Introduction to Illustrator CS4 – One Day Workshop

Duration: 1 day (6 hours)

Prerequisites: Good Mac or PC skills

Overview and objective: This workshop is aimed at new Illustrator users. It is suitable for individuals that need to produce professional graphics and illustrations. The workshop is designed to familiarise users with the fundamental aspects of the programme by means of practical exercises and theory, giving the delegate a confident base from which to build further skills.

Course content:

The Basics
- The Illustrator workspace
- Understanding vector graphics
- The tools, palettes and menus
- Navigation

Creating and Editing Artwork
- The selection and direct selection tools
- Creating and editing basic shapes
- Drawing and editing bezier paths
- Modifying objects

Transformation
- Scale, rotate, reflect and sheer
- Free distort
- Step and repeat

Colour
- Creating process, cmyk and spot colours
- Using tints and gradients
- Applying colour to fill and stroke

Working with Type
- Character and paragraph formatting
- Type on a path
- Converting text to outlines

Production
- File formats and integration with other software
- Create and save PDF files

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