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## Adobe Photoshop CS4 – Advanced

## Course Outline

**Duration:** 1 day

Photoshop is the current market leader for commercial image manipulation and creation and is considered the industry standard in most jobs related to the use of visual elements.

### **Course Description**

This Photoshop training course allows you to master the more advanced features of the powerful Adobe Photoshop software package.

### **Who is the course designed for?**

This course is designed for anyone with existing competence in a Photoshop creative suite package.

### **What if I have problems after the course?**

We offer a free 6 months email support service.

### **Do I get notes?**

You will be given a free book or notes at the end of the course.

### **Can I use Photoshop Elements?**

Photoshop Elements is very different to CS4 so we would recommend you come on an Elements course.

### **Pre-Requisites**

Before starting the course, you should have a good understanding of any CS version of Photoshop or attendance on the Intermediate course.

### **On Completion**

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Work with all the advanced layer and masking features including Smart Objects
- Have an excellent understanding of vectors within Photoshop and be able to draw paths to a high standard
- Work with and create channels for image adjustments, sharpening techniques and to create metallic surfaces
- Understanding of colour settings and profiles

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## Photoshop Essentials

- Essential shortcuts
- Colour settings and ICC profiles
- Profile to Profile conversions
- Soft Proof and Gamut warning
- Working with Scripts

## Colour Techniques

- Editing in Lab mode
- Advanced work with Curves
- The Channel Mixer command
- Using Blend modes to manipulate tone and colour

## Selection Techniques & Alpha Channels

- Working with Alpha channels
- Selections in Alpha channels
- Building selections from Colour Channels
- The Calculations command
- Spot Colour channels
- Creating channels for image adjustments, sharpening techniques and to create metallic surfaces eg chrome

## Layer Techniques

- Working with Smart Objects
- Refining Mask Edges
- Techniques with Layer Masks  
Creating layers from styles
- Understanding Layer Blend modes

## Filter Techniques

- Working with Smart Filter layers
- Using the Lens Blur filter
- Using Alpha Channels with filters
- The Displacement filter
- Advanced Sharpening techniques

## Paths

- Using the Pen tool to a high standard
- Saving paths for re-use in other Photoshop documents

## Working with 3D layers (Photoshop Extended Version)

- Importing models as 3D layers
- Vanishing Point and 3D layers
- 3D transformations
- Editing textures

## Introducing Video Layers (Photoshop Extended Version)

- Timeline based animations
- Creating video layers
- Working with keyframes and tweening