

Joys of Parenting

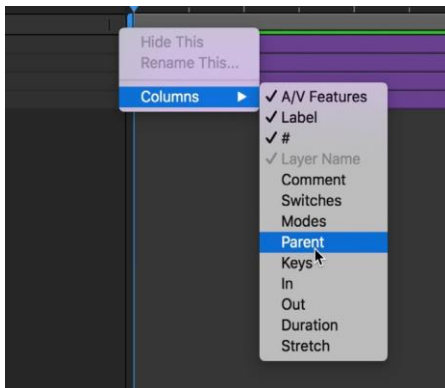
Lesson 4 Hotkeys, Notes, and Tips

THE PARENTAL UNITS

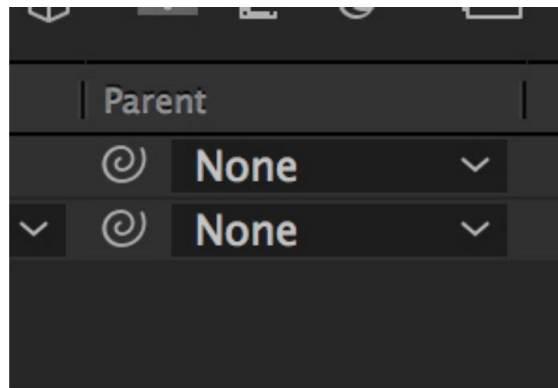
Parenting is all about establishing relationships between two layers so that you can control one layer using another. The only properties that are affected by parenting are Position, Scale and Rotation, but it's important to note that the 'child' layers scale and rotate via the parent layer's Anchor Point.

FIND YOUR PARENT

If you can't see the parenting tab, right-click in the top gray bar of this area. This should reveal a drop-down menu. Navigate to Columns, click on Parent and you will be in business!



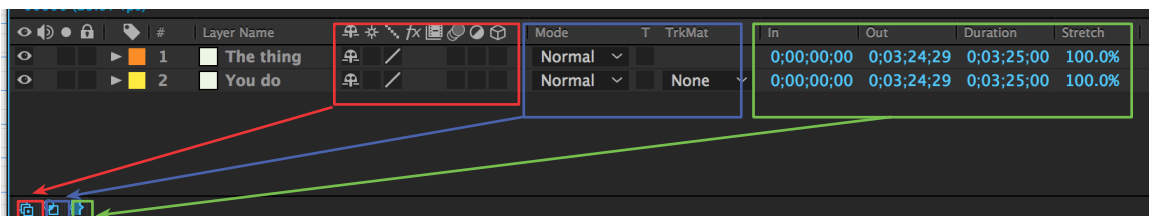
Drop-down menu adds Parenting to timeline



This is what the Parent pane looks like in your Timeline

MORE TIMELINE PANELS AND BUTTONS

On the lower left side of your timeline window there are three little buttons. These buttons all represent different control panels that can be easily hidden or displayed in order to preserve precious timeline real estate.



We'll be covering most of these functions in this class eventually, especially the ones in the red and blue boxes.

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS

Hand Tool..... H (or press Space bar if Select (Hotkey “V”) is active).

The Hand Tool is very useful for navigating around your Composition Window or Timeline without fear of accidentally selecting any layers or art.

Duplicate Layer Command + D

Split Layer (at current time) ... Shift + Command + D

Splitting Layers is useful with parenting when you need to “unparent” a layer that was previously parented, or switch from one parent to another.