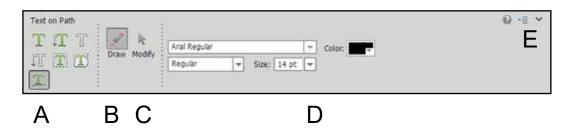# Line: Text on Path (Complimentary Lesson)

One fascinating way to create line is with text. We don't want to say it's super easy to do in PSE, but with a bit of practice you can create a wonderful line. Use one line of text in your design, or make several or even every line from text. Let's look at the Text on Path Options Bar and then create text on a path step by step.

Text on Path Options Bar

A. **Text Type.** Select the type of text you want to use. In this example, the Text on Path tool is selected. The rest of the options are for this tool.
B. **Draw.** Select this icon to start drawing the line. When you are finished, click the Commit button.
C. **Modify.** Select this icon when you want to modify your text on path.
D. **Text on Path Properties.** You can change the font, the font size, the font emphasis, and the font color by clicking on any of these options.
E. **Reset Tool.** Click on the flyout menu and check "Reset Tool" if you want to get back to the default Text on Path tool options. Check "Reset All Tools" if you want to reset ALL the tools in the Toolbar to the default settings.

Create Text on Path

1. Select the Text on Path tool.
2. Select the Draw icon in the Text on Path Options bar.
3. Your cursor will be a pen nib. Create a line. When finished, click the Commit button.
4. Move the cursor over the line until it turns into an I-Beam with curved line.
5. Type the desired text. The letters will follow the shape of the line. You can type beyond the end of the line and modify path or text later. When finished, click the Commit button.

Modify the Path

If you see the path line, you can modify the path by adding, deleting, or moving nodes or their handles.

1. Select the Text on Path tool.
2. Select the Modify icon in the Text on Path Options bar. Little squares (nodes) will appear along the line.
3. Put the cursor on any node and drag the node to reshape the path. Handles will appear, and you can click and drag them as well.
4. Press Alt + click on a node to delete it. Deleting nodes can help smooth out a line.
5. Press Shift + click on the line to add a node in that spot.

The path line disappears once you change layers. To see the path line again,

1. Double click on the T thumbnail in the desired text layer in the Layers panel.
2. Click the Commit button.
3. Select the Text on Path tool again, if needed.
4. Select the Modify icon. You should see all the nodes again.

Modify the Text

1. Double click on the T thumbnail in the desired text layer in the Layers panel.
2. All lines of text will be selected. Format the text or move the cursor to the part of the text you want to change and make your changes.
3. Click the Commit button.

Create Text on Shape

Yes, you can type a text on a shape! It's quite similar to the text on path.

1. Create a shape using the Shape tool. In this example, we created a red square.
2. Select the Text on Path tool.
3. Select the Draw icon in the Text on Path Options bar.
4. Click on the shape near where you want to begin typing.
5. Click the Commit button.
6. Move the cursor over the shape until it turns into an I-Beam with curved line.
7. Type the desired text. The letters will follow the outline of the shape.
8. When finished, click the Commit button.
9. Modify the text as described above.
10. You can make the shape invisible to show only the text.

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