CARTOGRAPHY IN CREATIVE CLOUD

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PUTTING IT TOGETHER

ASSEMBLING LAYERS IN ILLUSTRATOR & PHOTOSHOP

Vector and raster layers put together in Adobe Photoshop.



PHOTOSHOP OR ILLUSTRATOR?

Putting together your adjusted layers can be done in either software, but Illustrator is usually preferred. This map was assembled in Photoshop simply because the raster layer effects are the main focus of the map.

FILE FORMATS

Options to save or export to myriad file formats is a key function in Creative Cloud. See sidebar for tips on best use of popular formats.



A WORD ON FILE FORMATS

JPG

Useful for print or web, important to remember the resolution for best use. (300 dpi for print; 72 dpi for web). Jpgs appear as a flattened file, showing the background in white.

PNG

Portable network graphics are relatively new, and a great alternative to jpgs. Background appears as transparent.

ΔΙ

Adobe Illustrator vector file, used for professionally printing, and excellent for import into final layout software.

PDF

Portable document file is a good option for general use but can appear distorted when viewed on-screen