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Photoshop 6 Basic Skills 2 for Windows

Course specifications

Course number: 078810
Software version number: 6.0
Course length: 1 day

Course description

Overview: Students will learn skills that go beyond those covered in the Photoshop Basic Skills 1 course. This course will give students a firm grasp on Photoshop concepts that are applicable to almost every facet of using the application, including Web design, preparing photographic images for printing, and illustration.

Prerequisites: Before taking this course, you should complete the Photoshop 6 Basic Skills 1 course or have equivalent knowledge.

Delivery method: Instructor-led, group-paced, classroom-delivery learning model with structured hands-on activities.

Benefits: Students will further their understanding of isolating image areas by creating and saving masks with specialized tools, commands, modes, and layer elements. Students will learn how to use vector paths for a variety of purposes, including masking, clipping paths, and illustration. Students will also learn to create and apply creative elements such as gradients, patterns, and color overlays, and to save them along with effects in easy to apply layer styles.

Target student: We designed Photoshop 6 Basic Skills 2 for the student who has completed the Photoshop 6 Basic Skills 1 course, and who wants to learn additional concepts and techniques that will apply to almost every facet of using Photoshop.

What's next: Photoshop 6 Basic Skills 1 is the first course in this series, and is followed by this course, Photoshop 6 Basic Skills 2. Students who want to learn techniques for creating and optimizing graphics for the Web should take Photoshop 6 Web Production. Students who want to learn techniques for increasing their efficiency and create a variety of interesting effects should take Photoshop 6 Tips & Tricks. Students who want to learn to use Photoshop's color correction features and to prepare images for print should take Photoshop 6 Color Correction & Printing.

Performance-based objectives

Lesson objectives help students become comfortable with the course, and also provide a means to evaluate learning. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- * Use Quick Mask mode, alpha channels, and layer masks to isolate image areas.
- * Create clipping groups to use one layer's contents to mask another's.
- * Create vector paths as tools for selecting images, for creating transparent areas in images to be used with other applications, and for drawing shapes.

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- * Create color swatches, gradients, and patterns, all of which can be saved and loaded in sets for convenience.
- * Create layer styles that can apply effects, colors, patterns, and gradients in one step.
- * Use the Background Eraser and the Extract command to create complex masks quickly and accurately, even for images with indistinct edges and very fine details.

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Course content

Lesson 1: Masking and Layers

Editing Quick Masks and Alpha Channels

Layer Masks

Grayscale Masking

Clipping Groups

Lesson 2: Vector Paths

Vector Path Concepts

Creating Vector Paths

Editing Paths

Using Paths for Masking

Lesson 3: Swatches, Gradients, and Patterns

Swatches

Gradients

Patterns

Lesson 4: Layer Types and Styles

Fill Layers

Drawing and Painting Shapes

Layer Styles

Lesson 5: Advanced Masking

The Background Eraser

The Extract Command

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