

Macromedia FreeHand - Advanced

(2 Days)

Background

Designed for those already familiar with Macromedia FreeHand but who need to get the most from the software, this is a one day 'power user' course.

The course covers advanced use of FreeHand's features including text effects, layering, animation, multi-page documents, web design features and integration with Macromedia Flash.

This course will enable you to realise your creative potential and increase your productivity.

Course Outline

OVERVIEW OF FREEHAND

What is Macromedia FreeHand?
Vector based graphics
FreeHand file formats
Bitmap images
Vector graphics
Creating text
FreeHand and the web

THE INTERFACE

The FreeHand workspace

THE MAIN TOOLBAR AND THE TEXT TOOLBAR

The Tools panel
Selection and text tools
Drawing tools
Transform tools
Viewing tools
The colour pop-up boxes
Identifying tools with tooltips
Page rulers and guides
The Status bar

THE DIFFERENT FREEHAND INSPECTOR PANELS

Object inspector
Stroke inspector
Fill inspector
Text inspector
Document inspector

THE TRANSFORMS PANEL

Move panel
Rotate panel
Scale panel
Skew panel
Reflect panel
The Swatches panel

The Colour mixer
The Layers panel

CUSTOMISING THE WORKSPACE

Default panel layout
Docking the toolbars
Customising toolbars
Collapsing panels
Grouping panels
Hiding panels
Customising shortcut keys
FreeHand preferences

THE ILLUSTRATION TOOLS

Working in FreeHand
The drawing tools
The Pen tool
Adding colour
Contour gradients
Using lens fills
Arranging objects

CREATING ILLUSTRATIONS

Using the line tool
Distorting objects
Blending objects
Creating tints
Using the Envelope tool
Creating 3D effects by using the Perspective grid



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WHAT'S NEW

New features in FreeHand
Master pages
The FreeHand contour gradient
The FreeHand brush strokes
The FreeHand print area
Overview of the Print Area option

INCREASING YOUR PRODUCTIVITY

A definition of Symbols

MULTI-PUBLISHING

A description of multi-publishing
Using the Navigation panel
Testing the movie with the
controller toolbar
Creating Flash animations
within FreeHand
Overview of Macromedia Flash
Exporting artwork to Flash

INTERGRATING WITH THE STUDIO

Fine-tuning the workspace

INTEGRATION WITH FLASH

Bringing FreeHand print
documents into Flash
Creating an animated banner



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