

Adobe Illustrator (AI) Tool Bar and Windows

only the most commonly used features of AI that we will be using this semester is covered on this cheat sheet



selection tool (v) - used to select an element from a layout (creates a bounding box around element)

direct selection tool (a) - Selects a single anchor point instead of the whole shape. Used for editing anchor point of a shape. Click once on a point to select and hold Shift to select multiple anchor points.

pen tool (p) - used for creating custom shapes/outlines similar to Photoshop

type tool (t)- used for creating text

line tool - creates straight lines (lines can be adjusted for thickness and style - ie: dotted or dashed)

shape tool - creates shapes similar to Photoshop (rectangle tool - M); (ellipse tool - L)

brush tool (b)

pencil tool (n)

rotate/reflect tool (r) - used to rotate or reflect (mirror) an element or image

scale tool (s) - used to scale an element or image (like PS, use SHIFT to maintain proportion)

warp tool (SHIFT - r)

free transform tool (e)

eye dropper tool (i) - copies attributes of one object and applies it to another - ie: color, fill/stroke, font

hand tool (h or hold down space bar) - allows you to move around the canvas

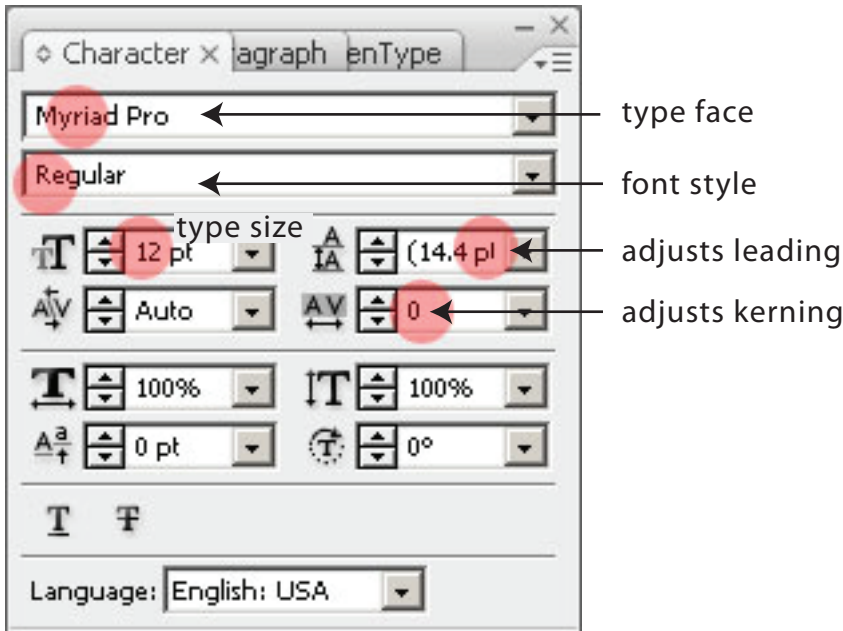
zoom tool (z) - allows you to zoom in and out like in PS

fill/stroke color - fill is the solid color, stroke is the outline or border color of a shape

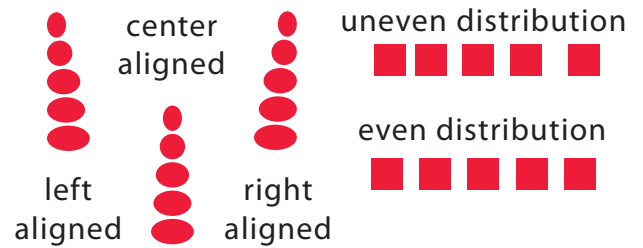
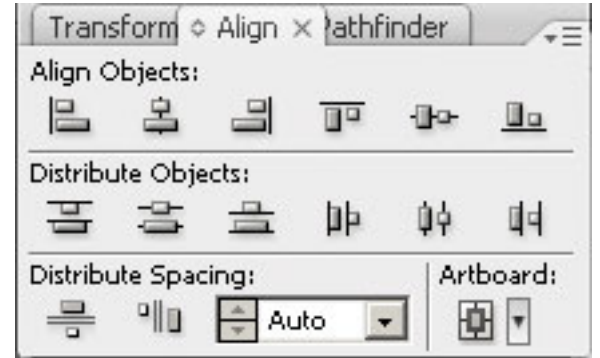
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vector graphic : image created with software that uses geometrical formulas to represent images. The other method for representing graphical images is through bit maps, in which the image is composed of a pattern of dots or pixels (think: photograph in Photoshop). Vector-oriented images are more flexible than bit maps because they can be resized and stretched without losing file information.

Character (type) tool box



Align properties



Stroke (line) properties

