

# Macromedia Fireworks 8 Fast Track

(2 days)

## Background

Macromedia Fireworks is an immensely popular tool for creating and editing graphics for the web. Our two-day Fast Track to Macromedia Fireworks course is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction to Fireworks enabling you to create rich web graphics.

The course covers how to create and edit web graphics with both vector and bitmap images, work with layers, build buttons, add rollovers, slice images, and optimise and export graphics. This course also covers basic Macromedia Fireworks integration with both Dreamweaver and Flash.

This Macromedia Authorised course is recommended for anyone new to Fireworks who needs to be able to create professional graphics for the web.

## Course Outline

### DAY ONE

#### LEARNING THE BASICS

- Introduction to Fireworks
- Digital image types
- Fireworks editing modes
- The Fireworks interface
- The Menu bar
- The Toolbars
- The Tools panel
- The Property Inspector
- Opening an existing document
- Gamma settings

#### WORKING WITH BITMAP GRAPHICS

- Creating new images
- Importing images
- Using the Selection Tools
- Using the Marquee tool
- Using the Lasso tool
- Using the Magic Wand
- Adjusting bitmap selections
- Magnifying an image
- Using the Filters menu
- Using the Select menu
- Modifying bitmap images
- Using the Eraser tool
- Using the Rubber Stamp tool
- Working with additional bitmap tools
- Painting and drawing tools

#### CREATING A LOGO WITH VECTORS

- Adding Vector Objects
- Using the Line and Knife tools
- Changing the appearance of shapes and text
- Using layers
- Using the Layers Panel
- Drawing freeform paths
- Using the Pen tool
- Using the Vector Path tool
- Using strokes and fills
- Using Effects and Styles
- Combining simple paths
- Using masks
- Using transparency and blending

#### HOTSPOTS AND SLICING

- Image Maps
- Assigning URLs to hotspots
- Slice tools
- Creating slices

#### CREATING NAVIGATION ELEMENTS

- Fireworks and JavaScript
- About behaviors
- The Behaviors Panel
- About rollovers
- About frames

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



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## **DAY TWO**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Creating buttons  
About button symbols  
The Button Editor  
Disjointed Rollovers  
Creating a Pop-up menu

### **USING FIREWORKS WITH DREAMWEAVER**

Macromedia Fireworks MX and the web  
Graphics optimisation  
Using the Optimise panel  
Optimising GIF and JPEG files  
Exporting graphics  
Using the Export Wizard  
Using the Export dialog box  
Importing graphics and HTML into Dreamweaver  
About Roundtrip HTML

### **USING FIREWORKS WITH FLASH**

Integrating Fireworks graphics with Flash  
Placing Fireworks vector graphics into Flash  
Launching and editing Fireworks from Flash

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**



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