

Adobe CS Project

Lesson 4 Instructions

Using Styles

Styles are a powerful tool in Adobe Photoshop. Using pre-set styles, you can quickly apply fantastic visual effects to any object. Using the Layer Style dialog box, you can create custom styles with pronounced effects.

To Prepare:

Download this file from the Adobe Project web page:
design.psd

Create a folder called **Adobe Lesson 4**; put the file in that folder

Save the new images that you create in the same folder

Open the **Public** folder on the 5th floor (classroom) computer lab at NIC

Open the CPS100 folder.

Open the Graphics Project folder.

Find the **artcom.asl** file. If you need to take it with you, go ahead and make a copy.

I. Watch the **Style Basics** video.

II. Open Adobe Photoshop CS6

III. Make sure your Styles palette is open

A. Check the number of style buttons. If there are more than a hundred buttons, then you can skip to part IV. If there are only 20 buttons, then you must do the following steps.

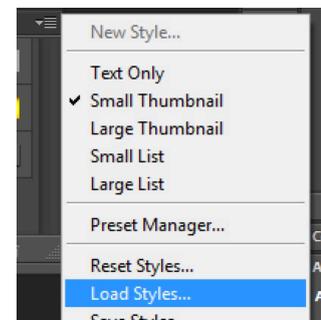
B. In the Styles palette, click on the menu button at the top right of the palette.

C. In the list that comes down, select "Load Styles..."

D. Navigate to the place you can find the file **artcom.asl**; if you are in the NIC lab, it is in the Public folder, as described above. (NOTE: the file is large, about 300 MB).

E. Click "Load." In a few moments, the added styles will appear in the Styles palette.

F. You now have the extra styles needed.



IV. Watch the **Using Styles in Photoshop** video

A. Make sure you downloaded the **design.psd** file, and put it in your **Adobe Lesson 4** folder

B. Open the design.psd file in Photoshop CS6

C. Click on the different layers and assign different styles, as shown in the video

V. Create Five JPG files based on interesting style combinations.

A. Try to find five really interesting style combinations for both the "Bottom" and "design" layers. Find a combination of styles that looks very cool to you

B. **NOTE: ignore the video when it gives you instructions about where to save your resulting files.**

C. Save **FIVE** different results, five different combinations of backgrounds and text styles, in your **Adobe Lesson 4** folder. Make sure that you do not use the

same style twice. Name each file "**yourname-design01.jpg**" to "**yourname-design05.jpg**" and save each one in the lesson 4 folder.

- D. The second half of the video is not necessary for you to do, but shows you a few interesting tricks with the styles.

THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED, BUT IS NOT IN THE VIDEO!

VI. Create Your Own Original Style

- A. First, close "design.psd" and **do not save** it.
- B. Next, open the same file again. It should appear as it did at the beginning—white background, black text.
- C. **Do not use the Style palette.** Instead, you will create a new style.
- D. In the **Layers** palette, double-click on a blank area on the right side of a layer bar. This will open up the **Layer Style** dialog box.
- E. Play around! Activate a style effect by clicking on the checkbox to the left of the effect. Change the style by selecting the effect bar, then playing with the settings in each one. (You can see me doing this between 6:00 and 6:45 in the second video). **NOTE:** some effects will not be visible if other effects are used. For example, if the "Color Overlay" is used, then neither the "Gradient Overlay" nor the "Patter Overlay" will be visible. **NOTE:** interesting effects can be found by playing with the **Size**, **Contour**, and color settings in various effects!
- F. After you find an interesting combination with one layer, click "OK" in the Layer Style dialog box, then double-click on the other layer bar, and play around with that until you get another style you like, then click "OK."
- G. Once you have found interesting styles for both layers, **save the result.** In the File menu, select "Save for web," and save the file in the Adobe Lesson 4 folder, with the filename "**yourname-original.jpg**"
- H. Close the original document (do not save).

VII. Quit Photoshop.

When finished, you should have an **Adobe Lesson 4** folder with 7 images inside:

- (1) The one file I provided (design.psd);
- (5) the five images after you adjusted the styles (yourname-design01.jpg ~ yourname-design05.jpg); and
- (1) the original styles version named "yourname-original.jpg".

Make sure to back up this folder!