

Introduction to Digital Media

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Hardware Used:

Operating System: Windows 10
Memory: 8GB Ram
Graphics Card: Intel Graphics 530
Processor: Intel I5

Software Used:

Adobe Photoshop CC 2015

Project links:

This is the Project link before peer evaluation:

https://srhmajors.neocities.org/Majors_banner_before.jpg

This is the Project link after peer evaluation:

https://srhmajors.neocities.org/Majors_banner_after.jpg

https://srhmajors.neocities.org/Majors_icon.gif

Project Description:

Banner

Background Image:

1. Open Photoshop
2. Go to File → Open → Choose background file (I had previously saved the background file I wanted to use to my desktop)
3. To resize and crop the back ground go to Image → Canvas Size
4. In the pop up screen you need to change inches to pixels and then change the numbers to 1000 x 400

Banner Text:

5. To add text, you first need to add a new layer. Rename your layer “text” by clicking on the word layer 1 and then changing it.
6. Click on the T button, then drag on the background photo where you would like your text to be. You can click at the top to change the font, size or color of your text. Click in the box and type your text.
7. Click on the lock button to keep your text from moving around as you are adding the other layers.

Foreground Image 1 (Photo uses masking and gradient tool):

8. File → Open → Chose the foreground image you wish to use (I had previously saved the foreground file I wanted to use to my desktop)
9. Zoom your photo in to 200%
10. Click on the magnetic lasso tool → Go around the entire outside of your photo. When finished double click when you finish.
11. Go to Edit → Cut
12. Go back to your background image.
13. Create a new layer. Rename your layer “baby” by clicking on the word layer 1 and then changing it.
14. Go to Edit → Paste
15. Now you can drag the photo around the screen and put it where you want it at.
16. Add a mask layer.
17. Ensure that the mask layer is selected, Select Gradient tool.
18. Select foreground to transparent
19. Drag from the top of the photo to the bottom of the photo and it will apply the gradient.
20. Click on the lock button to keep your photo from moving around as you are adding the last layer

Foreground Image 2 (Photo uses masking and overlaps the first photo):

21. File → Open → Chose the foreground image you wish to use (I had previously saved the foreground file I wanted to use to my desktop)
22. Zoom your photo in to 200%
23. Click on the magnetic lasso tool → Go around the entire outside of your photo. When finished double click when you finish.
24. Go to Edit → Cut
25. Go back to your background image.
26. Create a new layer. Rename your layer “Family” by clicking on the word layer 1 and then changing it.
27. Go to Edit → Paste
28. Now you can drag the photo around the screen and put it where you want it at. You want to ensure the photos overlap.
29. Choose the eraser tool (you can make the eraser tool larger or smaller as needed) and erase around the edges to smooth out the image.

Save:

30. Save your work, go to File → Save As → Name your file and save it as a .PSD file
31. Now you need to save it as a JPG file. go to File → Save As → Name your file and save it as a .JPG file

Icon

Sizing:

1. Open Photoshop
2. Go to File → Open → Choose photo file (I had previously saved the photo file I wanted to use to my desktop)
3. Go to Image → Image Size → You need to look at the smallest common denominator. My image size was Width: 1000, Height: 897. So I changed the height to 100. Doing that changed my width to 111. Still not small enough.
4. Go to Image → Canvas Size → change inches to pixels and change the width to 100.

5. Zoom the photo so you can see what you are working with.

Crop out the background:

6. Create a new layer, rename this layer “Foreground”

7. Click on the magnetic lasso tool → Go around the entire outside of your photo. When finished double click when you finish.

8. Go to Edit → Cut (It is very important that you have the original layer selected or you will get an error message).

9. Go to your new layer and paste.

10. Delete the original layer that you started with.

11. Create a new layer

12. Rename the new layer that you just created “Transparency”

Contains only 3 colors:

13. Go to Image → Mode → Indexed Color, It will ask you if you want to merge colors, choose ok.

14. Change the colors to 4 (Photoshop counts transparency as a color).

15. Choose Custom under Forced. Click on the colors shown to change the colors to the colors you would like. I chose 3 different blue colors since that matched my banner image of the sky background.

16. You can play around with the matte and dither choices to find something you like.

Save:

17. Save your work, go to File → Save As → Name your file and save it as a .PSD file

18. Now you need to save it as a JPG file. go to File → Save As → Name your file and save it as a .GIF file. When the pop up box appears, choose interlaced.

Peer Evaluation Feedback:

Peer 1: Tanya Deering ensured that I met all the requirements on the rubric and said that she liked my banner.

Peer 2: Brian Gibson also liked my banner and appreciated all the time it took to use the magnetic lasso tool to cut out the family.

Peer Review discussion: I was happy to hear that both Brian and Tanya liked my banner and that Tanya ensured I met all the rubric requirements. However, I was disappointed that neither of them gave me anything I could improve on. So I read through some of the constructive criticism on other posts and used that to help improve my banner. I used the eraser tool to better clean up the edges around the family. Additionally, I changed the font of the text that I have on my banner. I think it looks more professional. This project really stretched my learning, I had never really used Photoshop. The videos were such a helpful tool along with YouTube. I learned that there is so much one can do in Photoshop that I never even knew was possible.

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Screen shot:

