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## **Adobe Illustrator 2 day beginner course**

Adobe Illustrator is the industry-standard vector graphics creation software for print and the Web. Illustrator expands your creative freedom and enhances your productivity with its new Web graphics tools, versatile transparency capabilities, powerful object and layer effects, gradient mesh, pathfinders, and other innovative features. Now you can use these fast, flexible tools to transform your creative ideas into sophisticated graphics for use on the Web, in print, or in dynamic media projects.

### **Course Outline**

#### **Application Overview**

- Vector vs. Raster based images
- Starting the application
- Opening files from the hard drive, and opening new files
- Saving files, and choosing file formats
- Setting Preferences and Color Settings

#### **Overview of the Illustrator Workspace**

- Toolbox, palettes, hiding and docking palettes

#### **Navigation**

- Getting around, and viewing images using the Navigator palette
- Zooming in and out
- Using the Hand tool
- Custom views
- Viewing images in Preview mode, and Artwork mode

#### **Working With Color**

- Applying Fills and Strokes
- Adjusting Stroke weight
- Using the Swatches Palette
- Dragging and dropping new colors to the Swatches Palette, and onto objects
- Loading Custom color libraries
- Using the color sliders to choose colors

## **Layers**

Creating, viewing, reordering, linking, and moving  
Locking layers

## **Object Tools**

Using the Ellipse, Rectangle, Star, and Polygon tools

## **The Pen Tool**

Creating curves and straight lines  
Tracing objects with the Pen tool  
Modifying Pen paths

## **Basic Key Commands**

## **Manipulation of Objects and Object Transformation**

Moving, duplicating, selecting and deselecting  
Grouping and Ungrouping  
Arranging objects  
Locking objects  
Aligning objects

## **The Selection Tools**

The Selection tool, Group selection tool, and Direct selection tool

## **The Transformation Tools**

Scaling, rotating, distorting, and Free Transforming objects

## **Rasterizing Objects**

Creating and viewing objects as pixels

## **Working With Text**

Using the Text tools  
Area Type  
Type on a path  
Vertical type  
Converting type to outlines

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### Blends

Basic shapes and colors  
Complex blends for shadowing and highlighting  
Making blends for use as animations

### Advanced Editing Tools

Using the Scissors and Knife tools  
Using the Eyedropper and Bucket tools  
Using the Pencil and Smooth tools  
Using the Simplify command

### Advanced Object Tools

Using the Line, Arc, Flare, and Grid Tools

### Typography

Applying Effects to editable type  
General Type effects

### The Appearance Palette

Adding strokes and fills

### Effects and Styles

Applying nondestructive visual effects to objects, images, and type  
Creating editable shapes  
Adding Drop Shadows and Glows  
Using, and creating new styles  
Saving and editing styles

### Pathfinder Filters

Using the pathfinder filters and palette to combine objects and paths

### Masking

Single and multiple masking objects  
Using Clipping Masks and Opacity Masks  
Importing Layer Masks from Photoshop  
Using masks with the Layers Palette

## **The Gradient Tool**

Using the gradient tool  
Creating and saving gradients

## **The Transparency Palette**

Adding transparency to objects  
Using Blending Modes

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