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Adobe Illustrator Introduction / Intermediate

Duration: 2 Days

Overview:

In Aspect's Illustrator Introduction / Intermediate course, you will learn skills that allow you to take advantage of Illustrator's powerful tools to create illustrations and type effects. Learn to design advertisements and printable documents. Work with colours, gradients, layers, fonts, and photos to create eye-catching illustrations and text effects.

Upon successful completion of this course, delegates will be able to:

- Draw and understand Bezier curves, the root of drawing in Illustrator
- Create a logo using simple shapes
- Accurately place and measure objects in the Illustration window
- Trace and Colour your hand drawn artwork with Live Trace, Live Paint and Live Colour
- Save illustrations for both print and web purposes

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this course.

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Course Topics:

Creating basic Documents

- Explore the pre built Document Profiles
- Shortcuts to navigate the Artboard effectively
- Work in a Custom Workspace

Drawing in Illustrator

- Use the Pen tool for straight lines
- Add, delete or adjust points along a path
- Understand how Bezier Curves work, learn to draw and edit these Curves
- Freeform drawing and editing with this powerful tool
- Create Logos using simple Shapes
- Using Live Trace to transform your hand drawn sketches into vector artwork that can be further adjusted

Modifying Objects

- Lasso select and the other goodies in the Select Menu
- Transform objects with scale, shear, rotate & reflect tool
- Be precise using Smart Guides, Grids & Guidelines
- Align, Group & Duplicate to achieve better results
- Layers palette: Hide & Lock Objects
- Intro to Isolation Mode for effective editing

Working with Colours in Illustrator

- Difference between Swatches and Colour palette
- Applying colour to Stroke and/or Fill
- Adjusting Stroke with the Stroke palette
- Live Colour for perfect Complementary / Analogous colours
- Live Paint as an easy way to colour artwork
- Introducing Gradients & Patterns

Text copy in Illustrator

- Point, Area and Type on a path
- Import Body Type & fix Spelling Errors
- Find and Replace Text or Insert Typographic Characters
- Create Text Outlines to design your own fancy headlines

Outputting your Artwork

- Defining cropping area
- Saving your artwork in vector formats
- Save for Web & Devices