



Adobe® Illustrator CS4

Beginner to Intermediate

Duration: 2 Days

Overview: Adobe® Illustrator® CS4 offers creative freedom that allows you to produce extraordinary graphics for print, video, the web, and mobile devices. Offers the ability to instantly convert bitmaps to vector artwork and paint more intuitively. Create print ready PDF files.

Pre Requisites: A basic understanding of the computer operating system you are using.

Day 1

Raster vs. Vector images
Creating & Saving Documents
Using Templates

Work Environment

Working with Multiple artboards
Tabbed document windows and Document Arrangement panel
Viewing commands
Zoom Tools
Working with Panels
Application bar (control panel) and workspace switcher
Using & Saving Workspace
Using Rulers, guides, grids and smart guides
Key object alignment
Using Help

Making Selections

Selection, Direct Selection & Marquees Tools
Grouping Items
Advanced Selection Techniques

Creating Basic Shapes

Drawing Polygons, Spirals & Stars Drawing Arcs, square & polar grids
Lens Flares
Drawing Shortcuts
Compound Paths
Path Options
Pathfinder

Transforming Objects

Scaling & Rotating Objects
Reflecting, Distorting & Shearing Objects
Perspective & Precise Positioning
Free Transformations & Multi Transformations

Pen Tool

Creating Straight Lines
Creating Curves Curve & Corner
Anchor Points Editing Anchor Points

Swatches & Colour Guide Panel

Global & Local Colours Colour
Groups Creating
Custom Colours & Spots Applying Fills, Strokes & Tints
Colour Guide Panel & Kuler Creating,
Applying & Editing Patterns
Gradients panel and tool
Transparency in gradients
Appearance Panel Exporting & Saving Colours

Day 2

Layers

Creating Layers
Moving Objects & Layers Locking & Viewing Layers
Pasting Layers
Merging Layers
Creating Clipping Masks

Blending Shapes & Colours

Creating Smooth-Colour
Blends Intermediate
Steps Modifying & Combining Blends

Meshes Creating & Applying Mesh

Editing Mesh
Warping Mesh
Adding Transparency to Mesh

Typography & Text

Open Type Fonts & Panel
Importing Text Files (MS Word, RTF, Text)
Flowing of Text Character & Paragraph Panel
Hyphenation & Justification
Tabs & Columns Glyphs & Special Characters
Type on Path
Type Inside object
Vertical Type
Character & Paragraph Styles
Wrapping & Warping Text
Creating Outlines

Symbols

Creating, Editing & Updating Symbols
Symbol Instances
Using Symbol Tools
Unlinking & Swopping Symbols
Exporting for Flash CS4

Brushes & Scribbling

Types of Brushes (Art, Scatter, Calligraphic, Pattern)
Creating, Editing & Applying Brushes
Paintbrush Tool & Brush Libraries
Colouring Brushes Saving Brushes