

Macromedia Fireworks MX 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 who needs to be able to create professional graphics for the web.

Course Outline

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 setting

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 Behaviours
- The Behaviours Panel
- About rollovers
- About frames
- 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



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