

Adobe Fireworks

Introduction – One Day

MORNING

Introducing Fireworks

Understanding the Fireworks Work Space
The Tools and Menus
Floating and Docked Panels
The Property Inspector
Setting up Guides and Grids
Understanding Vectors and Bitmaps
Working with Objects and Layers
Getting On-screen help

Using the Drawing Tools

Setting object attributes
Bitmap Editing
Using the Crop Tool
Using the Info Panel
Selecting Areas

Working with Images

Opening and Importing images & artwork
Scaling, rotating, modifying and distorting
Modifying image and canvas size
Adjusting colour and contrast
Optimising Graphics - resolution
Image Formats - Gif, JPEG & PNG
Quality vs. File Size
Setting compression levels
Transparency settings
About anti-aliasing and matting

Working with Layers and Text

Examining the Layers Panel
Add and Name Layers
Precise Positioning
Lock, Show and Hide Layers
Add Textures and Drop Shadows
Use Single-Layer Editing
Add and format Text
Using the Spelling Checker
Add Text to a Path
Convert Text to Paths

Working with Colour

Defining Colour
Colour Models
Using Hexadecimal Code
Using Colour Tables
Create a Gradient

Saving and Printing

Saving and Exporting Files
Using the Export Wizard
Page Setup and Print Settings

Overview of Morning Session

AFTERNOON

Creating Artwork

Creating shapes
Changing Stacking Order
Working with Layers
Alignment
Transforming Shapes
Combining Elements to make Complex Shapes
Using Autosshapes
Editing Paths

Working with Attributes

Fills, Strokes, Gradients and Patterns
Creating Custom Styles
Using Effects and Filters

Animation

Using Frames
Creating Animated GIFs
Creating a Web Banner
Adding Hyperlinks
Animating using Symbols and Tweens
Onion Skinning
Change Playback Setting
Preview Animations

Web Graphics

Using Symbols to create buttons
Slicing images
Creating a Navigation Bar with Rollovers
Creating Email and Web links
Image area Hotspots
Using Slices and Layers to Create HTML or CSS
Optimised Web Content
Creating Pop-Up Menus
Work with the Web Layers
Choosing the Correct Image Format

Integration with Dreamweaver

Exporting as HTML
Updating Dreamweaver

Testing

Browsers and Compatibility
Preview in Browser

Fireworks Exchange

Extending Fireworks
Using Fireworks Exchange

Course Overview

Discussion Session & End of Course

computer graphics training

Fireworks combines both drawing and image editing features and is the ideal tool for creating web graphics and animations. This course will show you how to take advantage of Fireworks' powerful features and how to integrate it to speed up web development and for use with Dreamweaver and other applications.

Goals

- To become familiar with all the tools
- To create and edit web graphics
- To learn animation techniques
- To Export Graphics for use in Other Applications

Each student will get a trial copy of Fireworks/Studio 8 for Windows or Macintosh in addition to any course materials.

Prerequisites

Familiarity with the web and some familiarity with web page development techniques in general would be useful.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone wanting to produce professional looking web graphics and animations and who wants to improve productivity in web graphics development.

Courses that can be combined with this software include:

Adobe (Macromedia) Dreamweaver
Adobe Studio 8
Adobe (Macromedia) Flash
Acrobat Professional

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