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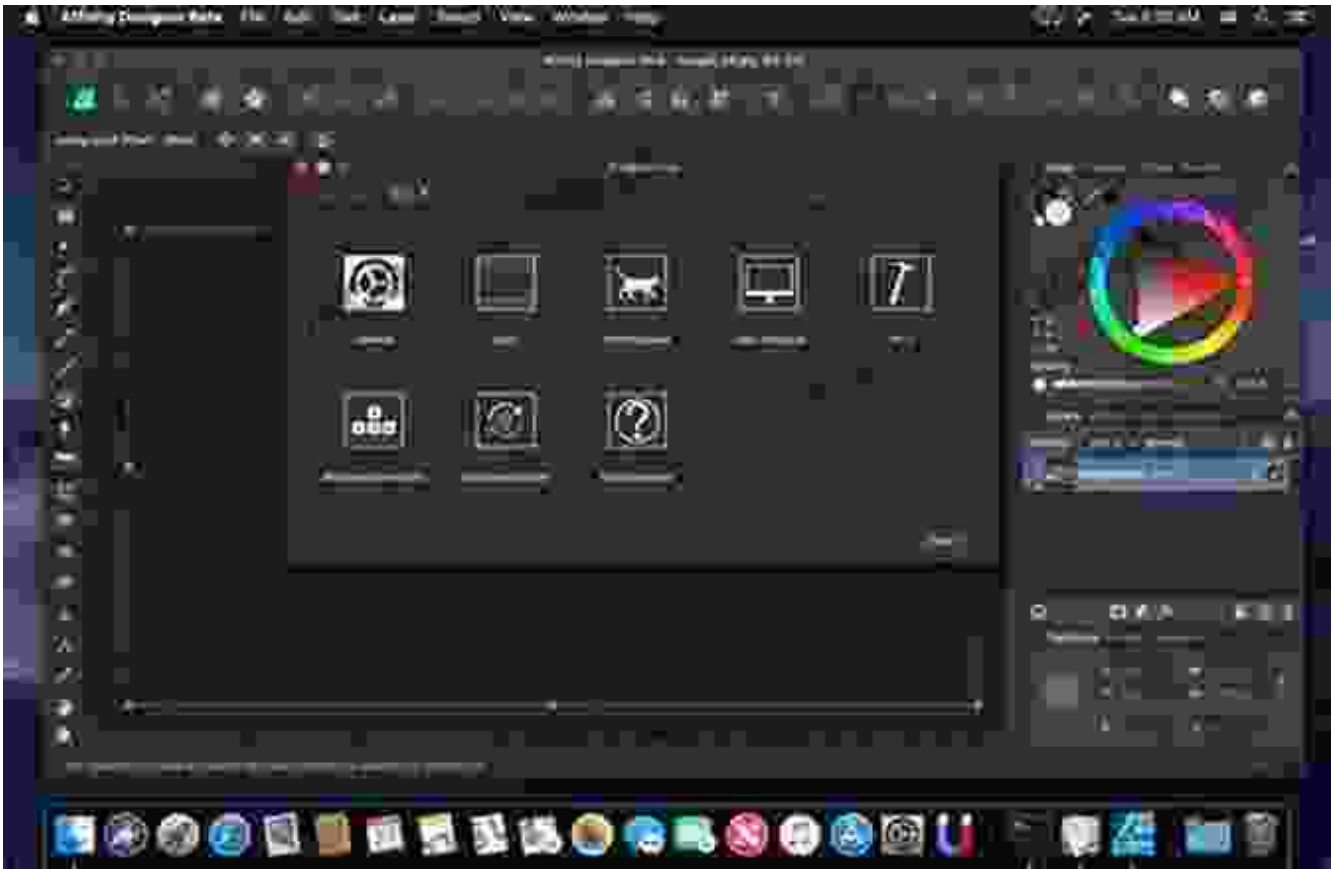


Affinity Designer is a powerful and affordable vector graphics editor that is quickly becoming popular among both professional and amateur designers. It offers a wide range of features and tools that are perfect for creating logos, illustrations, icons, and other types of vector art.

If you're new to Affinity Designer, don't worry! This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to get up and running quickly.

Getting Started

The first step is to download and install Affinity Designer. You can do this from the Serif website. Once you have installed the software, launch it and you will be presented with the following interface:



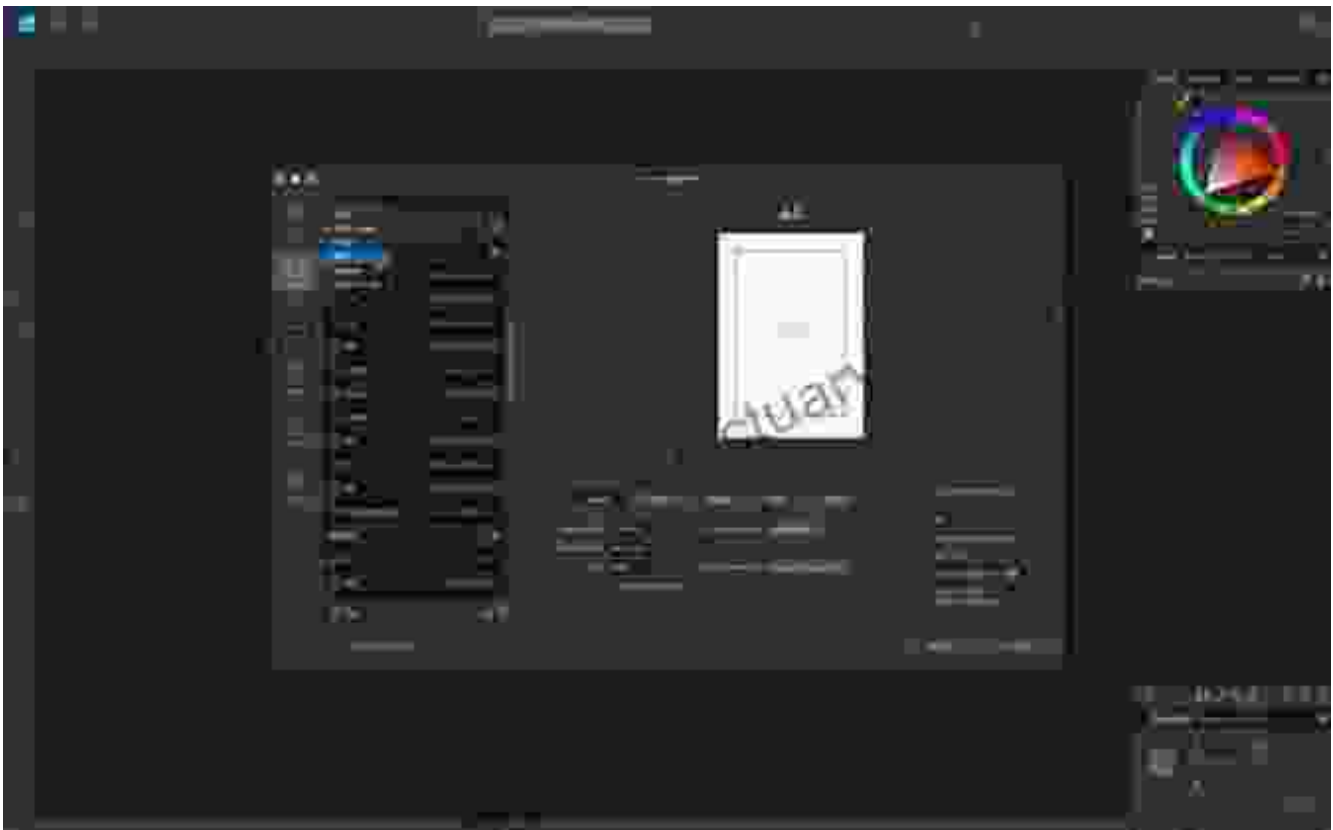
The interface is divided into the following main areas:

- **Toolbar:** The toolbar contains a variety of tools that you can use to create and edit your designs.
- **Document window:** The document window is where you will create and edit your designs.
- **Layers panel:** The layers panel allows you to organize your designs into different layers.
- **Transform panel:** The transform panel allows you to transform your designs by rotating, scaling, and skewing them.

- **Color panel:** The color panel allows you to select and apply colors to your designs.

Creating a New Document

To create a new document, click on the "File" menu and select "New". You will then be presented with the following dialog box:



In the "New Document" dialog box, you can specify the following settings:

- **Document size:** The width and height of your document.
- **Document orientation:** The orientation of your document (portrait or landscape).
- **Background color:** The background color of your document.

- **Resolution:** The resolution of your document (in pixels per inch).

Once you have specified the desired settings, click on the "OK" button to create your new document.

Using the Tools

Affinity Designer offers a wide range of tools that you can use to create and edit your designs. The most commonly used tools are located in the toolbar. These tools include:

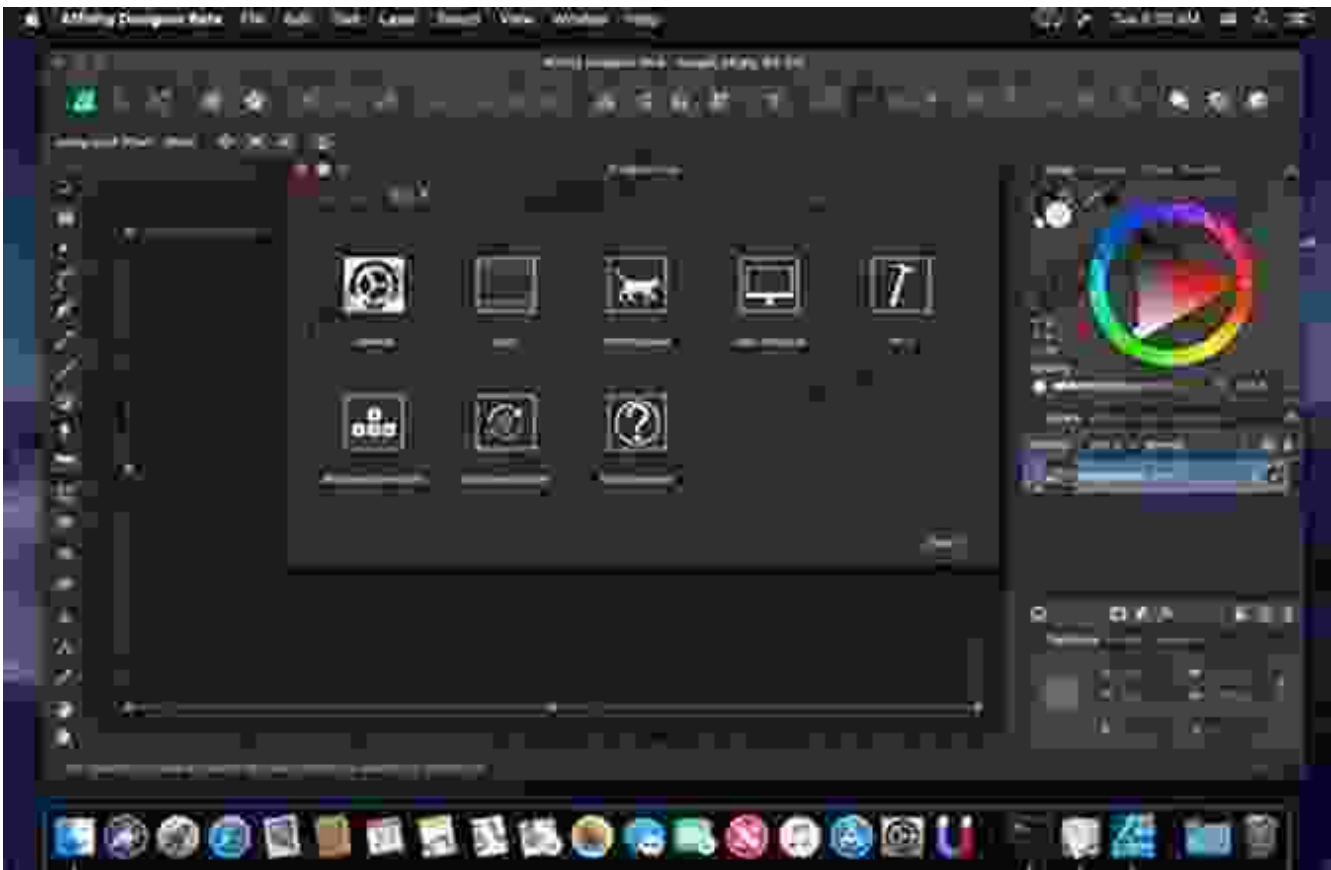
- **Pen tool:** The pen tool is used to create paths.
- **Node tool:** The node tool is used to edit paths.
- **Shape tool:** The shape tool is used to create basic shapes.
- **Selection tool:** The selection tool is used to select objects.
- **Move tool:** The move tool is used to move objects.
- **Zoom tool:** The zoom tool is used to zoom in and out of your designs.
- **Eyedropper tool:** The eyedropper tool is used to sample colors.

To use a tool, simply click on its icon in the toolbar. You can then use the tool to click and drag on the canvas to create or edit your designs.

Working with Layers

Layers are a powerful way to organize your designs. You can use layers to group different elements of your design together, such as the background, the foreground, and the text. This makes it easy to edit and manage your designs.

To create a new layer, click on the "Layers" panel and then click on the "New Layer" button.



You can then drag and drop objects from one layer to another to organize your designs.

Transforming Objects

The transform panel allows you to transform objects by rotating, scaling, and skewing them.

To transform an object, first select the object. Then, click on the "Transform" panel. You can then use the controls in the transform panel to rotate, scale, or skew the object.



Applying Colors

The color panel allows you to select and apply colors to your designs.

To apply a color, first select the object that you want to color. Then, click on the "Color" panel. You can then use the color picker to select a color.



You can also use the color panel to create and manage color swatches.

This guide has provided you with a quick overview of the basics of Affinity Designer. With a little practice, you will be able to master this powerful software and create amazing vector graphics.

Here are some additional resources that you may find helpful:

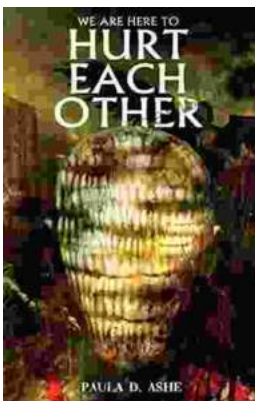
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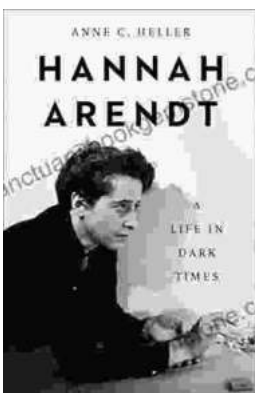


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