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Getting Started

Adobe® Illustrator® is the industry-standard illustration program for print, multimedia, and online graphics. Whether you are a designer or a technical illustrator producing artwork for print publishing, an artist producing multimedia graphics, or a creator of Web pages or online content, the Adobe Illustrator program offers you the tools you need to get professional-quality results.

About Classroom in a Book

Adobe Illustrator CS Classroom in a Book® is part of the official training series for Adobe graphics and publishing software from Adobe Systems, Inc.

The lessons are designed so that you can learn at your own pace. If you're new to Adobe Illustrator, you'll learn the fundamentals you'll need to master to put the program to work. If you are an experienced user, you'll find that Classroom in a Book teaches many advanced features, including tips and techniques for using the latest version of Adobe Illustrator.

Although each lesson provides step-by-step instructions for creating a specific project, there's room for exploration and experimentation. You can follow the book from start to finish or do only the lessons that correspond to your interests and needs. Each lesson concludes with a review section summarizing what you've covered.

Prerequisites

Before beginning to use Adobe Illustrator CS Classroom in a Book, you should have a working knowledge of your computer and its operating system. Make sure you know how to use the mouse and standard menus and commands, and also how to open, save, and close files. If you need to review these techniques, see the printed or online documentation included with your Windows or Mac OS documentation.

Note: *When instructions differ by platform, Windows commands appear first, and then the Mac OS command, with the platform noted in parentheses. For example, “press Alt (Windows) or Option (Mac OS) and click away from the artwork.” Common commands may be further abbreviated with the Windows command first, followed by a slash and the Mac OS commands, without any parenthetical reference. For example, “press Alt/Option;” or Ctrl/Command-click.”*

Installing the program

Before you begin using Adobe Illustrator CS Classroom in a Book, make sure that your system is set up correctly and that you've installed the required software and hardware.

You must purchase the Adobe Illustrator CS software separately. For complete instructions on installing the software, see the "How to Install" Readme file on the application CD.

Installing the Classroom in a Book fonts

The Classroom in a Book lesson files use the fonts that installed with Adobe Illustrator CS. If it is necessary to reinstall these font files, you can perform a custom installation from your Adobe Illustrator software CD to reinstall only the fonts. See the "How to Install" Readme file on the application CD.

Copying the Classroom in a Book files

The Classroom in a Book CD includes folders containing all the electronic files for the lessons. Each lesson has its own folder. You must install these folders on your hard disk to use the files for the lessons. To save room on your hard disk, you can install the folders for each lesson as you need them.

To install the Classroom in a Book files:

- 1 Insert the Adobe Illustrator Classroom in a Book CD into your CD-ROM drive.
- 2 Create a folder on your hard disk and name it AICIB.
- 3 Do one of the following:
 - Copy the Lessons folder into the AICIB folder.
 - Copy only the single lesson folder you need.

Restoring default preferences

The preferences file controls how palettes and command settings appear on your screen when you open the Adobe Illustrator program. Each time you quit Adobe Illustrator, the position of the palettes and certain command settings are recorded in the preferences file. If you want to restore the tools and palettes to their original default settings, you

can delete the current Adobe Illustrator CS preferences file. (Adobe Illustrator creates a preferences file if one doesn't already exist the next time you start the program and save a file.)

You must then restore the default preferences for Illustrator before you begin each lesson. This ensures that the tools and palettes function as described in this book. When you have finished the book, you can restore your saved settings.

To save your current Illustrator preferences:

1 Exit Adobe Illustrator.

2 Locate the AI Prefs (Windows) or Adobe Illustrator CS Preferences (Mac OS), as follows.

- *In Windows, the AI Prefs is located in the Document and Settings\username\Application Data\Adobe\Adobe Illustrator CS Settings folder.*

Note: You may have to choose Folder Options from the Control panel to show hidden files to locate this preferences, from the Folder Options window click on Views. Check the radio button to the left of Show Hidden Files or Folders.


- *In Mac OS X, it is located in the Mac OS X\Users\Home\Library\Preferences\Adobe Illustrator CS Settings folder. An easy way to locate the preference file is to click on Home in the title bar of any open window in the Finder.*

Note: *If you cannot locate the preferences file use your operating systems Find command.*

If you can't find the file, either you haven't started Adobe Illustrator yet or you have moved the preference file. The preferences file is created after you quit the program the first time, and is updated thereafter.

3 Delete or rename the AI Prefs file (Windows) or Adobe Illustrator CS Prefs file (Mac OS).

4 Start Adobe Illustrator.

 *To locate and delete the Adobe Illustrator preferences file quickly each time you begin a new lesson, create a shortcut (Windows) or an alias (Mac OS) for the Illustrator CS Settings folder.*

To restore your saved settings after completing the lessons:

- 1 Exit Adobe Illustrator.
- 2 Drag the preference file from the desktop back into the Adobe Illustrator Settings folder.
- 3 In the warning dialog box that appears, confirm you'll replace the existing file.

***Note:** You can rename the preferences file with your current settings, rather than moving it or throwing it away. To restore your current settings when you have finished the lessons, change the preferences filename back. Exit Illustrator, and return the renamed preferences file to the Illustrator CS Settings folder.*

Additional resources

Adobe Illustrator CS Classroom in a Book is not meant to replace documentation that comes with the program. Only the commands and options used in the lessons are explained in this book. For comprehensive information about program features, refer to these resources:

- Online Help, which you can view by choosing Help > Illustrator Help. (For more information, see Lesson 1, “Getting to Know the Work Area.”)
- Training and support resources on the Adobe Web site (www.adobe.com), which you can view by choosing Help > Online Support if you have a connection to the World Wide Web.

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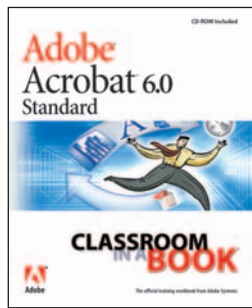
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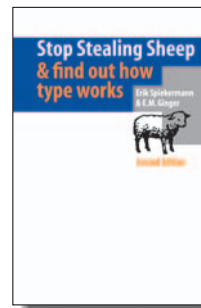
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