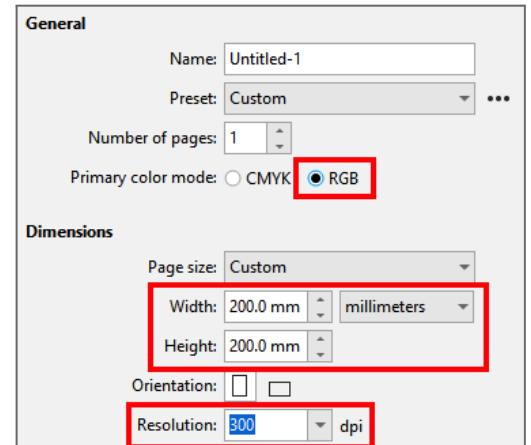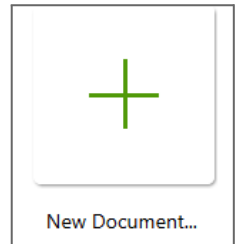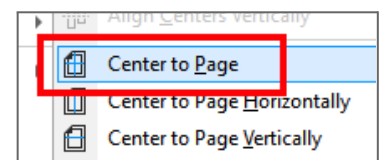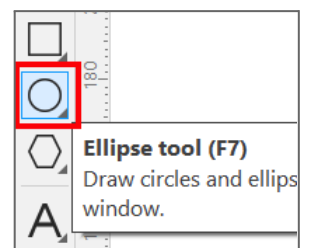# Creating a simple logo in Corel Draw

Corel Draw can be used to create vector graphics

1. Open **Corel Draw**

2. Create a **New Document** by clicking on the green plus sign

3. Change the settings as shown in the screenshot:

    a. **IMPORTANT:** primary colour mode set to RGB

    b. width **200mm**

    c. height **200mm**

    d. resolution **300dpi**

4. Click **OK** to create the new document

Draw a circle

5. On the **left toolbar**, click the **Ellipse Tool**

6. **Hold down** the **Control key** on the keyboard (bottom left) and draw a circle big enough to fill most of the canvas
   The control key makes sure you get a perfect circle

7. On the **left toolbar**, switch to the **Pick Tool** – the arrow at the top of the toolbar

8. At the top, click **Object** > **Align and Distribute** > choose **Center to Page**
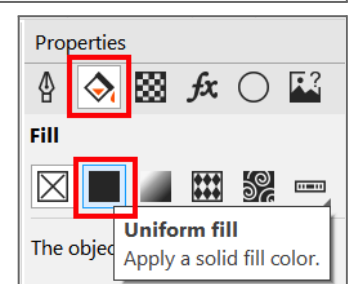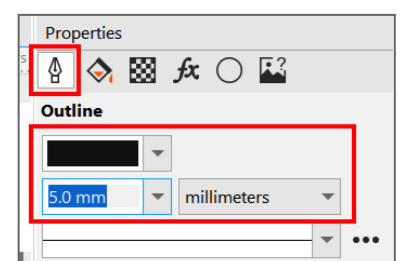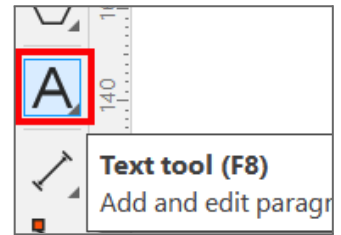   This will get the circle exactly in the centre of the page

Adding colour

So far you have a circle with a thin black outline, called a stroke

9. On the **right** of the screen, click on the **Properties tab**

10. Make sure you're clicked on the **Outline icon**. This lets you control the **stroke** – the outline of the circle

11. Make the **width** of the outline **5mm** – use the drop down

12. At the **top** of the **right sidebar**, click the **Fill icon** (paint tin)

13. Select the **Uniform Fill** icon
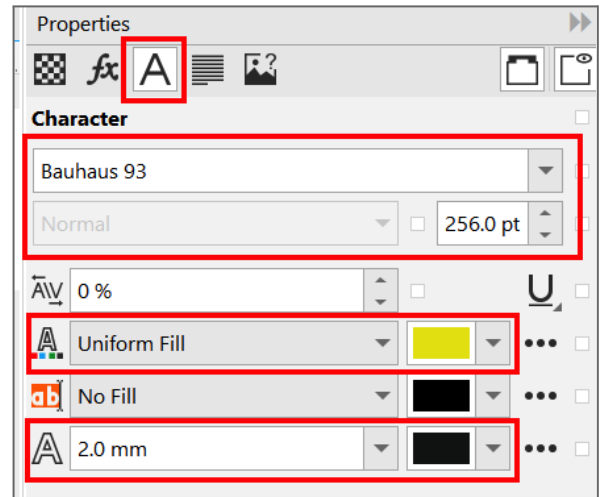
14. Change the colour to **red**

Adding text

15. On the **left toolbar**, choose the **Text Tool** – it looks like an A

16. **Click** somewhere in the circle and type the letters BST

17. **Highlight** the text

18. You can format the text on the **right sidebar**:

    a. choose a **thick font**

    b. make the **size bigger** – I had to go to 256pt. Just type a number

    c. change the **Uniform fill** colour to something that will work well on red

    d. change the **Outline colour** to black and the **width** to something like **2.0mm**
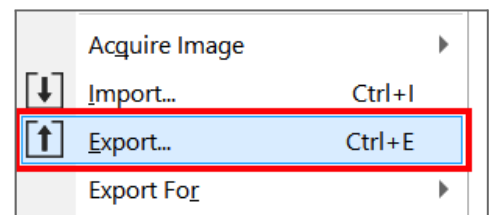
19. Use the **Pick Tool** to drag the text into position

    You might want to centre it on the page

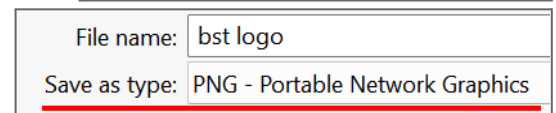   – **Object** > **Align and Distribute** > **Center to Page**

Saving your work

20. At the top, click **File** > **Save As** and save your work using a sensible filename

    BUT this saves the work as a Corel Draw file. You can't use it anywhere else

    To use your work, you'll need to **export it**

21. Click **File** > **Export** (2/3rds of the way down)

22. From the **Save as type** drop down, choose **PNG** and export the file with a sensible name, Make sure that **transparency** is ticked

23. Now try exporting it as an **SVG** file – a scalable vector graphic

Using your logo

Try using your logo in a PowerPoint document

- use a **solid background colour** on the page to check for transparency

- insert the image – use **Insert** > **Pictures** > **This Device**