

Retro Typewriter Animation Pack – After Effects

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Prerequisites

- Compatible with Adobe After Effects CC 2021 and newer versions.
- No external plugins are required.
- Recommended to have basic knowledge of text layers, animation controls, and placeholders in After Effects.

Fonts Used:

- Design 1 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Rokkitt?preview.script=Latn>
- Design 2 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/VT323?preview.script=Latn&query=VT323>
- Design 3 - <https://www.1001fonts.com/medodica-font.html>
- Design 4 - <https://www.1001fonts.com/digital-dream-font.html>
- Design 5 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Special+Elite>
- Design 6 - <https://www.1001fonts.com/medodica-font.html>
- Design 7 - <https://www.1001fonts.com/flexi-ibm-vga-false-font.html>
- Design 8 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/JetBrains+Mono>
- Design 9 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/Young+Serif?preview.script=Latn>
- Design 10 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/IBM+Plex+Mono>
- Design 11 - <https://fonts.google.com/specimen/IBM+Plex+Mono>
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Project Overview

Retro Typewriter Animation Pack allows you to create vintage-inspired animated typing effects with retro UI styling, customizable cursors, typing sound effects, advanced text controls, and smooth motion design.

This project includes:

- 11 unique retro typewriter styles

- Editable typing animation systems
- Character and word typing modes
- Multi-line text support
- Custom cursor support
- Retro glow and shadow controls
- Typing sound effect support
- Smooth automated typing animation structure

The project uses centralized Control Panels to make customization simple and efficient.

Main Modules

The project contains the following retro typewriter styles:

- **Retro Typewriter 01 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 02 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 03 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 04 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 05 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 06 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 07 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 08 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 09 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 10 – Base Module**
- **Retro Typewriter 11 – Base Module**

Each style follows the same editing workflow and control structure.

Step 1 – Open the Project

1. Open the After Effects project file.
 2. Open the composition **Retro Typewriter 01 – Base Module**.
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Step 2 – Edit Text

- Locate the **Source Text** layer.

- Double click on the text layer
→ This will activate text editing mode
- Replace the existing text with your own content.

Multi-line typing is supported automatically.

Step 3 – Change Font Style

- Locate the **Main Text** layer.
 - Using the standard After Effects Character Panel, customize:
 - Font Family
 - Font Weight
 - Font Size
 - Paragraph Alignment
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Step 4 – Using Control Panels

1. Select the **Control Panel** layer.
 2. Press **F3** to open Effect Controls.
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Typewriter Controls

- **Type** – Adjust this to switch between typing animation modes.
 - **Word/Char Index (Manual)** – Adjust this to manually control typing progress.
 - **Start At, Duration (Automated)** – Adjust this to control typing start time and animation duration.
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Blinking Cursor Controls

- **Cursor Style** – Adjust this to switch between cursor styles.
 - **Blink-on-Type** – Enable or disable blinking while typing animation is active.
 - **Stop Blinking on Completion** – Enable or disable blinking after typing animation completes.
 - **Blinking Cursor Speed** – Adjust this to control blinking speed.
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Cursor Controls

- **Shape Cursor Color / Cursor Color** – Adjust this to change cursor color.
 - **Shape Cursor Size** – Adjust this to resize the cursor.
 - **Shape Cursor Roundness** – Adjust this to control cursor roundness.
 - **Custom Cursor Scale** – Adjust this to resize the custom cursor placeholder.
 - **Cursor Position** – Adjust this to move cursor position globally.
 - **Cursor Opacity** – Adjust this to control cursor visibility.
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Text Controls

- **Text Gradient Color 1** – Adjust this to change primary text gradient color.
 - **Text Gradient Color 2** – Adjust this to change secondary text gradient color.
 - **Text Color** – Adjust this to change text color.
 - **Text Scale** – Adjust this to resize text proportionally.
 - **Text Position** – Adjust this to move text position globally.
 - **Text Line Spacing** – Adjust this to control spacing between text lines.
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Shadow Controls

- **Shadow Color** – Adjust this to change shadow color.
 - **Shadow Opacity** – Adjust this to control shadow visibility.
 - **Shadow Direction** – Adjust this to control shadow angle.
 - **Shadow Distance** – Adjust this to control shadow distance.
 - **Shadow Softness** – Adjust this to control shadow blur softness.
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Cursor Placeholder

Included styles with custom cursor support contain editable placeholder compositions.

- Open the **Cursor Placeholder** composition.
 - Press **Ctrl + I / Cmd + I**
 - Import your custom asset.
 - Drag and place the asset inside the placeholder composition.
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Retro Typewriter 10 – Base Module

Open the **Retro Typewriter 10 – Base Module** composition.

All common controls, text editing steps, and Control Panel customization workflow are already explained in **Retro Typewriter 01 – Base Module**.

Follow the same editing and animation workflow for this style as well.

Additional Controls

Glow Controls

- **Glow Opacity** – Adjust this to control glow visibility and intensity.

- **Glow Radius** – Adjust this to control glow spread size.
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Wiggle Opacity

- **Wiggle Speed (wigs per sec)** – Adjust this to control opacity flicker animation speed.
 - **Wiggle Amount** – Adjust this to control opacity flicker intensity.
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Wiggle Position

- **Wiggle Speed (wigs per sec)** – Adjust this to control position wiggle animation speed.
- **Wiggle Amount** – Adjust this to control position movement intensity.

These controls help create retro CRT screen and glitch-style animation effects.

Placeholders & Precomps

Some retro styles include additional editable folders:

→ **Placeholder**

→ **Pre-comp**

Open any placeholder or precomp composition to customize graphics, layouts, or additional design elements.

Typing Sound Effects

- All retro typewriter styles include built-in retro keyboard typing sound effects.
 - You can replace, mute, or customize the typing sound effects if needed.
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Notes & Tips

- Use retro-style or monospace fonts for best visual results.
 - Follow the same editing workflow, text customization process, and Control Panel adjustments for all retro typewriter styles.
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Rendering / Export

Transparent Background (Alpha Channel)

1. Open the final composition.
 2. Press **Ctrl + M** (Windows) or **Cmd + M** (Mac).
 3. Output Module → QuickTime
 4. Codec → Apple ProRes 4444
 5. Channels → RGB + Alpha
 6. Click Render.
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MP4 Export

1. Open the final composition.
 2. Add composition to Render Queue.
 3. Format → H.264
 4. Adjust quality settings if needed.
 5. Click Render.
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Thank You

Thank you for choosing Retro Typewriter Animation Pack.

Create stylish retro typing animations easily with fully customizable controls and smooth motion design workflow.