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global.delay = 178 ;
this.pageNum++ ;
```

And this entry page action on your second page…

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aaa ;
```

And this entry page action on your third page…

```
global.repeats-- ;
aaa = app.setTimeOut ("if (global.repeats > 0)
            {this.pageNum--}", global.delay) ;
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Adding Flashing Text to Acrobat

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Our first dummy page is used for initialization. It sets the **global.repeats** as the number of flashes before continuous display. And the **global.delay** as the time delay **in milliseconds** for each flash. A **this.pageNum++** is then used to unconditionally go on to the next page. This page could also be blank or have previous content on it.

Our second dummy page (without flashing text) stalls for **global.delay** and then goes on unconditionally to the third page, again using **this.pageNum++**.

Our third page (with the flashing text) decrements our repeat count with a **global.repeats--**. It then tests the **global.repeat** count to see if any repeat trips are needed. If needed, the display is delayed by the **global.delay** time, and the JavaScript takes us back to the previous page without the flashing text.

Presentation will be better in the **one page** layout mode rather than **continuous**. Some details such as keeping the page numbers consistent and being printer friendly are left as an excercise for the student.

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