet pen. With this option enabled, when you stop moving your pen and just leave it pressed against your tablet, the brush stroke will progressively catch up to the position of your pen.      NOTES     This option only works if you are drawing with a pen tablet.     This option only works with the Average stabilization method.
		Show String: When using the Pulled String method, the virtual string binding your drawing tool to your mouse cursor or tablet pen will be

Icon	Parameter	Description
		displayed as you draw, allowing you to visualize how the brush stroke trails behind your mouse cursor or tablet pen.
		Eraser: If enabled, strokes with the      Eraser tool will also be stabilized. By default, the stabilizer works with the      Brush,      Pencil and      Stroke tools.
3	Pen Pressure Feel	Opens the Pen Pressure Feel dialog, which allows you to configure how Harmony processes the pressure you put on your tablet pen before applying it to the thickness of your drawing strokes—see Pen Pressure Feel Dialog Box.

# **Playback Toolbar**

The Playback toolbar allows you to play your animation as well as to set some playback options such as looping, audio playback, playback range and playback speed.



Name	Button	Description
Play		Plays the scene in the Camera or Drawing view.  You can also select Play > Play or Stop from the top menu.
Render and Play		Renders your scene's frames, then opens the rendered frames in Play for playback.  This allows you to preview your scene's animation in real time, with the effects rendered and with no risk of slowdown.  You can click and hold this button to switch its mode to Record and Play or Test SW F Movie.
Record and Play		Exports your scene as it appears in the Camera view into a movie file, then opens it in your workstation's default video player.  This allows you to preview your animation without any risk of slowdown, but it does not preview the effects in your scene. However, it is much faster than Render and Play.
Test SW F Movie		Quickly exports your scene as a Flash Movie (.swf), then opens it in your workstation's default web browser.

Enable Loop	C	If pressed, your scene will repeat indefinitely when playing. Otherwise, it will stop when the end is reached.  You can also select <b>Play &gt; Loop</b> from the top menu.
Enable Sound	<b>(1)</b>	When pressed, your scene's soundtrack will play during playback.  You can also select <b>Play &gt; Enable Sound</b> from the top menu.
Enable Sound Scrubbing	<b>■</b> S	When pressed, you will hear a sample of your scene's soundtrack at the current frame when moving your scene's playhead in the Timeline view.  This allows you to easily situate where the action is relative to the sound track.  You can also select Play > Enable Sound Scrubbing.
Jog Frames		Allows you to quickly play your scene forward or backward to preview your animation.  Moving the handle towards the right will play your scene forward, while moving it towards the left will play your scene backward.  The closer to the edge you move the handle, the faster the playback will be, allowing you to dose the speed at which your scene is played. When the handle is at the edge, your scene will play at its actual framerate.  Once the head is released, it returns to the middle and playback stops.
Frame		Lets you manually enter the current frame number, setting the playhead's position.
Start		Let's you manually enter the number of the first frame to play during playback.

	You can also click on <b>Start</b> (just left of the input field) to quickly set the Start frame to the current frame.
	Let's you manually enter the number of the first frame to play during playback.
Stop	You can also click on <b>Stop</b> (just left of the input field) to quickly set the Stop frame to the current frame.
	Lets you set the amount of frames that should be played during every second of playback, which is how the playback speed is determined.
FPS (Frames per second)	NOTE  This does not change the frames per second setting in your scene's resolution settings.

# **Scripting Toolbar**

The scripting toolbar allows you to create buttons that run functions in your scripts. You can add one button for each function you want to be able to run, and clicking on the button will instantly run the script function your linked it to.



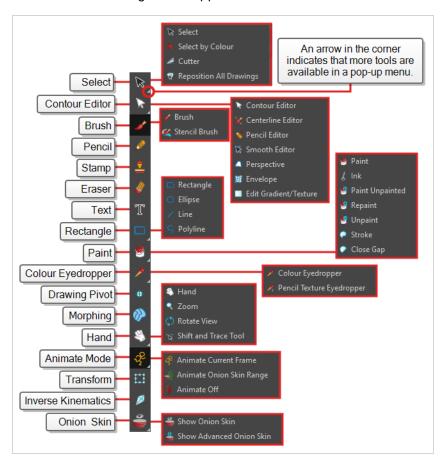
## How to add the Scripting toolbar to your workspace

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Toolbars > Scripting.
  - Right-click on any existing toolbar and select Scripting.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
$f_{ ed}$	Manage Scripts	Opens the Scripts Manager dialog box where you can add scripts and functions to your Scripting toolbar.
f∎	Stop Script	Stops the execution of a script launched from the Scripting toolbar.

## **Tools Toolbar**

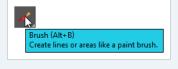
The Tools toolbar contains the main tools you need to work in Harmony. In the default workspace, this toolbar located on the left edge of the application window.



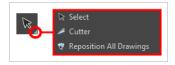


### TIP

Many toolbar buttons have a keyboard shortcut associated to them. You can check which keyboard shortcut is associated to a button by leaving your mouse cursor over the button for a second. If the button has a keyboard shortcut, it will be indicated in the tooltip that appears.



By default, the Tools toolbar hides some of its tools inside pop-up menus. For example, to select the ∠ Cutter tool, you must double-click or long-click the ★ Select tool button, and select ∠ Cutter in the pop-up menu.



However, it is possible to make the Tools toolbar display each tool as a separate button by enabling the **Flat Tools Toolbar** preference. This makes the selection of tools quicker.

# How to make every tool in the Tools toolbar display in buttons rather than pop-up menus

- 1. Do one of the following to open the Preferences dialog:
  - Windows:
    - In the top menu, select Edit > Preferences.
    - Press Ctrl + U.
  - macOS:
    - In the top menu, select Harmony Essentials > Preferences.
    - Press # + U.
- 2. Select the General tab.
- 3. In the **Options** section, check the **Flat Tool Toolbar** option.
- 4. Click OK.
- 5. Close and relaunch Harmony.



#### NOTE

In Flat Tools Toolbar mode, some tools are hidden from the Tools toolbar by default. To customize which tools are displayed in the Tools toolbar, and the order in which they are displayed, right-click on the Tools toolbar and select **Customize**.

# How to customize which tools are displayed in the Tools toolbar when it is in Flat mode

1. Right-click on the Tools toolbar and select Customize.

The Toolbar Manager dialog appears.



- 2. In the Available Tools list, select each tool that you want to add to the Tools toolbar, then click on the Add the selected tool to the toolbar ▶ button.
- 3. In the Toolbar list, select each tool that you want to remove from the Tools toolbar, then click on the Remove the selected tool from the toolbar ≤ button.

Tool Name	Icon	Description
Select	K	Allows you to select and reposition, scale, rotate and skew brush strokes, pencil lines, shapes and other parts of your artwork.
Cutter		Allows you to cut a part of your artwork, then reposition, scale, rotate and skew it.
Reposition All Drawings	W	Allows you to reposition, scale, rotate and skew all drawings in the current layer.
Contour Editor	R	Allows you to edit the vector contours of brush strokes, pencil lines and shapes in your artwork. You can add, remove, tweak and move vector points, move the Bezier handles of the vector points as well as deform vector outlines.
Centerline Editor	×	Allows you to tweak and deform a brush stroke by manipulating the points at the centre of its line rather than its contour.
Smooth Editor	K	Allows you to optimize contours and lines by removing its extra points, making them easier to edit.
Perspective		Allows you to deform artwork by applying a perspective effect on it.

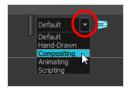
	Ho	Allows you to deform and warp artwork by moving points and
Envelope	#	tweaking lines in a grid.
Edit Gradient/Texture		Allows you to adjust the position, angle and size of gradients and textures in a colour zone.
Brush	<b>₺</b>	A pressure-sensitive tool for creating a contour shape with a thick and thin line effect, as if created with a paint brush.
Pencil		A pressure-sensitive tool for drawing outlines. Pencil lines are made of central vector lines, making them easier to tweak and edit than brush strokes.
Text	Т	Allows you to add text and to format it.
Eraser		A pressure-sensitive tool for erasing parts of a drawing.
Paint		Allows you to fill colour zones with a colour or texture.
Paint Unpainted		Allows you to quickly fill empty zones in your artwork with a colour or texture, leaving filled zones unchanged.
Unpaint		Allows you to empty filled colour zones of their colour and texture.
Stroke	<b>P</b>	Allows you to create invisible lines that can serve as colour zones that can be filled, or close the gaps in existing colour zones.
Close Gap	O	Allows you to close open shapes so that they can be filled with the Paint tool. By drawing a stroke near a small gap in a shape, this tool will create a small invisible stroke connecting the two closest points around the gap.
Line	/	Draws a straight line segment going from one point to the other.
Rectangle		Draws a rectangle.

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Ellipse	O	Draws an ellipse.
Polyline	ς	Allows you to draw shapes, segmented lines or complex curved lines by clicking to create each point in the sequence of line segments.
Colour Eyedropper	<b>&gt;</b>	Allows you to select a colour by clicking on a colour in your artwork.
Hand	<b>E</b>	Allows you to pan the Camera and Drawing views.
Zoom	Q	Allows you zoom in and out of the Camera and Drawing views.
Rotate View	(5)	Lets you rotate the Camera and Drawing views just like with a real animation disc.
Shift and Trace	-:- k	Allows you to temporarily move drawings so you can trace over them in other drawings using Onion Skin.
Animate Current Frame	<del>2</del>	When this option is selected, every time you use the Transform or Advanced Animation tools to manipulate an element in your scene, the position of the element will be stored in a keyframe at the current frame. This allows you to animate elements in your scene without creating keyframes manually.
Animate Onion Skin Range		When this option is selected, if you use the Transform or Advanced Animation tools to make transformations to an element in your scene, the transformations will be stored as keyframes at the beginning and at the end of the current Onion Skin range, as well as on every existing keyframe in-between. This can be useful if you want to reposition an element that you have already animated, but only during a specific range of frames, which you can define by enabling Onion Skin and setting the Onion Skin range to cover that range of frames.
Animate Off		When this option is selected, if you use the Transform or Advanced Animation tools to make transformation to an element in your scene, the transformations will affect the element throughout the whole scene. This can be useful if you

		want to reposition an element after you have already animated it.
Transform	9-0-9 9-0-9	Allows you to select drawing layers and position, rotate, scale and skew them.
Onion Skin		Displays the previous and next frames of an animation. Useful when animating cut-out characters.
Advanced Onion Skin	•	Enables Advanced Onion Skin, a more flexible kind of Onion Skin that can be easily configured using the Onion Skin view.

# Workspace Toolbar

The Workspace toolbar lets you load other workspaces. The first time you start Harmony, the default workspace is loaded. Other workspaces are available such as the Hand-Drawn Animation and Compositing workspaces; these display different views and toolbars. You can access these workspaces and any you create, from the Windows menu and the Workspace toolbar.



## How to access the Workspace toolbar

1. Select Windows > Toolbars > Workspace.

Icon	Tool Name	Description
	W orkspace List	Allows you to select an existing workspace.
	W orkspace Manager	Opens the Workspace Manager where you can organize, display, and remove workspace from your list.
	Save W orkspace	When the Automatically Save Workspace preference is disabled, the Save Workspace button becomes available. This allows you to manually save your new workspace configuration.

# **View Toolbars**

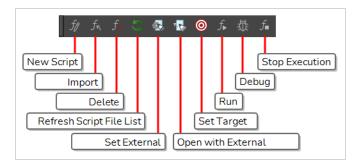
Harmony has a series of view specific toolbars that are only available in a given view. These toolbars can be moved only within their view.

All view toolbars can be added, as long as the view is visible, through the top menu **W indows > Toolbars > desired toolbar**.

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## **Script Editor Toolbar**

The Script Editor toolbar gives you quick access to some commonly used commands for editing and testing scripts in the Script Editor view—see *Script Editor View* on page 355.



## How to access the Script Editor toolbar

- 1. Add the Script Editor view to your workspace by doing one of the following:
  - In the top-right corner of an existing view, click on the + Add View button and select Script Editor.
  - In the top menu, select **W indows > Script Editor**.
- 2. Click on the Script Editor view to set the focus on it.
- 3. In the top menu, select Windows > Toolbars > Script Editor.

Creates a new script. When you click on this button, you are first prompted to type in a name for the script. Then, you will be prompted to select which location to save the script in:  • User: Saves the script to a directory in your user preferences directory. You will be able to run and edit the script from any scene as long as you are logged in as the same user.  • Scene: Save the script to the scene's scripts sub-folder. Anyone will be able to edit and run the script when working on this specific scene.  • System Variable: Save the script to the directory in the TOONBOOM_GLOBAL_SCRIPT_LOCATION environment variable. This option is only available if this environment variable is set.	Icon	Button	Description
For more information on script locations, see Script list on page 355.	f <sub>8</sub>	New Script	<ul> <li>type in a name for the script. Then, you will be prompted to select which location to save the script in:         <ul> <li>User: Saves the script to a directory in your user preferences directory. You will be able to run and edit the script from any scene as long as you are logged in as the same user.</li> <li>Scene: Save the script to the scene's scripts sub-folder. Anyone will be able to edit and run the script when working on this specific scene.</li> <li>System Variable: Save the script to the directory in the TOONBOOM_GLOBAL_SCRIPT_LOCATION environment variable. This option is only available if this environment variable is set.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

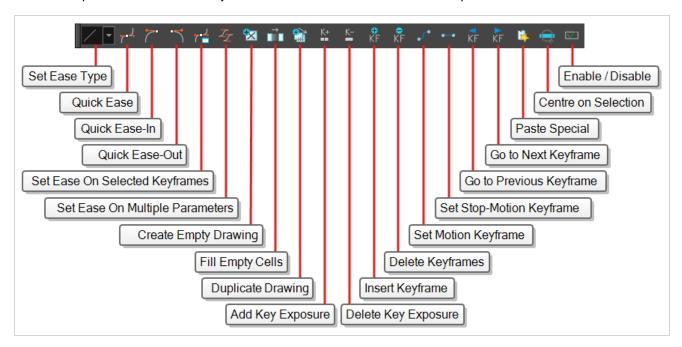
Icon	Button	Description
f <sub>n</sub>	Import Script	Allows you to import a script from your machine into Harmony. When you click on this button, you are prompted to browse for and select a script on your file system. Then, you are prompted to select which location to import the script in:  • User: Saves the script to a directory in your user preferences directory. You will be able to run and edit the script from any scene as long as you are logged in as the same user.  • Scene: Save the script to the scene's scripts sub-folder. Anyone will be able to edit and run the script when working on this specific scene.  • System Variable: Save the script to the directory in the TOONBOOM_GLOBAL_SCRIPT_LOCATION environment variable. This option is only available if this environment variable is set.  NOTES  • When you import a script, any user interface (.ui) or icon (.png) file that is in the same directory and has the same filename as the script will also be imported.  • For more information on script locations, see Script Editor View on page 355.
<b>f_</b>	Delete Script	NOTES  You cannot delete a script if it is in the Application Resources location, as those are scripts that are installed with Harmony.  If you delete a script that was originally in Application Resources but which you copied to another location so you could make changes to it, the original version of the script in the Application Resources folder will be restored to the list.
5	Refresh Script File List	Refresh the list of scripts in the Script Editor. If there are new scripts in your user preferences or your scene's scripts sub-folder, click on this button to be able to open them in the Script Editor.
<b>6</b>	Set External Editor	Allows you to type in the path and name for your preferred text editing software.

Icon	Button	Description
		<ul> <li>NOTES</li> <li>On macOS, only typing the name of your preferred text editing software is enough if that application supports the AppleScript Open Document protocol.</li> <li>On Windows, unless your text editor is in your system's PATH environment variable, you will have to type in the full path to the editor.</li> </ul>
<b>*</b>	Open with External Editor	Opens the selected script in the chosen external text editing software.
<b>©</b>	Set Target	Prompts you to select which script and which function to use with the    NOTES  You can set the entire script as the target by selecting the <nothing> function from the functions list.  You cannot link an entire script to a toolbar button. Only functions within scripts can be added as toolbar buttons. Therefore, running or debugging an entire script rather than one of its functions should be done for testing purposes only.</nothing>
ſ₽	Run	Runs the target script and function.  NOTES  If you have not set a target script and function, you will be prompted to set one when you click on this button.  You can set or change the target script and function by clicking on the Set Target button.  If you are editing << <sandbox>&gt;&gt;, this button will simply run what you typed into the sandbox, regardless of whether another target is set.</sandbox>
益	Debug	Open the target script and function in the Qt Script Debugger, in which you can test and debug the function.

Icon	Button	Description
		NOTES  • If you have not set a target script and function, you will be prompted to set one when click on this button.  • You can set or change the target script and function by clicking on the  ⑤ Set Target button.  • If you are editing << <sandbox>&gt;&gt;, this button will simply debug what you typed into the sandbox, regardless of whether another target is set.</sandbox>
$f_{\blacksquare}$	Stop Execution	If a script is currently running, this interrupts its execution.

## **Timeline View Toolbar**

The 3D Graph toolbar works in conjunction with the elements in the 3D Graph view.



### How to access the Timeline view toolbar

- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Toolbars > Timeline View.
  - Right-click on the space at the top of the Timeline view and, in the context menu, select
     Timeline View.

Icon	Name	Description
<b>/</b> ▼	Set Ease Type	Allows you to quickly apply an ease to the selected animation keyframes in the camera view.  To set the ease of an animation, simply select the first keyframe in the animation, then select the ease type in this drop-down. The ease-in will be applied to the selected keyframe, and the ease-out will be applied to the next keyframe in the timeline.  The following presets are available:

Icon	Name	Desc	ription			
			Icon	Preset	Ease-In (Selected Keyframe)	Ease-Out (Next keyframe)
			/	Linear	0%	0%
			/	Slow ease-in	25%	0%
			)	Medium ease- in	50%	0%
			)	Fast ease-in	75%	0
			5	Fast ease-in / ease-out	75%	75%
			S	Medium ease- in / ease-out	50%	50%
			ſ	Slow ease-in / ease-out	25%	25%
				Slow ease-out	0%	25%
				Medium ease- out	0%	50%
				Fast ease-out	0%	75%
<b>-</b>	Quick Ease	Sets the ease before and after the selected keyframe to 33%.				
	Quick Ease In	Sets the ease before the selected keyframe to 33%.				
	Quick Ease Out	Sets the ease after the selected keyframe to 33%.				

Icon	Name	Description
7	Set Ease on Selected Keyframes	Opens the Set Ease on Keyframes dialog. In this dialog, you can set the ease-in (before) and the ease-out (after) on the selected keyframes to a custom percentage.
Z	Set Ease for Multiple Parameters	Opens the Set Ease for Multiple Parameters dialog. This dialog allows you to adjust the Bezier handles on all the selected animation keyframes in the Timeline.
<b>*</b>	Create Empty Drawing	Creates a drawing in the selected cell, replacing any drawing that may already be exposed in that cell and the following ones until it meets another drawing, key exposure or a blank cell.
	Fill Empty Cells	Fills the empty frames in the selection with the exposure just before. For example, if you select a range of frame that starts with an exposed drawing and then ends with empty cells, all of the empty cells in the selection will be filled with the exposed drawing just before the empty cells.
	Duplicate Drawing	Creates a duplicate of the selected drawing in the layer. The duplicate drawing will be exposed at the selected frame instead of the original drawing. Hence, this command allows you to instantly start working on a duplicate of the current drawing and retain the original.  NOTE  When duplicating a drawing, the exposure at the selected cell is replaced with the new drawing, up until the next key exposure.
<b>⊕</b> KF	Insert Keyframe	Adds a keyframe on the selected cell in the Timeline view.
KF	Delete Keyframes	Deletes the selected keyframes.
50	Set Motion Keyframe	Converts the selected keyframes to motion keyframes. With motion keyframes, Harmony generates the interpolation between the motion keyframe and the next keyframe. This means that a value for each frame between the keyframes is calculated by Harmony to progress from the value of the previous keyframe to the value of the next keyframe.
•••	Set Stop-Motion Keyframe	Converts the selected keyframes to stop-motion keyframes. Between a stop-motion keyframe and the next keyframe, Harmony does not generate

Icon	Name	Description
		any animation and the element remains static until the next keyframe.
KF	Go to Previous Keyframe	Goes to the previous keyframe.
<b>▼</b> KF	Go to Next Keyframe	Goes to the next keyframe.
K+	Add Key Exposure	Adds a key exposure to the selected cell.
<u>K</u> -	Delete Key Exposure	Removes key exposures from the selected cells.
Q	Centre On Selection	Scrolls the layers list to the currently selected layer. This is useful if you want to select a layer in the Camera view, then manipulate its timing Timeline view.
<b>\$</b>	Paste Special	Opens the Paste Special dialog. This dialog allows you to paste copied frames or layers and select exactly what type of information is pasted and how it is pasted into the target range.
	Enable/Disable	Enables or disables the selected layers.

# **Xsheet View Toolbar**

The Xsheet toolbar contains the common timing operations such as Add Column, Delete Column, Clone Column, and so on. These options can also be found in the top menu.



# **Chapter 6: Views**

The Harmony interface is composed of different views, each one designed for a specific purpose. You can modify the location of the views by adding a new view as a tab or as a window. You can also swap the location of a view.

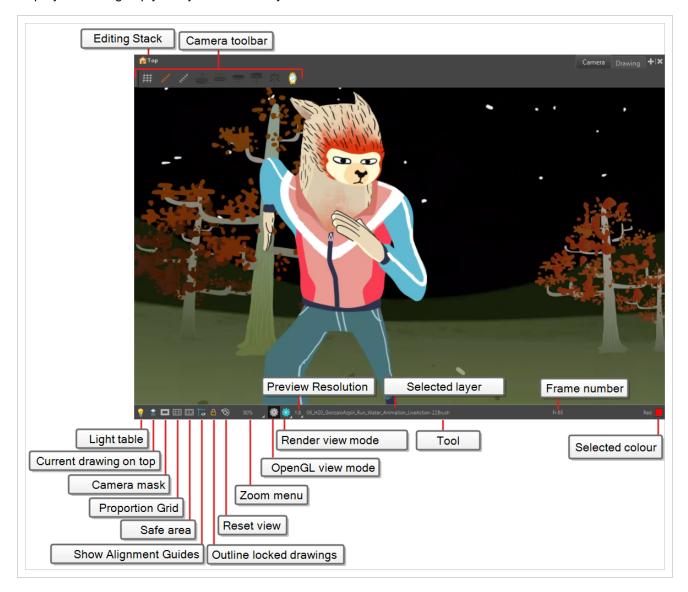
When a view is active, a red rectangle appears around the view. Keyboard shortcuts and top menu options are associated with the active view. If a menu option is greyed out, it means it does not apply to the layer, drawing or other type of selection or the option does not apply to the active view.

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## **Camera View**

The Camera view is the centre of operations in Harmony. In this view, you can draw, paint, animate, set up your scene, manipulate objects, open symbols and preview your animation.

The Camera view also has a top and bottom toolbar that you can use to navigate in the view, change the display mode or go up your symbol hierarchy.



### How to access the Camera view

Do one of the following:

- From the top menu, select Windows > Camera.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Camera.

Icon	Section	Description
<b></b>	Editing Stack	The Editing Stack menu displays the names of the symbols and their hierarchy when you are editing a symbol. You can click on the different names to go back up to the different parent symbols or the top/current project.
	Camera View Toolbar	The Camera View toolbar contains all the tools and options you can use in the Camera view to draw, animate or set up the scene. The toolbar can be displayed or hidden by right-clicking on it and selecting or deselecting the Camera View toolbar.
	Light Table	When you have a drawing layer or drawing selected, the Light Table button button allows you to fade the colours of the other layers so you can see the current artwork better as you edit with a drawing tool. Note that the light table does not work when using a layer editing tool, such as the Transform tool.
<b>♦</b>	Current Drawing on Top	When this button is enabled, the drawing that you are currently editing with a drawing tool is temporarily displayed in front of all the other elements. The actual scene is not modified.
	Camera Mask	The Camera Mask button shows or hides Displays a black mask around the scene's frame to avoid seeing the unnecessary artwork.  This option is handy when you're animating and setting up the scene.  It allows you to see your scene's composition better.

Icon	Section	Description
		You can also access this from the top menu by selecting View > Show > Camera Mask.     View > Camera Mask   View >
	Proportion Grid	The proportion grid is displayed in the camera view to help with proportions and balancing the composition of an image. The grid follows the camera frame, similar to camera mask and safe area.  The number of divisions in the proportion grid can be defined by the user in the Preferences > Camera > Proportion Grid > Horizontal Divisions > Vertical Divisions.  The default is 3 division on each axis to create a rule of third grid.  TIP  You can access the Proportion Grid button in the Camera View toolbar.
1	Safe Area	The Safe Area button shows or hides Displays the TV safety zone and the centre of the camera frame. The safe area adapts to the scene resolution, as well as the safety zone and frame's centre.  You can also access this feature from the top menu by selecting View > Show > Safe Area.

Icon	Section	Description
<b>★</b>	Show Alignment Guides	When enabled, alignment guides will be visible in the Camera and Drawing views.  This is enabled by default. Disabling this option will hide and disable alignment guides, meaning that animation and drawing tools will not snap to them, even if the  Snap to Alignment Guides option is enabled in the Tool Properties view.
А	Outline Locked Drawings	Drawings that are locked in the Timeline view (cannot be selected in the Camera view) are displayed as wireframes.     Timeline   Camera view   Cannot be selected in the Camera view   Cannot be selected in
<b>*</b>	Reset View	The Reset View button resets any panning, zooming or rotation done in the Camera view and returns the display to the initial settings. You can also press Shift + M.
<u>a</u>	Take Snapshot	Saves the preview image of the Camera view in memory as a snapshot.  Harmony stores five snapshots and have a drop down list with five available slots. So if any snapshot was in memory when taking a snapshot, it will be overwritten by the new snapshot.  NOTES  Snapshots are not saved to the scene and are discarded when the scene is closed.
É	Show Snapshot	Displays the snapshot currently in memory. To display the snapshot, you must click and hold the button. Releasing it will restore the Camera view preview.

Icon	Section	Description
		NOTE  The snapshot is displayed as it was taken, regardless of the preview mode of the Camera view. For example, if you took a screenshot in Render View mode, and display it while in OpenGL View mode, the snapshot will display as it was taken in Render View mode.
	Zoom Menu	The Zoom menu lets you enlarge or reduce the Camera or Drawing view display.  To make the camera frame size always match the size of your view, select the <b>Fit to View</b> option. Click the drop-down arrow and select a zoom level or press 1 and 2.  10% 16% 25% 40% 63% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100%
	OpenGL View Mode	The OpenGL View Mode button switches the Camera view to fast display, letting you see your animation play in real time. The OpenGL display requires less memory. The final look of your effects is not shown in the OpenGL View Mode. You must switch to the Render View Mode to see your effects.

Icon	Section	Description	
**	Render View Mode	The Render View Mode button switches the Camera view to a fully rendered display showing the final image of the current frame. If a modification is done to your current frame or if you move to a different frame, click the <b>Update Preview</b> button to update the display if your preview does not update automatically. The Render View Mode display lets you see the final look of your frames including effects and antialiasing. You cannot play back your scene in Render View Mode. To see your scene fully rendered and to play it back, you must press the Render and Play button in the Playback toolbar.	
*	Matte View Mode	The Matte View Mode button switches the Camera view to a matte display showing the alpha channel of the elements in your scene. The transparency level ranges from 0 to 100 percent. Zero percent is completely transparent and represented by black and 100 percent is completely opaque and represented by white. Everything in between these extremes has a transparency level somewhere between 1 and 99 percent and is represented in various shades of grey.  • To access the Matte View mode, click on the Render View button and select Matte View from the drop-down menu.	

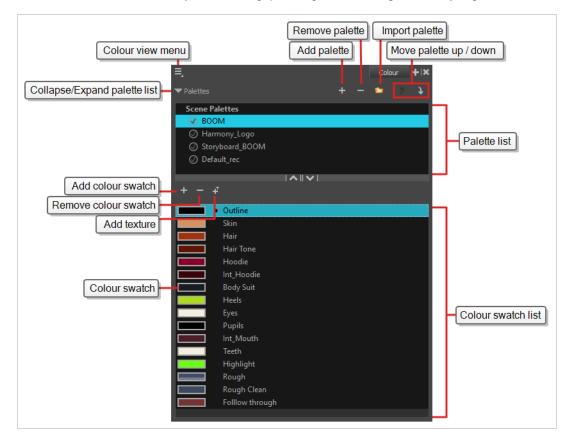
Icon	Section	Description	
		The Depth View mode displays images in a relative white to black gradient scale. The object(s) closest to the camera are displayed in white and the object(s) furthest from the camera are displayed in black. If the position of the last object changes along the z-axis, that object will still remain black, so long as it retains its position as the object the farthest back. It does not matter where that object is in 3D space, it just matters what its position is relative to the other object in the same space. The objects closest and farthest from the camera set the range of the white to black scale. All the other objects fall somewhere in between.	
Z	Depth View Mode	Mid-range object appears in a mid-range grey value  Closest object to the camera sets the white position for the range  Furthest object from the camera sets the black position for the range  • To access the Depth View mode, click on the Render View button and select Depth View from the drop-down menu.	
	Preview Colour Space	The colour space in which to display the preview image when in Render Preview mode.  You can set this to any colour space supported by Harmony. It is recommended to set this to the colour space intended for rendering your frames, unless that colour space is not supported by your monitor. In the latter case, it's recommended to set this to the closest colour space available that your monitor can display.  The following colour spaces are available:  • Linear: The same primaries and white point as sRGB and Rec. 709, but with no gamma transfer curve applied to the colour values. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in sRGB or Rec. 709.  • Display P3: A colour space commonly used for digital projection. It has the same primaries as DCI-P3, the same white point as sRGB and the same gamma transfer curve as sRGB.	

Icon	Section	Description
		<ul> <li>Display P3 Linear: The same as Display P3, except with no gamma transfer curve. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in Display P3.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Rec. 709: The colour space used for HDTV. It has the same primaries and white point as sRGB, but has a different gamma transfer curve.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Rec. 709 2.4: The same colour space as Rec. 709 or sRGB, except with a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 (per ITU-R BT.1886). This colour space exists because some editing systems use a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 instead of the standard gamma curve for Rec. 709.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Rec. 2020: A colour space used for Ultra High Definition TV (UHDTV). It has a complex gamma transfer curve and primaries that cover more of the human-perceivable colour space than other colour spaces, especially in the area of human-perceivable greens.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Rec. 2020 2.4: The same colour space as Rec. 2020, except with a simple gamma transfer curve of 2.4 (per ITU-R BT.1886). This colour space exists because some editing systems use a gamma transfer curve of 2.4 instead of the standard gamma curve for Rec. 2020.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Rec. 2020 Linear: The same colour space as Rec. 2020, except with no gamma transfer curve. This colour space is useful for compositing intermediary images that are meant to be rendered in Rec. 2020.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>sRGB: A colour space typically used for standard computer monitors. It has the same primaries and white point as Rec. 709, but has a different gamma transfer curve.</li> </ul>
		You can only select the display colour space in Render View mode. In OpenGL View mode, the preview image is generated in the colour space selected in the Display Colour Space drop-down in the Camera tab of the Preferences dialog.

Icon	Section	Description	
		You can have multiple Camera views in your workspace, each set to their own colour space. Hence, you can preview your scene on multiple monitors with different colour spaces by having a Camera view on each monitor.	
	Drawing Name	The Drawing Name field displays the name of the selected drawing, as well as the layer containing it. If the cell does not contain any drawing, an Empty Cell text is shown in the field.	
1:1	Preview Resolution	The Preview Resolution button sets the resolution of the render preview. A lower preview resolution will result in a faster loading time when previewing an effect.	
	Tool Name	The Tool Name field displays the name of the selected tool. If you temporarily override a drawing tool using a keyboard shortcut, the tool's name will be highlighted in red. You can temporarily override a tool by holding its keyboard shortcut without the Alt key. For example, the Select tool shortcut is Alt + S. If you hold down the S key, you will switch to the Select tool. When you release the key, you will return to the tool you were using.	
	Frame Number	The Frame Number field displays the number of the current frame.	
	Selected Colour	The colour swatch displays the currently selected colour in the Colour view.	

## **Colour View**

The Colour view is where you create colours and palettes and import existing palettes into your project. The Colour view is also necessary for drawing, painting and creating colour styling.



#### How to access the Colour view

Do one of the following:

- From the top menu, select Windows > Colour.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Colour.

### **Palette List Panel**

Icon	Option	Description	
≣	View Menu	The View menu contains all the commands and options that you can use in the Colour view to manage colours and palettes.	
	Collapse/Expand Palette List	Allows you to show or hide your palette list and its options. By default, the palette list is displayed, but you may want to hide it if you	

	are working with a single palette and want to allow more vertice space for the colour swatch list.	
+	Add Palette Allows you to create a new palette.	
		Deletes the currently selected palette. If the colour swatch is used in your project, zones painted with colour swatches which have been deleted will turn red, easily identifying them so you can repaint them with another colour swatch.
Remove Palette		
	Import Palette	Allows you to import a palette from your machine into your scene's palette list. The palette will be copied to your scene's folder.
11	Order Palette List	Moves palettes further up or down the palette list.  If a palette has been cloned, the highest palette among the original palette and its clone(s) will be used by Harmony.
	Edit Palette List Mode	In Harmony Server, this icon appears when you have the modifying rights on your scene's palette list. While several users can work on a scene at the same time, only one user may have the right to modify a palette list at any given time.
<i>.</i>	Indicator	NOTE  In Harmony Stand Alone, you can always modify your scene's palette list. On Harmony Server, you must unlock your palette list before making modifications to it.

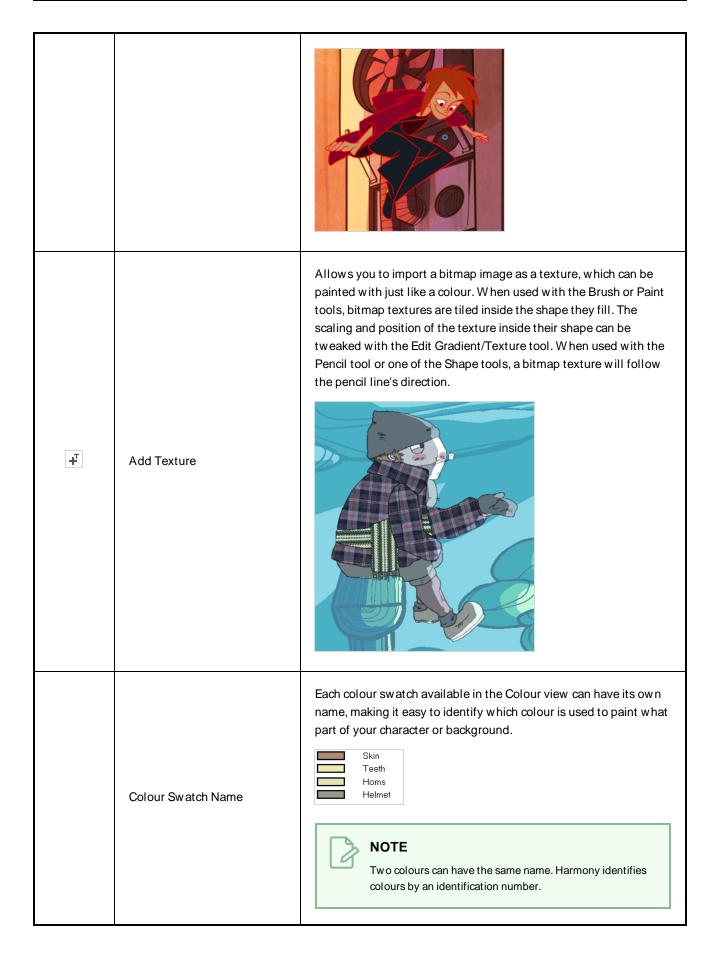
# Palette List

Icon Description
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. <b>b</b> ⁄	In Harmony Server, this indicates that you have the rights to modify the palette.
<b>⊘</b>	Indicates that the palette is stored at the same level as its palette list. For example, a palette that is stored in the scene's palette library and which is listed in the scene's palette list, or a palette that is stored in an element's palette library and which is listed in that same element's palette list.
6	Indicates that the palette file is stored in an external location, such as a different scene, an element in a different scene, a job other than the scene's job, or an environment other than the scene's environment. This means the palette is liable to be missing if it is moved from its original location, or if the scene is exported from the database into an offline scene or to a different database.
•	This indicates that the palette is stored at a higher level than its palette list, making it a shared palette. For example, a palette in your scene's palette list that is stored in the palette library of the scene's job or environment, or a palette in an element's palette list that is stored in the palette library of the scene.
o <sup>©</sup>	Indicates a potentially dangerous situation. For example, a palette file that is stored in one of the scene's element folders, but which is added to your scene's palette list. The whole scene can use the palette, but since it's stored inside an element, deleting that element will make your whole scene lose access to that palette.

# **Colour Swatch List Panel**

Icon	Option	Description	
+	Add Colour	Adds a new colour swatch to the bottom of your colour list.	
	Remove Colour	The Remove Colour button lets you delete the currently selected colour swatches. If the colour swatch is used in your project, and confirmation dialog will appear prompting you to confirm that you want to delete the colour. Zones painted with colour swatches which have been deleted will turn red, easily identifying them so you can repaint them with another colour swatch.	

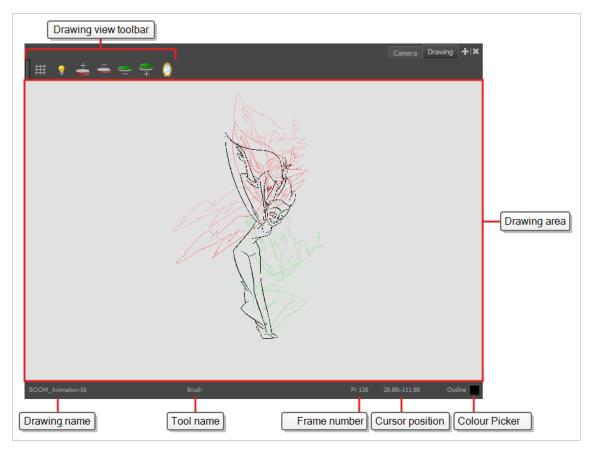


	Also referred to as <i>colour pots</i> , the colour swatch is the actual colour information for a colour in your palette. It is represented by a rectangle displaying the colour in the list.
Colour Swa	Colour 2 Colour 3 Colour 4 Colour 5 Colour 6 Colour 7
	Colour

## **Drawing View**

In Harmony, you can draw in both the Drawing or Camera views. Although the two views are similar, there are some differences when it comes to drawing.

Only the selected drawing is displayed by default in the Drawing view. You can use features, such as the light table to display the current drawing of all the enabled layers of your scene in washed-out colours, or the Onion Skin to display the previous and next drawings of the currently selected drawing layer.



### How to access the Drawing view

- From the top menu, select Windows > Drawing .
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Drawing.

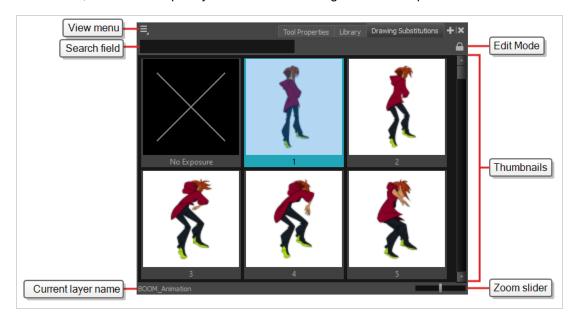
Icon	Section	Description
	Drawing Area	This is the main space in the Drawing view. It is where you draw and where the drawings are displayed.

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Zoom Menu	The Zoom menu lets you enlarge or reduce the Camera or Drawing view display.  To make the camera frame size always match the size of your view, select the <b>Fit to View</b> option. Click the drop-down arrow and select a zoom level or press 1 and 2.  10% 16% 25% 40% 63% 100% 200% 250% 400% 630% 1000% Fit To View
Drawing Name	The Drawing Name field displays the name of the selected drawing, as well as the layer containing it. If the cell does not contain any drawing, an Empty Cell text is shown in the field.
Tool Name	The Tool Name field displays the name of the selected tool. If you temporarily override a drawing tool using a keyboard shortcut, the tool's name will be highlighted in red. You can temporarily override a tool by holding its keyboard shortcut without the Alt key. For example, the Select tool shortcut is Alt + S. If you hold down the S key, you will switch to the Select tool. When you release the key, you will return to the tool you were using.
Frame Number	This field displays the current frame of the animation you are working on.
Cursor Coordinates	This indicates the position of the your pointer in the drawing area.
Colour Picker	The Colour Picker allows you to select a colour for drawing.

## **Drawing Substitutions View**

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The Drawing Substitutions view allows you to view all the drawings in the selected layer in a list of thumbnails, as well as to quickly select which drawing should be exposed at the current frame.



## How to access the Drawing Substitutions view

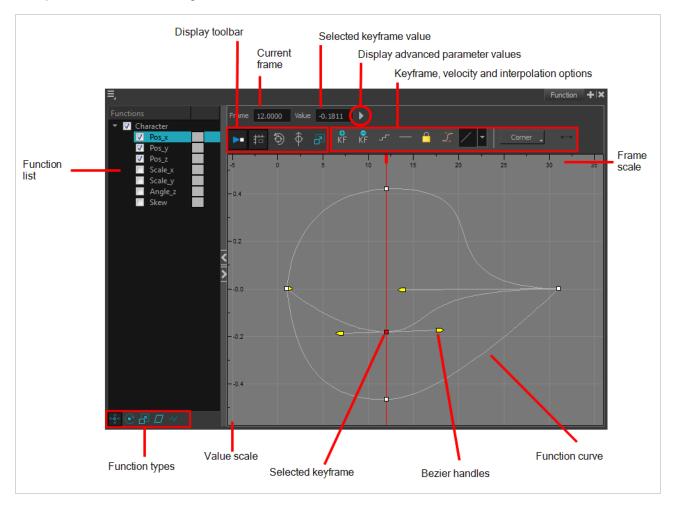
- 1. Do one of the following
  - From the top menu, select Windows > Drawing Substitutions.
  - In the top-right corner of any view, click on the + Add View button and select Drawing Substitutions.

Section	Description
	Opens a menu with the <b>Create Key Exposure</b> option. This option can be enabled or disabled. It determines what happens when you set the drawing in the current frame to the same drawing as the drawing in the previous frame.
View Menu	When enabled, the exposure of the drawing at the current frame will be separated from the drawing in the previous frame with a key exposure.
	When disabled, the exposure of the current frame will be merged with the exposure of the previous frame.

Section	Description	
	No key exposure  No key exposure	
Thumbnails	Allows you to select the drawing to be exposed at the current frame. This will also replace the drawing for all subsequent frames during which the current drawing is exposed.    A	
Current layer name	The name of the currently selected layer. The drawings in the thumbnails list are the drawings currently stored in this layer.	
Zoom slider	Allows you to change the size of the thumbnails.	

### **Function View**

The Function view lets you edit function curves and parameters. It contains a visual graph for adding, removing, and editing keyframes, as well as adjusting the velocity. The Function view allows you to display multiple functions in the background as a reference.



#### How to access the Function view

Do one of the following:

- From the top menu, select **Windows > Function**.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select **Function**.

### How to display functions in the Function view

1. Open the Function view.

The Function view is blank until you select the layer containing the functions you want to display.

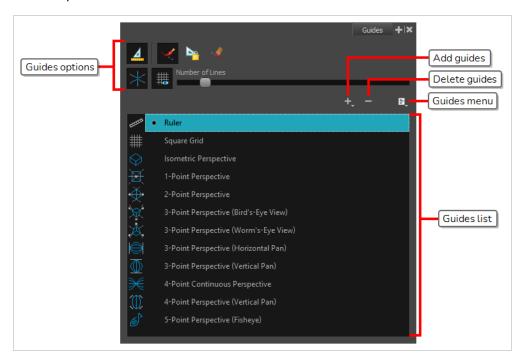
- 2. To display a function in the Function view, click on the layer containing the functions to adjust in the Timeline view.
- 3. To select the functions you want to edit, select them in the Function list.

Parameter	Description
Function List	When selecting a layer in the Timeline view, all the corresponding functions are displayed (if any). Select the functions you want to see and edit, and hide the ones you don't.
Display Toolbar	Allows you to modify how the editing area is displayed. You can hide the grid, disable the synchronization with the current frame, reset the zoom level and normalize the function display by stacking them one over the other to compare them regardless of their value range.
Current Frame	Displays the current scene frame.
Selected Keyframe Value	Displays the value of the selected keyframe.
Display Advanced Parameter Values	Displays the Projection, Bias, Tension and Continuity parameters to adjust the curve around the selected keyframe.
Keyframe, Velocity and Interpolation Options	This toolbar lets you add and delete keyframes, adjust the velocity curve, adjust the segments to motion or stop-motion keyframes and set the velocity to create steps instead of a constant progression.
Function Types	This toolbar lets you click on the different function types to enable or disable all the listed functions of that type.
Value Scale	Displays the value range for the displayed editing area. It can be referenced to know the value of a keyframe.

Selected Keyframe	The selected keyframe is displayed in red. When selected, the keyframe values are displayed in the corresponding fields.
Bezier Handles	The Bezier handles let you adjust the ease in and ease out of each keyframe. The more the handle is pulled out horizontally, the slower the animation will be. The more the handle is pulled out vertically, the faster the animation will be.
Function Curve	The thin line going from keyframe to keyframe is the actual curve. The section of a curve located between two keyframes is called a segment.
Frame Scale	The Frame Scale displays the frame range for the displayed editing area. It can be referenced to know the current frame of a keyframe.

## **Guides View**

The Guides view allows you to add drawing guides to the current scene, to select which guide to use, to manage existing guides, to export and import guides and to enable or disable drawing guides as well as their various options.





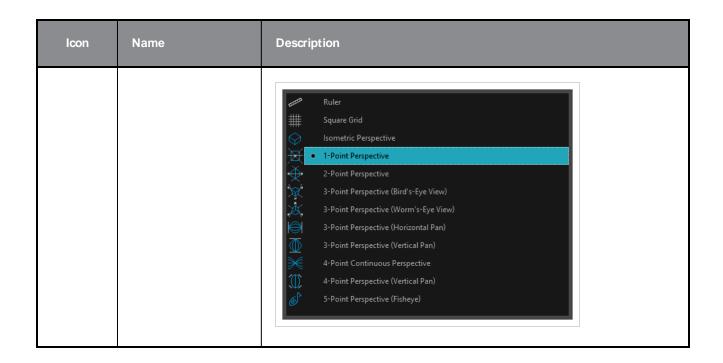
#### **NOTE**

For more information on each type of guide and how to use them, refer to the User Guide.

Icon	Name	Description
Options		
	Enable Guide	Enables or disables drawing guides. When guides are disabled, they are not visible and you cannot edit them or use them with drawing tools.
	Align with Guide	When enabled, when drawing with the   Brush,   Pencil,   Stroke and   Line tools tool, the cursor is automatically locked against the axis of the currently selected guide that most closely matches the angle of your stroke, as if you were drawing against a rule.  When disabled, the drawing tools are not constrained by the axes of the guide, allowing you to draw freely. The guide's axes act as a visual aids only.

Icon	Name	Description
	Lock Guide	When enabled, you cannot do modifications on the currently selected guide. This prevents making unwanted modifications to the guide when drawing.
•	Enable Guide with Eraser	Allows you to use the Eraser tool with drawing guides.
	Full Cursor Display	When enabled, the guide's axes that go through the mouse cursor in the drawing space go throughout the entire drawing space and display even when you're drawing.  When disabled, the guide's axes that go through the mouse cursor only display over a short distance from the mouse cursor. Also, the guide's axes disappear when drawing a stroke.
###	Show Reference Lines	When enabled, semi-transparent reference lines for each of the currently selected guide's axes appear all over your drawing space.
	Number of Lines	Adjusts the amount of reference lines to display in your drawing space.
Guides List		
+	New Guide	Allows you to add a guide to the scene's guides list. You can add a guide of one of the following types:  •  Ruler  •

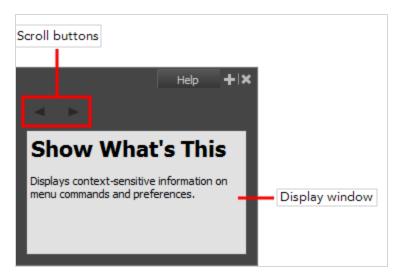
Icon	Name	Description
		<ul> <li>4-Point Perspective (Vertical Pan)</li> <li>5-Point Perspective (Fisheye)</li> </ul>
		NOTE  For more information on each type of guide and how to use them, refer to the User Guide.
_	Delete Guide	Deletes the selected drawing guides from the scene's guides list.
	Guides View Menu	Opens a menu with the following commands:
	Rename Guide	Renames the selected drawing guide.
	Cut	Cuts the selected drawing guides from the list and adds them to the clipboard.
	Сору	Copies the selected drawing guides to the clipboard.
	Paste	Pastes drawing guides from the clipboard to the current scene's guides list. Pasted guides are inserted under the selected guide.
	Import Guides	Imports drawing guides that were previously exported to a file and inserts them at the bottom of the scene's guides list. Duplicate guides are filtered out to avoid cluttering the list.
	Export Selected Guides	Exports the selected drawing guides into a file.
	Drawing Guides List	Displays the scene's list of guides and allows you to select which guide to display, edit and use.



## **Integrated Help View**

Use the Integrated Help when you are unsure about what a certain menu item is or the function of a specific preference in the Preferences panel.

If you keep the Integrated Help window open for the entire duration of your work session, then you can use the forward and backward arrows to scroll through a history of the help information that you called up during your session.



### How to access the Integrated Help view

- 1. Do one of the following:
- From the top menu, select **Windows > Integrated Help**.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select **Integrated Help**.

## **Layer Properties View**

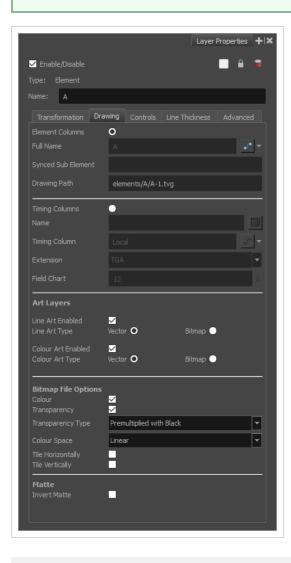
The Layer Properties editor or view lets you adjust the properties of a layer in the Timeline view The Layer Properties can be viewed as a floating window or as a view (docked).

Each layer has its own set of properties that can be modified, including effect and peg layers. Display the Layer Properties editor or view if you want to modify some of the layer's properties, such as the name or the antialiasing quality.



#### **NOTE**

To know more about the parameters displayed in the Layer Properties view, see <u>Layers</u> on page 152.



### How to access the Layer Properties view

- From the top menu, select Windows > Layer Properties.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Layer Properties.

# How to access the Layer Properties editor

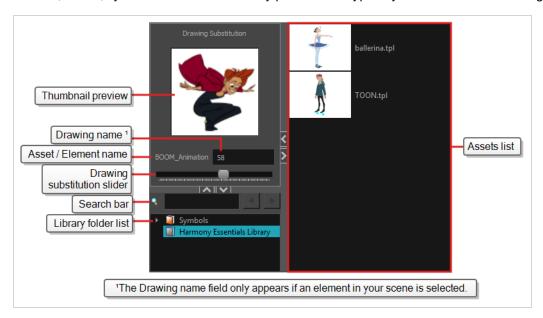
- Double-click on a layer in the Timeline view
- Right-click on a layer in the Timeline view and select Layer Properties.
- Select a layer in the Timeline view and press Shift + E.

## **Library View**

The Library view is used to store elements such as animation, drawings, backgrounds and character models so as to reuse in different scenes and projects. You can also use the Library view to create and store symbols, as well as to store and import images and sound files.

To reuse elements from a scene in other scenes, you must create a template so that you can import it into different scenes. Templates can contain anything from a single drawing to a whole scene structure. You can create a template by creating it in a scene, then copying the elements you want in your template into a library. The resulting template is structured like a mini-scene that contains only the elements you copied into it. A template does not have any dependencies on the scene it was originally created in. Hence, it can safely be imported in any other scene.

Additionally, the Library view's Drawing Substitutions panel allows you to quickly change the current frame's exposure to one of the existing drawings in a layer. This is especially useful for animating a cut-out character's mouths, hands, eyelids and other such body parts which typically contain several drawings to choose from.



## How to access the Library view

- From the top menu, select Windows > Library.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Library.

Icon	Section	Description
=,	View Menu	The Library menu lets you access commands related to the Library view, importing .swf movies and Illustrator files, add a new folder, and

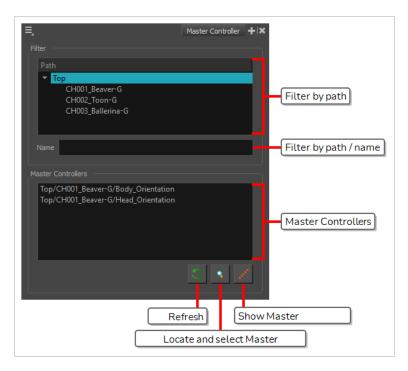
Icon	Section	Description
		refresh the library's content.
	Preview Window	The Preview window lets you see the content of the currently selected template or symbol in the Template/Symbol list.  Preview  Drawing Substitution  baby-singles  12
	Preview Playback	The Preview Playback button lets you play back the content of the selected template or symbol if it contains more than one frame. Press the Play button to play back the preview.
	Library Folder List	The Library Folder List displays all the folders linked to the Library view.  30 Models Symbols Stage Library  There are two default folders:  • Symbols: This folder is the only folder containing symbols. You can organize it by adding subfolders inside.  • Harmony Essentials Library: This is a default folder found on the hard drive in your user documents. This folder can contain templates, but no symbols.  You can link new library folders to the Library view and organize them with subfolders.
	Library Search tool	When working on a movie or series, you will probably end up with many templates and symbols in your library. Using the Search tool, you can quickly find the templates and symbols in your folders.  Lest  Harmony Premium Library  tplFolder

Icon	Section	Description
	Template/Symbol List	The Template/Symbol list displays the templates or symbols contained in the selected library folder. You can display the templates by right-clicking the symbols' thumbnails and selecting <b>View &gt; Thumbnails</b> .
	Slider	A slider could be used to adjust the display size of thumbnails in the Library view.     Columbia   Columbia

## **Master Controller View**

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The Master Controller view allows you to quickly find, select and display Master Controllers in the current scene.



### How to add the Master Controller view to your workspace

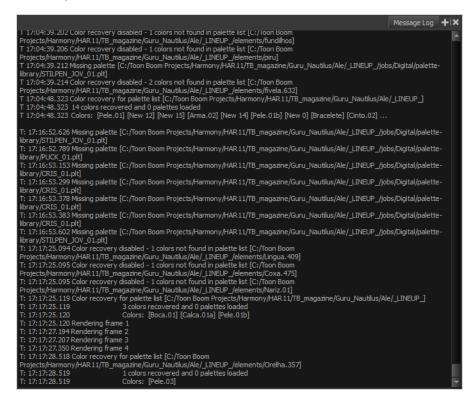
- 1. Do one of the following:
  - In the top-right corner of an existing view, click on + Add View and select Master Controller.
  - In the top menu, select Windows > Master Controller.

Icon	Section	Description
Filter		
	Path	Allows you to select a group in the current scene. When a group is selected, only the Master Controllers within that group will be listed in the Master Controllers list. This can be useful if you have several characters and only want the list of Master Controllers for a specific character.

Icon	Section	Description
	Name	Allows you to filter the Master Controllers in the Master Controllers list by their path or name. When you type something in this field, only the Master Controllers that contain the text you typed in their full path including their name will be listed in the Master Controllers list.
Master Con	trollers	
	Master Controllers	Allows you to select one of the Master Controllers in your scene. This list displays the Master Controllers in your scene with their full path in the group hierarchy. Groups in the hierarchy are separated by forward slashes (/).  If a group is selected in the Path list, only the Master Controllers within this group will appear in the list. If anything is typed in the Name field, only Master Controllers with this text in their full path including their name will appear in the list. Otherwise, all the Master Controllers in your scene are listed.
5	Refresh List	Refreshes the Path list if there are any changes in the name or hierarchy of groups in your scene, as well as the Master Controllers list if there are any changes in the Master Controllers in your scene.
٩	Locate and Select Master Controller	If a Master Controller is selected in the Master Controllers list, clicking on this button will select the actual Master Controller node. It will also make the Node View navigate instantly to and focus on that Master Controller node.
<sub>X</sub> , <sub>k</sub> , <sub>k</sub>	Show Master Controller	If a Master Controller is selected in the Master Controllers list, clicking on this button will display its widget in the Camera view.

## **Message Log View**

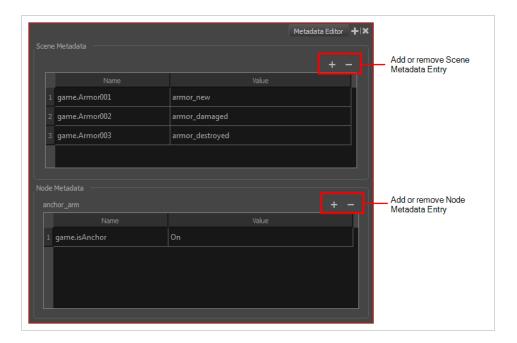
The Message log view displays information gathered during a render task, such as which frames and at what time they were each rendered. The view also contains a list of the colour recovery operations.



### How to access the Message Log view

- From the top menu, select Windows > Message Log.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View button and select Message Log.

### **Metadata Editor View**



The Metadata Editor view lets you access the information of the props and anchors to be exported to Unity.



#### **NOTE**

Because the Unity game engine does not support Unicode characters, it is recommended to avoid using it in scenes intended for games.

#### How to access the Metadata Editor view

- In the top-right corner of a view, click the Add View + button and select **Metadata Editor**.
- In the top menu, select **W indows > Metadata Editor**.

Parameter	Description	
Scene Metadata	This is a list of optional parameters you can create in a scene project to be exported to Unity. It will not have any incentive towards your scene assets, but can help developers know what to do with the assets contained in your Harmony scene.	
Coone metadata	Once in Unity, scene Metadata will appear in Inspector view > Metadata when the Asset is selected in the Hierarchy view.	
	Name: Name of the Scene entry. (e.g. game.Armor001)	

	Value: This can be anything that describes the state of an object. You could, for example, have three different stages of armour: new, damaged and destroyed.
	Displays only the props and anchors held inside your selection. If nothing is selected, no information will display. Name and value appear in this box as well. Name will show you the associated .tvg name and value will be set as either On or Off, depending on whether you want the connection to be set as active or not. Once in Unity, scene Metadata will appear in the Hierarchy view.
Node Metadata	Name: Name of the selected anchor or prop. (e.g. game.isAnchor). Notice that it differs from the drawing layer name on the top-left corner of the Node Metadata section.
	Value: Can be set to be active (On) or inactive (Off).

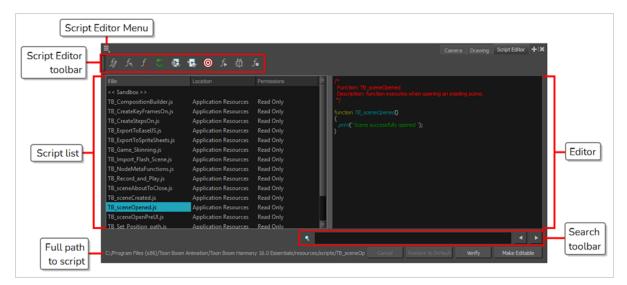


### NOTE

For any anchor or prop information created within the Metadata Editor, the naming convention must always use the prefix "game.". The term "game." is recognized automatically by Unity as a metadata information. For example: *game.Armor001*.

## **Script Editor View**

The Scripting view allows you to edit scripts to run in Harmony directly from the application. It displays a list of available scripts, from which you can select an existing script, edit it, test it and save it. The Script Editor will highlight the syntax of your script for easy reading.



### How to access the Script Editor view

- From the top menu, select **Windows > Script Editor**.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Script Editor.

Parameter	Description
Script Editor menu	The menu for this view—see Script Editor View Menu on page 148.
Script Editor toolbar	The toolbar for this view—see <u>Script Editor Toolbar</u> on page 309.
Script list	The list of script files available as well as their location and their read and write permissions.  Selecting a script in this list will open it in the editor.
	NOTE  The << Sandbox >> item at the top of the list does not correspond to an actual script file. It is a temporary container to type and test code, and its content cannot be saved.

The file list has three columns: File, Location and Permissions.

• The File column indicates the filename of each script.



#### NOTE

The << Sandbox >> item at the top of the list does not correspond to an actual script file. It is a temporary container to type and test code, and its content cannot be saved.

- The **Location** of the script can be one of the following:
  - Application Folder: Scripts that are packaged and installed with Harmony. By
    default, you cannot edit these scripts until you select them and click on Make
    Editable, at which point you are prompted to copy the script to a location from
    which you can edit them.

Scripts in the Application Resources folder are in the following location:

- Windows: C:\Program Files (x86)\Toon Boom Animation\Toon Boom Harmony 22 Essentials\resources\scripts
- macOS:/Applications/Toon Boom Harmony 22
   Essentials/Harmony
   Essentials.app/Contents/tba/resources/scripts
- User: Scripts that are saved in your user preferences. Those scripts can be
  edited and executed from any scene, provided that you are logged in as the
  same user.

Scripts in the User folder are in the following location:

- Windows: C:\Users\[username]\AppData\Roaming\Toon Boom Animation\Toon Boom Harmony Essentials\2000-scripts
- macOS:/Users/[username]/Library/Preferences/Toon Boom Animation/Toon Boom Harmony Essentials/2000-scripts
- **Scene**: Scripts in the **scripts** sub-folder of the currently open scene. These scripts can only be edited and executed when the current scene is open.
- System Variable: Scripts inside the directory set in the TOONBOOM\_GLOBAL\_ SCRIPT\_LOCATION environment variable, if this variable is set. These scripts can be edited and executed by anyone on your workstation.



#### NOTE

When two or more scripts with the same file name exist in different locations, Harmony will give priority to a single one of these scripts. The script given priority will be the one listed in the Script Editor and the one executed if it is associated to a toolbar button.

W hich script is prioritized is determined by the order of priority of script locations. From highest priority to lowest priority, the order goes as follows:

#### User > Scene > System Variable > Application Resources

An exception to this rule is if you have a script with the same name in both the scene folder and your user preferences. In this case, both versions of the script will be listed and you will be able to edit both.

- The **Permissions** of the script can be one of the following:
  - Read Only: You cannot edit the script in the Script Editor and save your changes.



#### **NOTES**

A text field in which you can edit the selected script.

- If the script's location is the Application Resources folder, it will
  always be Read Only to prevent you from making changes to scripts
  packaged with Harmony. However, you can click on the Make
  Editable button below the script editor to make a copy of the script in
  your user preferences folder, after which you can make changes to
  this copy.
- If the script is in any other location and is Read Only, then it is likely
  that a network administrator made the script or the folder containing
  the script read-only to prevent other users from making unwanted
  changes to it.
- Read/W rite: You can edit the script in the Script Editor and save your changes.

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#### NOTE

If the selected script is in the Application Resources folder, you will not be able to edit it until you click on the **Make Editable** button.

Search toolbar

Allows you to type in a keyword and search for this keyword within the script. You can use the 
▶ Next button to go to the next instance of the keyword and the ◀ Previous button to go to the previous instance.

Cancel

If you have made any changes to your script that you have not yet saved, this discards those changes and reloads the saved version.

Restore to Default	If the selected script is a script that was packaged with Harmony, and which you copied to your User folder or to the Scene folder to make changes to it, you can click on this button to delete this copy of this script and resume using the original version of the script that is packaged with Harmony instead.  IMPORTANT  This will permanently delete your version of the script and any changes you have made to it.
Verify	Verifies that the script has no syntax error.
Make Editable	If the currently selected script is in the Application Resources folder, you cannot edit it. By clicking on this button, the script can be copied to a location where you can edit it.  When you click on this button, you are prompted to choose whether to copy in either of these locations:  • User: Saves the script to a directory in your user preferences directory. You will be able to run and edit the script from any scene as long as you are logged in as the same user.  • Scene: Save the script to the scene's scripts sub-folder. Anyone will be able to edit and run the script when working on this specific scene.  • System Variable: Save the script to the directory in the TOONBOOM_GLOBAL_SCRIPT_LOCATION environment variable. This option is only available if this environment variable is set.  NOTE  This button will be greyed out if the script is in any location other than Application Resources and is read only.
Save	Saves the modifications you made to the script.
	This button replaces the Make Editable button after you have used the Make Editable button to copy the script to a location from which you can edit it.

## **Side View**

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The Side view is used mainly for multiplane scenes and to position elements in 3D space. It allows you to see a scene's stage from the side. This lets the camera cone and spacing between the elements to be seen.



#### How to access the Side view

- From the top menu, select Windows > Side.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select **Side**.

Icon	Section	Description
	Thumbnails	A thumbnail of each drawing layer in the scene. The order of the thumbnail images is based on each element's FB position in the scene space. You can see a representation of the FB position of each layer in the camera cone.
	Camera Cone	The camera cone represents the camera's position and

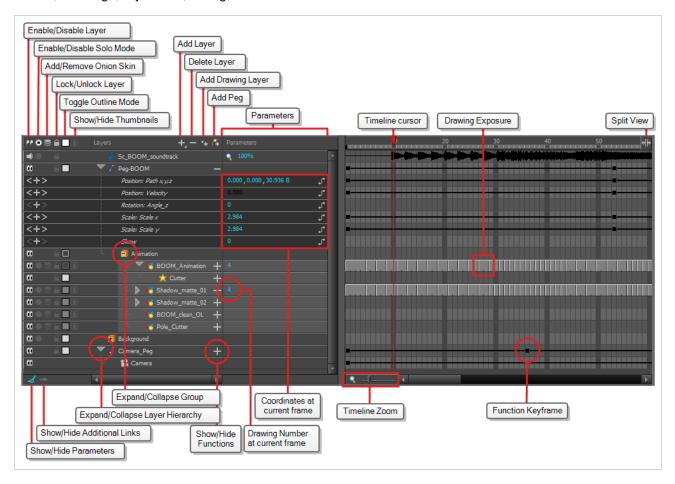
		field-of-view (FOV).
	Axis Reference Arrows	The axis reference arrows let you maintain your orientation when navigating in the view.
	Show/Hide Camera	Shows or hides camera frame in the Perspective view.
**	Reset View	Resets the pan, rotation, and zoom of the Perspective view.
	Zoom Menu	This field displays the current zoom level in the Perspective view. You can use the Zoom level dropdown menu to select a specific zoom level from the list. Zoom levels from 2.5% to 6400% are available; you can also select Fit To View to automatically use a zoom level that lets you see all your scene layers and information in the Perspective view at once.  10% 16% 25% 40% 63% 100% 200% 250% 40% 630% 100% 100% V Fit To View
	Layer Name	This field displays the currently selected layer and drawing name.
	Tool Name	This field displays the currently selected tool.
	Frame Number	This field displays the currently selected frame of your animation.
	Colour Swatch	This field displays the currently selected colour in the palette.

### Timeline View

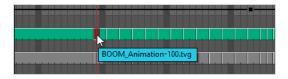
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To set your animation timing, you will mostly work with the Timeline and Xsheet views. It's extremely useful to become familiar with the Timeline view, how it works, and its interface.

The Timeline view is the main view used when adjusting the timing of drawings, adding keyframes and ordering layers. The Timeline view displays layers, effects, sounds, keyframe values, scene length, layer names, drawings, keyframes, timing, and frames.



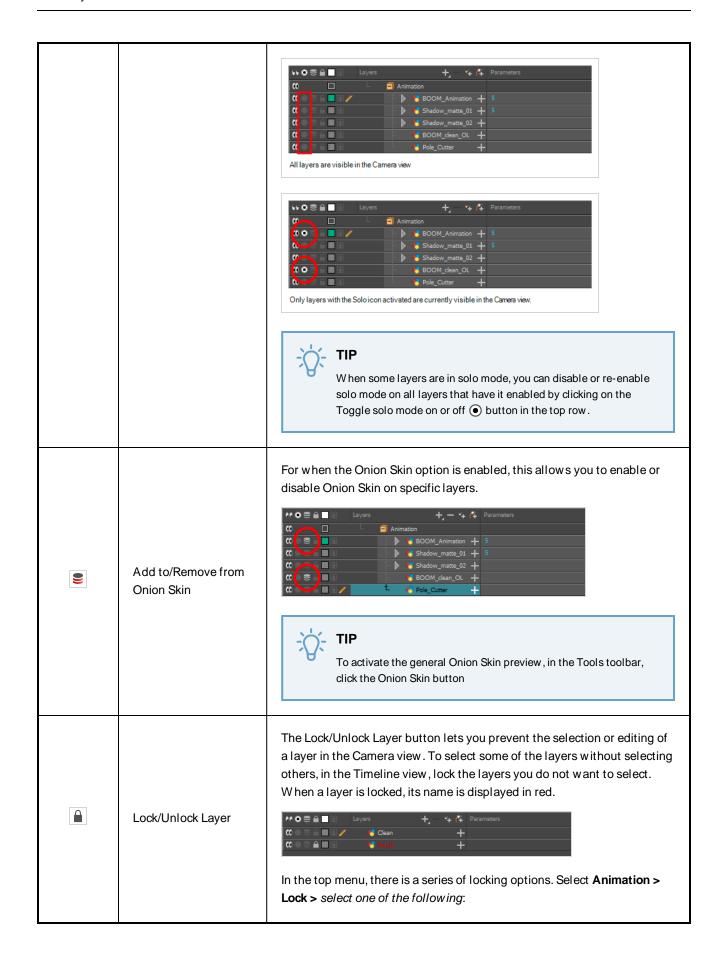
The Timeline view allows you to read your timing from left to right. It represents the scene's elements in their simplest form. You can also see the layers and their names, as well as the drawing's exposure. The drawing name is displayed when you place your pointer over the drawing's exposure.



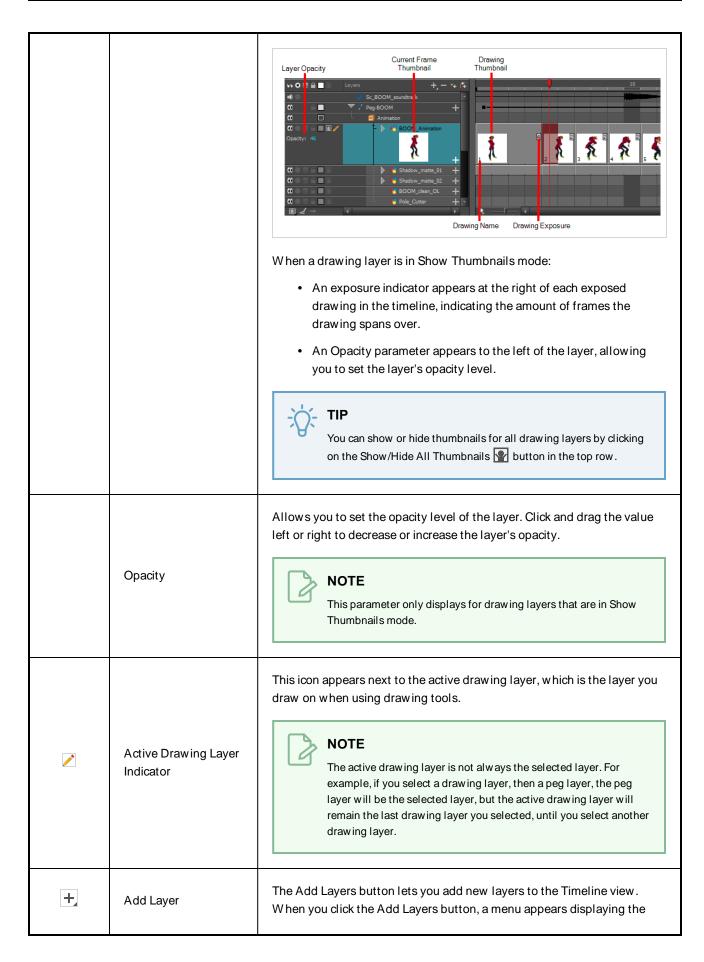
#### How to access the Timeline view

- From the top menu, select **W indows > Timeline**.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select **Timeline**.

Icon	Section	Description	
	Enable/Disable Layer	The Enable/Disable All button lets you enable or disable layers. Disabling a layer makes the scene behave as if it didn't exist, including when rendering the scene. For example:  • A disabled drawing layer will be invisible.  • A disabled sound layer will be mute.  • A disabled peg layer will not affect the position of its child layers.  To disable a layer, click the layer's Enable/Disable button or press D.  To enable a layer, click the layer's Enable/Disable button or press A.  NOTE  Next to sound layers, the Enable/Disable layer button will look like this:  1.  TIP  You can enable or disable all layers by clicking on the Enable or disable all layers button in the top row.	
•	Enable/Disable Solo Mode	Solo mode allows you to only view specific layers in the Camera view and hide all others. When solo mode is enabled on one layer, only this layer will be visible. If solo mode is enabled on several layers, and only these layers will be visible. If solo mode is not enabled on any layer, all enabled layers will be visible.  You can also use solo mode on sound tracks. If solo mode is enabled on any sound tracks, only those sound tracks will play during playback.	



		Lock: Locks the currently selected element.	
		Unlock: Unlocks the currently selected element.	
		Lock All: Locks all the elements in the Camera view.	
		Unlock All: Unlocks all the elements in the Camera view.	
		<ul> <li>Lock All Others: Locks all the elements in the Camera view except the currently selected one.</li> </ul>	
		Each drawing layer has a little colour swatch that has two functionalities:     Single-clicking a layer's colour swatch toggles Outline mode on or off. Outline mode makes the layer display as nothing but the outlines of its vector shapes in the Camera view, allowing you to	
		see the drawing's shape without it blocking the view of layers behind it.	
	Toggle Outline Mode / Change Track Colour		
		Double-clicking the layer's colour swatch opens a colour picker dialog that allows you to change the layer's track colour. The track colour displays in the layer's track in the Timeline view, allowing you to give special visibility to specific layers. It also determines the colour of the layer's outlines if it's in outline mode.	
		Layers	
		Expands the layer to display a thumbnail of the drawing in the current frame, as well as for each drawing in the timeline.	
	Show/Hide Thumbnails	NOTE  By default, the timeline's zoom level does not allow enough horizontal space to fully display the thumbnails of drawings exposed for one or two frames only. To see the thumbnails for drawings with short exposure, you must increase the timeline's zoom level—see <u>Timeline Zoom</u> on page 369.	



		available layer types.
-	Delete	The Delete Layers button lets you delete the currently selected layers in the Timeline view.
€2+	Add Drawing Layer	The Add Drawing Layer button lets you automatically add a new drawing layer to the Timeline view. By default, the layer is named Drawing.
<i>€</i> ∓	Add Peg	The Add Peg button lets you add a peg layer to the timeline. If several layers are selected, a peg is added and parented to each layer.
	Expand/Collapse	The Expand/Collapse button is used to display the children layers of a parent layer. Once a layer is parented to another layer, it is indented to the right and the Collapse/Expand Children button appears on the parent layer allowing you to show or hide the child layer.  Child layer Parent layer
	Show/Hide Functions	The Show/Hide Functions button lets you display the functions embedded in each layer. The functions are the different coordinates and values used to record a layer's parameters at each frame. This information is stored on the function curves using keyframes.  If the layer can be connected to another layer, for example to use a drawing layer as a matte, expanding a layer's functions will also list its possible connections. You can connect layers by dragging and dropping a layer onto another layer's connection.
+-	Add/Remove Keyframe	Adds a keyframe at the current frame of the selected function or removes the keyframe at the current frame of the selected function, if there is one

		already.
		NOTE  This button only displays for function layers.
<	Previous Keyframe	Moves the timeline cursor to the previous keyframe on the selected function.  NOTE  This button only displays for function layers.
>	Next Keyframe	Moves the timeline cursor to the next keyframe on the selected function.  NOTE  This button only displays for function layers.
J	Function Menu	Displays the Function menu, which allows you to create a new function for the function layer, or to link it to an existing shared function.  NOTE  This button only displays for functions layers, in the Parameters column—see Show/Hide Parameters on page 368.
	Function Keyframe	A frame where the value for one or more of the layer's functions is preset. The position of each layers in key poses for digital animation is recorded in function keyframes. You can grab and move function keyframes as well as copy, cut, paste and delete them.  TIP  If you have a keyframe and a drawing selected simultaneously, and you wish to delete the keyframe without deleting the drawing's exposure by doing one of the following:  In the Timeline toolbar, click on the Delete Keyframe keyframe button.  Press F7.  From the top menu, select Animation > Delete Keyframe

		NOTE  If a collapsed layer has children that have function keyframes, you will see a white square instead.	
<b>← </b> →	Split	The Split button lets you split the Timeline view in two sections, allowing you to see two different portions of the Timeline view. This can be useful if you need to often switch between two specific points of a lengthy scene.	
Ш	Drawing Exposure	In the Timeline view, when a drawing is exposed, it is represented by a grey block that extends from the first frame it is exposed to the last frame it is exposed.	
	Show/Hide Parameters	Shows or hides the Parameters column, right of the Layers column. The Parameters column displays information on the layer at the current frame, depending on the type of layer it is:  • If the layer is a drawing, it displays the name of the drawing at the current frame.  • If the layer is a function, it displays the value of the function at the current frame.  • If the layer is a sound track, it displays the sound track's volume.  • If the layer is a sound track, it displays the sound track's volume.	

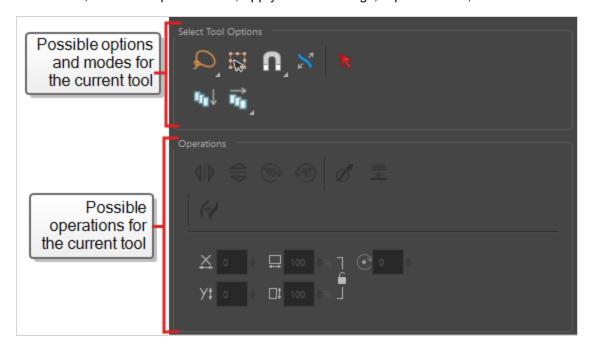
		Using the mouse, you can drag the parameter left and right to change its value. This is especially useful for quickly changing a drawing's exposure at the current frame.
	Shows or hides the Additional Links column. The Additional Links column displays layers that are connected under the layer, but for other purposes than being the parent of those layers. For example, if a layer is used as the matte of an effect, the effect will be displayed in that layer's Additional Links.	
		If more than one layers are in a layer's Additional Links, only the first of these layers will be displayed, followed by the amount of extra linked layers there are.
		By clicking on the Additional Links, you can open a menu listing the linked layers, and click on one of these layers to navigate to it.
<b>→</b>	Show/Hide Additional Links	In the following example, the BOOM_Animation layer is used as the matte of Cutter_1 and Cutter_2:
		Layers
	Timeline Zoom	Reduces or increases the width of frames in the Timeline view. Move the slider right to increase the width or left to reduce it. You can also press 2 to zoom in and 1 to zoom out when the Timeline view is focused on.  If you want to reset the Timeline view's zoom, click on the Timeline Zoon icon left of the slider.

## **Tool Properties View**

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The Tool Properties view contains the most common options and operations related to the currently selected tool. When you select a tool from the Tools toolbar, the Tool Properties view updates.

For example, if you choose the Select tool, the Tool Properties view will display the options and operations related to it, such as Snap to Contour, Apply to All Drawings, Flip Horizontal, and Flatten.





#### **NOTE**

To learn more about the options appearing in the Tool Properties view, see <u>Tools Properties</u> on page 190.

## How to access the Tool Properties view

- From the top menu, select Windows > Tool Properties.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select **Tool Properties**.

# **Top View**

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The Top view is used mainly for multiplane scenes and to position elements in 3D space. It allows you to see the scene's stage from above. This lets the camera cone and the spacing between the elements be seen.



### How to access the Top view

- From the top menu, select **Windows > Top**.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select **Top**.

Icon	Section	Description
	Thumbnails	A thumbnail of each drawing layer in the scene. The order of the thumbnail images is based on each element's FB position in the scene space. You can see a representation of the FB position of each layer in the camera cone.
	Camera Cone	The camera cone represents the camera's position and field-of-view (FOV).

	Axis Reference Arrows	The axis reference arrows let you maintain your orientation when navigating in the view.
	Show/Hide Camera	Shows or hides camera frame in the Perspective view.
ூ	Reset View	Resets the pan, rotation, and zoom of the Perspective view.
	Zoom Menu	This field displays the current zoom level in the Perspective view. You can use the Zoom level dropdown menu to select a specific zoom level from the list. Zoom levels from 2.5% to 6400% are available; you can also select Fit To View to automatically use a zoom level that lets you see all your scene layers and information in the Perspective view at once.  10% 16% 25% 40% 63% 100% 200% 250% 400% 630% 1000% 100% Fit To View
	Layer Name	This field displays the currently selected layer and drawing name.
	Tool Name	This field displays the currently selected tool.
	Frame Number	This field displays the currently selected frame of your animation.
	Colour Swatch	This field displays the currently selected colour in the palette.

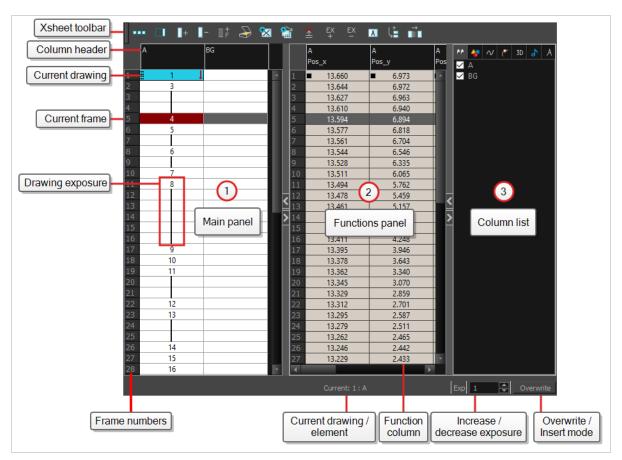
## **Xsheet View**

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The Xsheet view lets you read the timing vertically by displaying it in a grid, with each drawing layer represented by a column, each frame of your scene represented by a row, and each exposed drawing displayed by its name in the cells. It is meant to work like a traditional animation exposure sheet.

Using the functions panel, you can also view the functions and keyframes of the motion paths for the selected column, with the value of those functions for each frame listed in the cells.

Contrary to the Timeline view, the Xsheet view does not display pegs, effects or layer hierarchy. Hence, it is optimized for traditional and paperless animation, whereas the Timeline view is optimized for digital or *cut-out* animation.



#### How to access the Xsheet view

- From the top menu, select **Windows > Xsheet**.
- From any of the other views, click the Add View + button and select Xsheet.

Icon	Section	Description
	View Toolbar	The view toolbar contains all the tools and options you can use in the Xsheet view to manage columns and timing.
	Xsheet Main Section	The Xsheet view has three sections. By default, only the main section is visible. It displays the drawing layers, also known as drawing columns.
	Functions Section	The Functions section is used for more advanced

techniques. This section displays the functions (paths) related to the selected layer in the Timeline view. By default, the Functions section is hidden. In the Xsheet view, click the Expand button located on the right side of the main section. Click on the same button to collapse it. You can also use the Show Column List button in the Xsheet View toolbar. If you select a drawing column in the main section of the Xsheet view, the function columns will not be displayed. You must select the layer from the Timeline view. Drawing Drawing\_1 Drawing\_2 10 11 13 14 15 The Column List section allows you to show and hide columns in the Xsheet view. When you hide a layer in the Xsheet view, it is also disabled in the Timeline view. 60 🍇 N 🚜 Drawing\_1

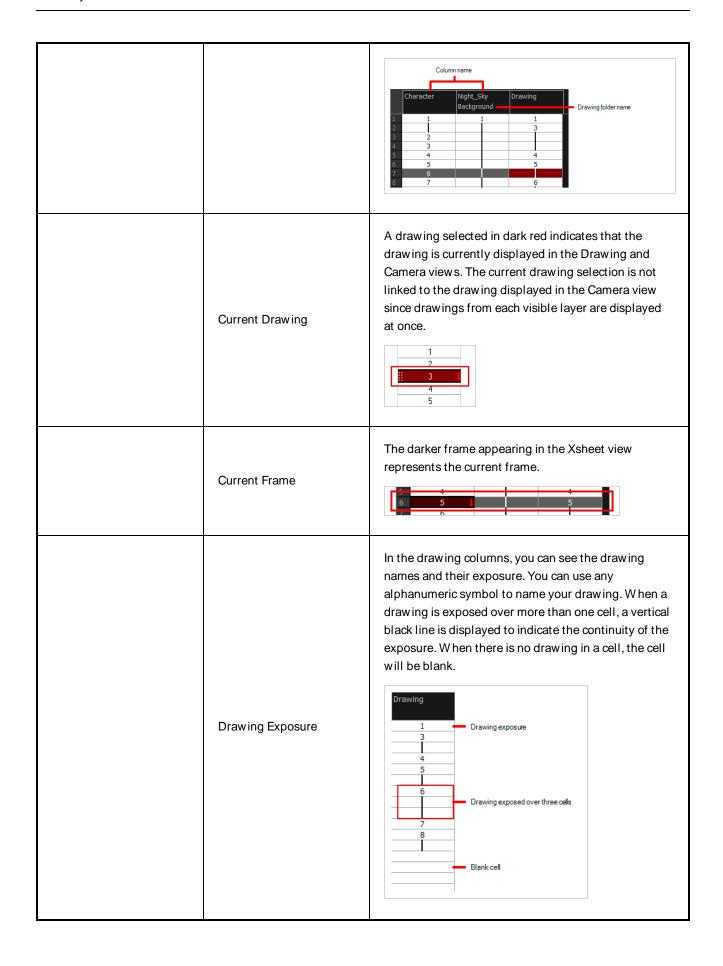
Column List Section

Drawing\_1
Drawing\_2
Drawing

You can use the Column List to hide individual columns or hide an entire column type (drawing or function) from the Xsheet view. By default, the Functions section is hidden.

In the Xsheet view, click the Expand button on the right side of the main section to show the Functions section. Click on the same button to collapse it. You can also use the Show Column List button in the Xsheet toolbar.

Go to the Xsheet view menu and select View > Show Column List. Click the Expand button on the right side of the Functions section to display the Column List section. Each column available in the Xsheet view has a header displaying the column's name. The column's name is the same as the corresponding timeline layer. If you rename one or the other, they will both be renamed. A quick access menu is available when you right-click. This menu contains the command affecting an entire column such as renaming, changing the default colour, or deleting a column. The tooltip that appears when you hover at the top of each Xsheet column shows the folder path to the source drawings for that column. Column Header Character In Harmony, the column header shows the layer's name and the name of the drawing folder to which it is linked. If the name of the layer is the same as the drawing folder, the drawing folder's name will not be displayed. To modify the name of the element folder independently from the column and layer name, you must select the Advanced Element Mode option preference in the Advanced tab of the Preferences dialog box.



Frame Numbers	On the left side of the Xsheet view, the frame numbers are shown indicating where you are. These read vertically instead of being displayed horizontally as they are in the Timeline view.  • To go to a particular frame, click the frame number.  • To select an entire range of frames, click and drag a selection downwards.
Current Frame Display	At the bottom-right of the Xsheet view, you can see the current frame number, as well as the column containing the drawing currently displayed in the Drawing view.  Current: 4: Drawing  Current frame  Current drawing column
Functions Column	The functions columns are displayed in the Functions section of the Xsheet view. They represent the motion and rotation you applied to a drawing layer.  A function column can also be related to an effect. Selecting the effect layer shows you the corresponding function column in the Xsheet view.  The function columns display the position value or effect value on each cell. If there is a keyframe on a cell, a black square is displayed. Holding the same value for several frames displays a vertical black line.

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Increase/Decrease Exposure	You can quickly increase or decrease the exposure of the selected cell by clicking on the up and down arrows in the Increase/Decrease Exposure field.
Overwrite/Insert Modes	The Overwrite/Insert button allows you to decide the way the values are inserted into the Xsheet.