Illustrator Basics

Go to mrsudink.weebly.com & click on Design & Visual Communication tab & then the Illustrator Basics tab. Follow along the handout and the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DUlbHdgseX0&list=PLMEJwsFIGdTHIpFUdbqLz54rVXn0eckKu&index=2

Create an artboard that will demonstrate and illustrate you tried each task.

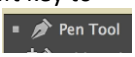
1 Open file

-click file new & ok

-It should say 612pt width & 792pt height

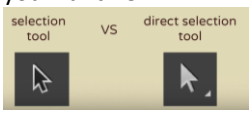
2 Selection tool

-click the pen tool & create a rectangle. Hold shift key to create strait lines.



-**A**nchor **P**oints (**AP**)

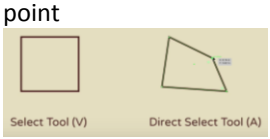
-Add an AP: P & +, click where you want new AP



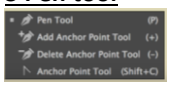
-Black arrow V: drag to size & where

-White arrow A: can drag corners & reshape

-Can click & drag a rectangle to select more than one anchor point



3 Pen tool



-delete an AP: P & _, click AP you want to delete

-cut a path open: select AP & delete

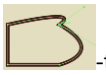
-close a path: Hover over AP until slanted line appears.

click on closing AP when circle appears

to close the path. You can also add more anchor points before closing your path.

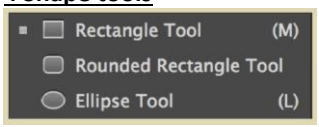
-Curves: select pen tool, hold clicker down on an anchor point, hold shift & C (then let go)click AP & drag handles out.

-To break handles: click AP & drag



-to undo this: click A tool, click middle AP and drag handles out again

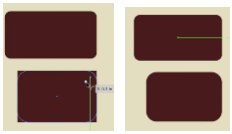
4 Shape tools



-Rectangle: M & click/drag

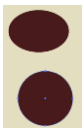
-Square: hold shift as you click/drag

-Rounded rectangle: click on it, or make a rectangle and click and drag circles when hovering over corners



-Ellipses L: click & drag

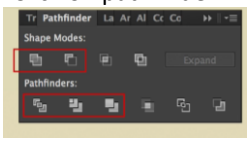
-Circle: hold shift as you drag



5 Pathfinder tools

-Click on windows (top)

-Click on pathfinder



-Select two overlapping shapes & click the the shape mode:

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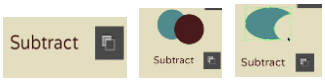
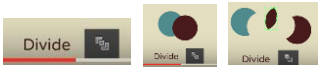


-Double click a shape to drag it away from each other.



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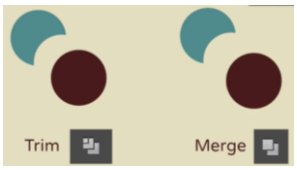

6 Pathfinder tools

-No color fill, just outline

-Trim & merge: Both paths have fill & same fill for 2 overlapping paths

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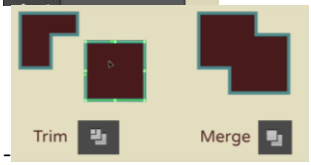
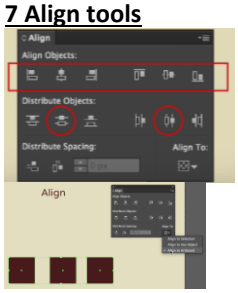
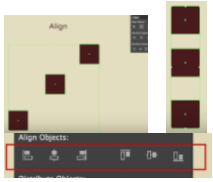


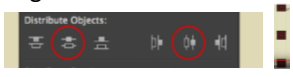
7 Align tools



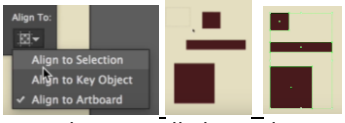
-Click, drag & select the paths you want to align. Click the one of the top 6 alignment tools to the desired alignment:



-Distribution paths will divide alignments at equal distances. Click, drag and select alignments. Click one:



-Align to selection will align to what you select, rather than the entire artboard.



-Distribution will align selection equally

8 To turn it in

-Save your file in your M drive as 1 and your name. for example: 1Bobby Jenson

-Drag the file into your google student drive with a new folder that you label design & visual communications.

-To turn it in finished, share it to my google drive: brudink@wsdstudent.net

Your google drive

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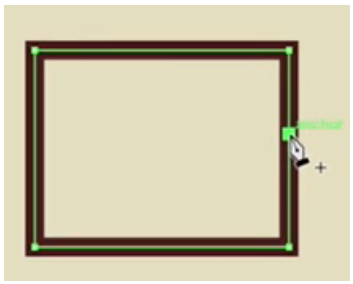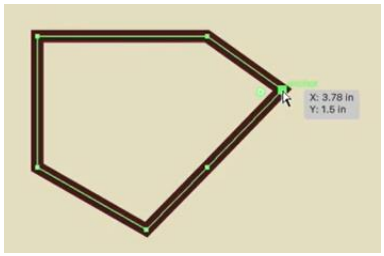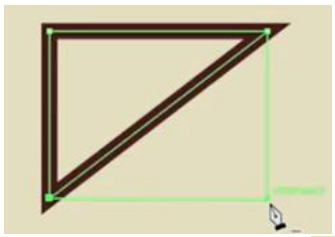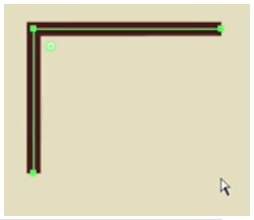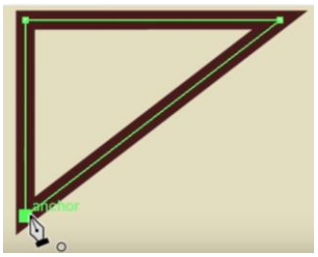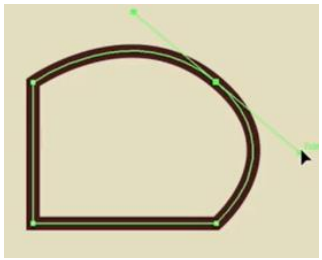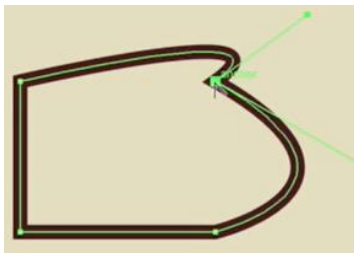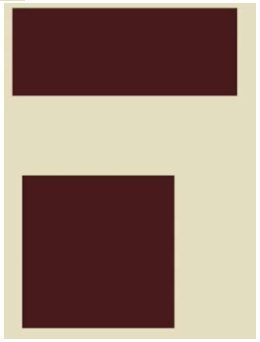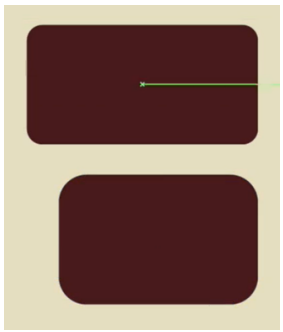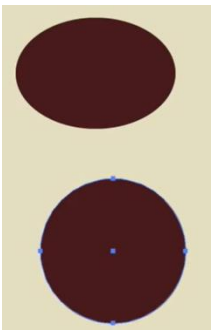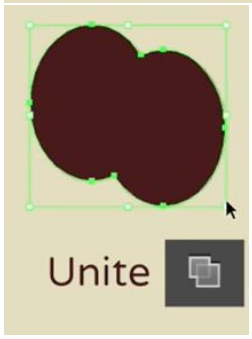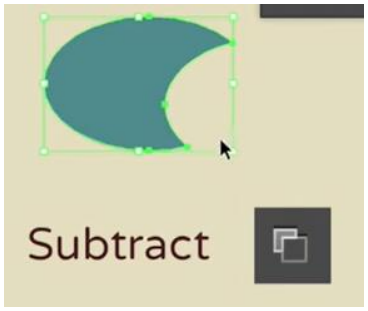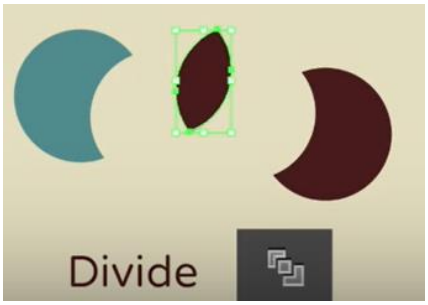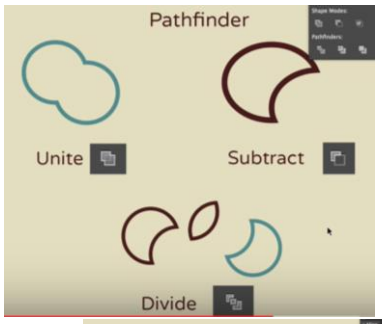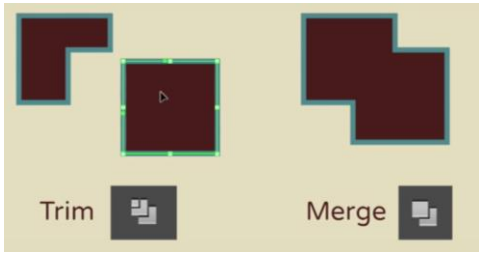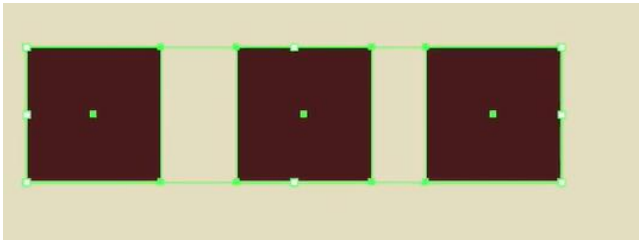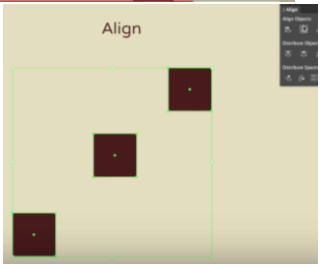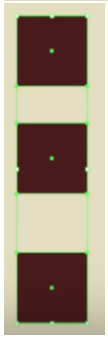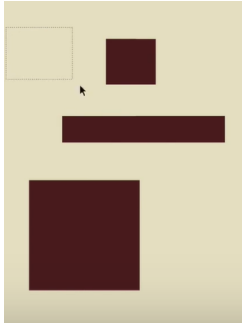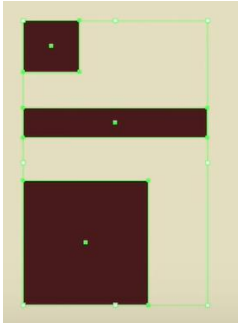
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