

Prioritized Photoshop skills

I. Interface & Navigation

Windows (history, layers, colors)

Zoom tool, Pan, View fit to window, shortcuts for zoom in and out

Organization of the toolbox (see the link for Phil's handout)

II. Photo correction

Photo cropping, rotating

Retouching w/ levels

Resizing vs. resampling,

Filter > Distort > Lens Correction

Save for Web: JPG loses information vs. GIF reduces colors PNG not quite universal

III. Selection tools

Select menu > All, Deselect, Inverse

Magic wand, Rectangular frame

Shift key to add to a selection set

Alt key to subtract

IV. Creation tools

Fill, Gradient Fill

Vector shapes

Text

V. Editing tools:

Geometric transformation

i.e. Rotate, Mirror, Distort, Filter > Vanishing Point

VI. Organizing tools:

layers

(rulers, guides)

(layer masks, quick mask, alpha channels)

VII. Pixel transformations

Filters,

(Layer blends)