

Course Overview

In this 2-day course, you will learn the fundamental as well as advanced features of Adobe Illustrator. You will learn how to navigate in the Adobe Illustrator environment and setup a new document. You will learn how to create a custom workspace and how to draw basic shapes with the Shape tools, and how to draw paths with the Pencil tool. You will also learn how to insert, format, and tread text. You will learn how to enhance documents by formatting and manipulating objects, applying gradients, and importing graphics. You will proof documents and learn to save images. You will learn how to create complex illustrations, create compound paths, apply effects, create symbols, create custom pattern brushes and modify global colors. You will learn how to create a vector version of a raster graphic by manually tracing raster images, automatically tracing artwork, adjusting the results of a tracing, applying a custom preset and converting a tracing object to paths. You will create special effects by creating masks, blends, and 3-D effects. You will learn how to create and format graphs as well as create variables. Lastly, you will learn how to output documents and export graphics for the web and mobile devices.

Course Preparation

Prerequisite: *Windows – Level 1* or equivalent experience

Course Topics

Getting Acquainted with Adobe Illustrator CS4

- Explore the Interface
- Explore the Navigation Tools
- Customize the Interface
- Use Illustrator Help
- Differentiate Between Raster and Vector Graphics
- Explore the Adobe Bridge Workspace

Creating Shapes in a Document

- Create a Document
- Draw Basic Shapes
- Save a Document

Creating Custom Paths

- Draw Paths
- Modify Paths

Working with Text

- Insert Text
- Flow Text on a Path
- Import Body Text
- Format Text with Styles
- Thread Text
- Apply Hyphenation
- Insert Typographic Characters

Enhancing Documents

- Format Objects
- Apply Gradients
- Apply an Envelope to Text
- Manipulate Objects
- Import a Graphic
- Apply Graphic Styles

Proofing a Document

- Wrap Text
- Find and Replace Text
- Fix Spelling Errors

Saving Images for Web and Print

- Export Images for Print
- Export Images for the Web
- Save Images as PDFs

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Creating Complex Illustrations

- Create a Custom Shape Using Simple Shapes
- Create Compound Paths
- Offset Paths
- Erase Shapes

Enhancing Complex Illustrations

- Create Symbols
- Organize Objects with Layers
- Create a Pattern Swatch
- Create a Mesh
- Create Custom Brushes
- Apply Color Using Live Paint
- Recolor Artwork

Creating a Vector Version of a Raster Graphic

- Trace Artwork Automatically
- Adjust the Results of Tracing
- Create a Custom Preset
- Convert a Traced Object to Paths

Creating Special Effects

- Apply Effects
- Create Masks
- Simplify Paths
- Create Blends
- Share Graphic Styles
- Create 3-D Effects

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Working with Graphs

Create a Graph
Format a Graph

Working with Variables

Create Variables
Create Data Sets

Outputting Documents

Create an Artboard
Set Up Color Management
Preview an Overprint
Apply Spot Colors
Print a Composite Proof
Create Color Separations
Create an Adobe PDF File

Exporting Graphics for the Web and Mobile Devices

Convert Colors to Web-Safe Colors
Work with Actions
Export a File as an SWF File
Create Slices
Add Interactivity to an SVG File
Preview an Illustration for Mobile Devices

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