

Re: Publisher training (canada)

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Thank you for the advice. I do agree that the best way to learn any software is to use it ... and i taught software courses for many years. I've been using publisher since i was in my pre-teens and making banners on dot matrix printers (well, maybe that was the print shop, but you get the idea) The reason i asked about certification is that my employeer will pay for me to take courses, but leans towards ones that have some sort of certification. ALternatively, perhaps theres an advanced book i can buy.

Substituting and copy/pasting formats and non registered graphics is what led my boss to tell me to take a course to begin with ... the things you paste usually need to be adjusted for size etc., as as a result, never seem to have the professioanl clarity we want. I considered software such as Corel designer or Adobe Illustrator to improve my work, but i never WILL be a great designer, as i really have NO visual artistic ability. I was hoping to learn about more advanced features that i might not be aware of in Publisher that would improve my presentation of documentation. (for example, i've never used layering properly, although i learned a lot attempting to use it to create a sidebar for every page on my last project)

"Mike Koewler" wrote:

- > A basic question – why care about certification? I have been publishing
- > a weekly newspaper for nearly nine years and I'm not certified. But I've
- > received material from ad agencies that is anything but
- > professional-level work.
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- > The best way to learn publisher (or any other program) is to use it,
- > especially if your work is going to published in-house and not taken to
- > a professional printer. Take a look at the wizards – if you find
- > something that looks close to what you want (even if it is just a part
- > of the wizard), copy/paste it to your page. Look in magazines,
- > newspapers, trade journals and recreate their works, substituting your
- > own information. Take a look at a manual, whether it is for Pub or some
- > other program. See how styles and layouts look.
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- > The help files will tell you how to use the various features and tools
- > in Pub but I don't know of any books that can turn you into a great
- > designer, especially just be reading them.

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> HTH,
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> Mike
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> technical writer in Toronto wrote:
>> and here i was thinking i was asking a public forum for help <slaps forehead>
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>> "Mary Sauer" wrote:
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>>>How will you ever know? This gorup (sic) is keeping its secrets.
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>>>Mary Sauer MSFT MVP
>>><http://office.microsoft.com/>
>>><http://msauer.mvps.org/>
>>><news://msnews.microsoft.com>
>>>"technical writer in Toronto" <technical writer in Toronto@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
>>>wrote in message <news:BC950A11-FE8C-4328-A208-F71D2F3873C7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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>>>>Is there any such thing as Puclisher certification? I am a techncial writer
>>>>and looking for basic graphics or publishing course.certification. I don't
>>>>check gorups, so if anyone has info in the next couple of days, could you
>>>>email me at munan@xxxxxxxxxx
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