

Adobe Photoshop CS4 – Introduction

Course Outline

Duration: 2 days

This Photoshop training course allows you to get to grips with the powerful Adobe Photoshop software.

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

In this course you will learn to use retouching and selecting tools, layers, effects, filters and create multi image montages. You will also get a good understanding of file sizes, file types and also change and correct colour balances and contrast.

Who is the course designed for?

Anyone who wants to be able to use Photoshop for creating images for print, web and presentation output and has a very limited or no knowledge of Photoshop.

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 at the end of the course. We use the Quickstart books as they are easy to read and find answers in without having to read a whole chapter.

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 basic understanding of your computer's operating system. For example, you should know how to launch an application, save files and do simple navigation between programs.

On Completion

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

- Explore Photoshop CS4
- Paint and retouch images
- Enhance an image and prepare it for print and web
- Work with layers and selections

Opening Images in Photoshop

- Exploring default workspace and Bridge
- Palette Management
- History Palette & Undoing
- Navigation shortcuts

Image Adjustments

- Modifying brightness & contrast
- Using variations for colour correction
- Colour adjustment palette
- Levels & curves
- Hue & saturation
- Converting colour to black & white
- Shadow & highlight tool to bring back shadow detail

Selections

- Creating selections using elliptical and rectangular tools
- Quick selections and lasso tools
- Adding and subtracting from selections
- Saving and reloading selections
- Transforming selections
- Feathering selections

Layers

- Creating and using layers
- Using Layer Comps
- Managing layers
- Multiple layer control
- Aligning and distributing layers
- Erasing and deleting from layers
- Varying layer transparency
- Exploring blend modes
- Applying layer effects eg, drop shadow

Transformations

- Transforming layers
- Free transform
- Transforming selections

Gradients, Colours, Patterns

- Fills and Gradients
- Match colours
- Fill and Gradient tools
- Patterns

Text

- Using the type tool
- Understanding basic typography
- Paragraph type
- Type on a path
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Retouching images

- Standard Brush tools
- Blend modes
- Toning and Smudge tools
- History brush
- Clone Stamp
- Healing brush
- Using and fading filters
- Gaussian and Lens blurs
- Unsharp Mask

Understanding File Formats

- For Print or the Web: which format?
- Using Camera Raw

Understanding Resolution

- Understanding resolutions for print and web
- Understanding digital camera resolutions