

DIG3118

Digital Graphic Design

Objectives

- **Learn about layers and artboards**
- **Learn transform tools**
- **Learn align and distribute tools**
- **Set-up doc for exercise 2**
- **Saving files for submission of exercise 2**

Using Layers In Illustrator

We've discussed stacking order of objects in Illustrator, and want to go to the next level. The Adobe programs offer a solution called layers which can help you organize complex files and allows you to be more productive.

- **Create new layers**
- **Hide/show layers, lock, select objects on layers and move between layers**

Using Artboards in Illustrator

Illustrator allows you to create multiple pages within a single document. This is great for small multi-page documents as well as experimenting with layouts and personally I use it when designing logos.

- Option drag elements to these new pages

Setting up your document for exercise 2

Your submission will include 2 pages with 2 layouts per page (a total of 4 layouts).

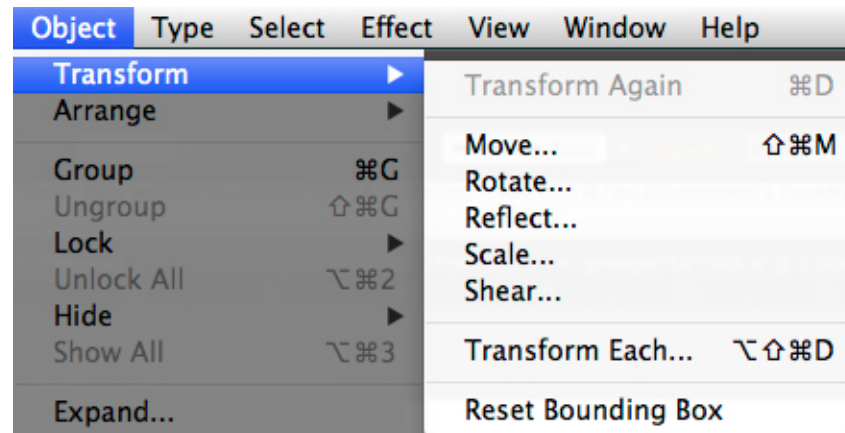
The demo will show you how to use these new tools.

Transforming tools

Illustrator provides a very accurate method of cloning and altering objects.

Menu OBJECT>TRANSFORM

- Move
- Rotate
- Reflect
- Scale
- Shear



TRANSFORM EACH

Allows you to make several changes to selected objects @ one time

Align and Distribute

Another time saving tool allow you to align objects and distribute objects based on their position to each other.

The demo will show how this can be a very quick method of creating repetition in your layouts and precisely align objects on the canvas.

Align Horizontal

Align Vertical

Distribute Vertical

Distribute Horizontal

Reference point

