

Adobe® Illustrator® CS4: Level 1

Length: 1 Day

Course Description: Adobe® Illustrator® CS4 is a sophisticated graphics application that helps you create complex and attractive designs with type effects. You can create advertisements and other illustrations with ease using this software. However, creating complex designs can be overwhelming if you are not familiar with the tools and the features in Adobe Illustrator. In this course, you will use Adobe Illustrator CS4 by drawing and manipulating simple shapes to design a layout for your product.

After completing this course, students will be able to:

- Get acquainted with the Adobe® Illustrator® CS4 application.
- Create shapes in a document.
- Create custom paths.
- Enter text in an Illustrator document.
- Enhance documents.
- Proof documents to make them more accurate.
- Save images for web and print.

Prerequisites

Before taking this course, students should be familiar with the basic functions of their computer's operating system such as creating folders, launching programs, and working with windows. Students should also have basic Windows application skills, such as copying and pasting objects, formatting text, saving files, and so on. Familiarity with basic design terminology, such as palette, color mode, shapes, text, and paths, is highly recommended.

Outline

Lesson 1: Getting Acquainted with Adobe Illustrator CS4

- Topic 1A: Explore the Interface
- Topic 1B: Explore the Navigation Tools
- Topic 1C: Customize the Interface
- Topic 1D: Use Illustrator Help
- Topic 1E: Differentiate Between Raster and Vector Graphics
- Topic 1F: Explore the Adobe Bridge Workspace

Lesson 2: Creating Shapes in a Document

- Topic 2A: Create a Document
- Topic 2B: Draw Basic Shapes
- Topic 2C: Save a Document

Lesson 3: Creating Custom Paths

- Topic 3A: Draw Paths
- Topic 3B: Modify Paths

Lesson 4: Working with Text

- Topic 4A: Insert Text
- Topic 4B: Flow Text on a Path
- Topic 4C: Import Body Text
- Topic 4D: Format Text with Styles
- Topic 4E: Thread Text
- Topic 4F: Apply Hyphenation
- Topic 4G: Insert Typographic Characters

Lesson 5: Enhancing Documents

- Topic 5A: Format Objects
- Topic 5B: Apply Gradients
- Topic 5C: Apply an Envelope to Text
- Topic 5D: Manipulate Objects
- Topic 5E: Import a Graphic
- Topic 5F: Apply Graphic Styles

Lesson 6: Proofing a Document

- Topic 6A: Wrap Text
- Topic 6B: Find and Replace Text
- Topic 6C: Fix Spelling Errors

Lesson 7: Saving Images for Web and Print

- Topic 7A: Export Images for Print
- Topic 7B: Export Images for the Web
- Topic 7C: Save Images as PDFs



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Appendix A: Organizing Assets Using Adobe® Bridge

Supplemental Lesson: Work with Adobe Bridge

- Topic 1A: Work with Adobe Bridge
- Topic 1B: Append Metadata and Keywords to Assets

Appendix B: Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) Objectives Mapping

Appendix C: New Features in Adobe Illustrator CS4