Adobe Authorised Training Centre

Introduction to Adobe Illustrator

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Course description

This is a comprehensive two day Adobe authorised introduction to Adobe Illustrator. The course has been designed to teach new users how to produce professional graphics, designs and illustrations. The course covers Illustrator's sophisticated drawing and text controls, creating complex shapes, using painterly effects and the LiveTrace and LivePaint features allowing you to dramatically increase levels of productivity and creativity.

Throughout the two days the emphasis is on practical, hands-on learning including a series of exercises designed to consolidate new skills and build confidence. If you wish to tailor this outline to your exact requirements, please call or email.

Course information

Course duration

Two days

Course cost

Public scheduled course: £435 plus VAT per person.
This course runs as a public scheduled course on a regular basis.
Please call 020 7359 9855 or visit www.mediatraining.ltd.uk for dates.

Private course costs: £840 plus VAT for two days of individual tuition.
£995 plus VAT for two delegates.
£1,350 plus VAT for three delegates.
Each additional delegate: £175 plus VAT.

Course location

We have two fully equipped training centres in central London; one is in Highbury and Islington (one stop from Kings Cross) and one next to Waterloo station.
We can also run courses onsite at your offices if you prefer.

Pre course requirements

There are no pre course requirements.

Post training support

The cost of the course includes lunch, course notes to take away, a certificate and six months telephone Helpline support.

Follow on courses

Advanced Adobe Illustrator, Trouble-free Printing, Introduction to Adobe Photoshop.

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DAY ONE

Welcome to Illustrator
- About vectors and bitmaps

Getting started in Illustrator
- Opening illustrations
- Using templates
- Creating new illustrations
- Using document profiles
- Exploring panels and workspaces
- Navigating your illustrations

Artwork components
- Outline vs Preview mode
- Using multiple artboards
- Rulers, guides and grids
- Intuitive Smart Guides
- Paths, point and handles
- Grouping objects
- Introduction to layers

Creating basic shapes
- Creating primitive shapes
- Creating polygons, stars and spirals
- Drawing lines, grids and arcs
- Snapping and aligning shapes

Working with colour
- Colour models
- Applying colour to objects
- Spot vs process colour
- Process and global process colours
- Managing swatches
- Creating colour groups
- Introduction to gradients
- Loading swatch libraries
- Sharing colour swatches across applications

Drawing in Illustrator
- Working with paths, points and direction handles
- Drawing freehand paths
- Tips for drawing curves
- Editing, manipulating and modifying paths
- Using the cutting tools
- Using the Average and Join commands
- Using the Eraser tool

Questions and answers

DAY TWO

Using LiveTrace
- Automatically tracing artwork
- Adjusting LiveTrace results
- Converting LiveTrace objects

Painting in Illustrator
- Manipulating stroke options
- Painting with the Paintbrush
- Introducing blends
- Introducing the Gradient mesh
- Creating multiple fills and strokes on a single object
- Introducing symbols

Using LivePaint
- Creating LivePaint groups
- Painting LivePaint objects
- Detecting gaps
- Path editing with LivePaint

Organising your artwork
- Editing the artboard size
- Using guides and smart guides
- Creating custom guides
- Positioning elements
- Using the Align palette
- Using layers and creating template layers

Transforming objects
- Using the Transform tools and the Reshape tool
- Using the Transform panel
- Introducing the Liquify tools
- Basic Envelope distortions

Placing imported graphics
- Photoshop import options

Creating complex shapes
- Creating compound shapes and paths
- Expanding compound shapes

Working with type
- The type tools
- Using the Character and Paragraph panel
- Creating outlines from text
- Type on a path

Saving and exporting
- Saving Illustrator files
- Creating Adobe PDF files
- Exporting files from Illustrator

Questions and answers