

Course Outline



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Introduction to Adobe Illustrator

Course Description:

In this course you will learn the fundamentals of Adobe Illustrator.

Pre-requisites:

Before starting this course, delegates must have experience of using either Windows or Macintosh operating systems.

Course Content:

- **Basic concepts, overview and tools**
- Vector and Bitmap images
- Using Panels. Customising the workspace
- The Illustrator toolbox: paths and points selection; drawing simple shapes and selecting objects
- Using multiple artboards
- Transformation tools and the Free Transform tool; Using online help
- Managing files with Adobe Bridge

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- **Drawing**
 - The pen tool; controlling curves, creating and amending paths; splitting paths, manipulating anchor points
 - Using Templates, Pencil, Erase, Smooth and Brush
 - Using Image Trace to convert Bitmaps to Vectors
 - Adding and deleting anchor points
 - Splitting cutting and erasing paths
 - Drawing with the Blob Brush tool
- **Colours and fills**
 - Fills and strokes on objects and paths
 - Process, Pantone and Registration colour
 - Gradients, patterns
 - Applying gradient transparency
 - Editing gradients directly on an object
 - Applying a gradient to a stroke
 - Live Paint and Live Colour
- **Brush effects**
 - Calligraphic, art, scatter & pattern brushes
 - Editing existing and creating new brushes
 - Scribble Effect; using the brush libraries
- **Typography**
 - Basic typography; the type tool; type on and in a path; type as outlines
 - Character and paragraph styles
- **Text work**
 - Linking text boxes and using using circular text; text wrap around objects
 - Typographic control including kerning, indents and baseline shift

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- **Arranging your work**
 - Send to back/Bring to front
 - Group/Ungroup and group selections
 - Working in Group Isolation Mode
 - Cut/copy/paste & paste in front/ behind
 - Working with Rulers, Guides and Smart Guides
 - Getting the best from Layers
 - Using multiple artboards
 - Editing the artboard size
 - Positioning elements
 - Aligning and distributing artwork

- **Working with layers**
 - Creating layers
 - Using layers effectively

- **Modifications and special effects**
 - Transformations including blending shapes and the Gradient Mesh tool
 - Pathfinder panel and compound paths
 - Using the Shape Builder tool
 - Effects, graphic styles and masks
 - The Flare and Distort tools, including the warp and liquify tools, envelope distort and envelope mesh
 - Using Live Paint to modify images

- **3D Toolset**
 - Rotate
 - Revolve
 - Bevel
 - Extrude

- **Working with patterns**
 - Simple patterns and artwork patterns
 - Converting logos to symbols for reuse
 - Using the symbol spray to instance symbols around page
 - Update symbols, manipulate symbols

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- **Using Illustrator to present data**
- **The Actions panel**
- **Web Work**
- Graphs and graph types
- Graph styles such as pies and bars
- Representing qualities graphically
- Using existing actions
- Using Custom actions for automation
- Optimising for the web; flexible web vector export; converting to Flash format
- Slicing and CSS layer support to create entire web pages

Course Duration:

2 Days

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