

Course outline:

Adobe After Effects introduction (two day)

Held over two days this entry-level course offers an introduction to the essential tools, techniques and operation of Adobe After Effects. Course requirements: Basic IT skills. No previous After Effects or video experience required.

Welcome to After Effects

- » What is AE
- » Project structure
- » Interface and palettes
- » Workspaces

Introducing animation

- » Essential techniques and a first After Effects project

Animation techniques

- » About keyframes
- » Anchor point essentials
- » The graph editor
- » Motion sketch
- » Orient and blur
- » Roving and hold
- » Separate dimensions

Layer control

- » Move, trim and slip
- » Split and sequence
- » Looping footage
- » Image sequences
- » Frame rate and time stretch
- » Blending modes, effects and solids

Effects overview

- » Finding and applying effects
- » Effects animation and animation presets
- » Adjustment layers
- » Layer styles

Working with transparency

- » Masks and mask animation
- » Masking with the pen tool
- » First vertex and path effects
- » Multiple masks and opacity
- » Rotobezier
- » Track mattes and stencils

Type and type animation

- » Working with type
- » Text on a path
- » Basic text animation
- » Text animation presets

Parenting and nesting

- » Introducing parenting
- » Nesting and pre-composing
- » Render order

Introducing expressions

- » Connecting with expressions
- » Essential expressions

Rendering

- » Render settings and the render que
- » Export options

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