

## Installation:

(1) Extract the downloaded ZIP file

(2) Copy script file "Sliced Box.jsxbin" into After Effects scripts folder

[This path should be the same for different versions of After Effects, Just version number will change]

### **On Windows:**

C:\Program Files\Adobe\Adobe After Effects CC 2014\Support Files\Scripts\ScriptUI Panels

### **On Mac:**

/Applications/Adobe After Effects CC 2014/Scripts/ScriptUI Panels

(3) Start Sliced Box via the "Window" menu in After Effects.

Note:

You should allow scripts to write files

### **On Windows:**

After Effects Menu Edit > Preferences > General

And make sure that this option "Allow Scripts to Write Files and Access Network" is checked.

### **On Mac:**

After Effects Menu Preferences > General

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## Importing Presets

In "More" tab in script panel click on "Import Presets File" button and select the location of "PresetsFile.json" file.

### Note :

- You will get alert message for missing custom controls when you open a project contains sliced box in After Effects versions before CC 12.2, but will continue to work normally by ignoring this alert.

If you would like to avoid this, Kindly install Sliced Box pseudo effect on your machine.

### Install Pseudo Effect (for After Effects versions before CC 12.2):

- 1-First run After Effects as administrator.
- 2- In 'More' tab in script panel click on button "Install Pseudo Effect".
- 3- Finally restart After Effects.

### How to use:

1. Select a layer (Solid, Comp, Footage or a Text).
2. Insert the columns and rows number (If you plan to apply an animation preset skip this step).
3. Insert the box width value (If you plan to apply an animation preset skip this step).

- If the selected layer is a text you have an option to crop the box size to text bounds by checking the option "Crop to Text Bounds"

- If you unchecked that option, the box size will be the same as main comp size.

4. Select an animation Preset to be applied,

Note: If you select an animation preset the columns and rows numbers will be changed to the saved value of selected presets,

So if you want to specific numbers of columns and rows, you should insert them after selecting the animation preset not before.

Also you can apply the animation presets after creating Sliced Box by selecting it and clicking on "Apply" button.

5. In "Material" tab you can enable/disable some material options and motion blur.

Also you can modify them after creating Sliced Box.

6. Finally click on "Create" button.

### **Color Buttons:**

- You have two color buttons in script panel:
  - **First** on the left generates a random color and applies it to the selected layer or Sliced Box.
  - **Second** on the right picks a random color from selected image or footage,

If the selected layer is Sliced Box, it will pick color from placeholder (footage/Image) then applies it to boxes color.

Also it has another function that shows the color of the selected preset.

### **Apply Scale Option:**

If you check this option Sliced Box will calculate relative scale to get the best result with your new Comp size, but box scale will be limited to 100%.

### **Same Position Option**

If you check the position will be the same as saved in animation preset.