Using Vector Graphics – Dee's Decks logo

Get the file

- Download the ZIP file. This will go into your Downloads folder, so move it into your OneDrive
- Right click on the ZIP file > choose Extract All > click Extract when the pop up appears

This will extract the files so that you can use them

There are three files:

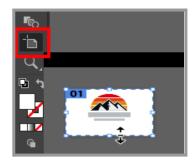
- a PNG file a bitmap image which is too small. It will pixelate if you try to make it bigger
- an Encapsulated PostScript file this is a vector graphic. This is the one you want to use
- a PDF licence file ignore this for now

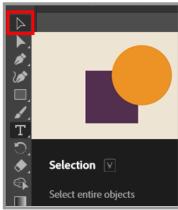
Open the file

3. Double click on the Encapsulated PostScript file to open it in Adobe Illustrator

Make the image bigger

- 4. On the <u>left toolbar</u>, find the **Artboard Tool** it's towards the bottom
- Drag the Artboard (the canvas) out from one of the corners to make it a bit bigger (not too much!)
- 6. On the <u>left toolbar</u>, switch to the **Selection Tool** the top arrow
- At the <u>top</u>, click <u>Select > Select All</u>
 This selects all the parts of the image
- 8. **IMPORTANT:** hold **SHIFT** down to stop the image distorting
- 9. Drag the image out from a corner to make it bigger

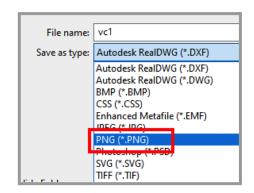


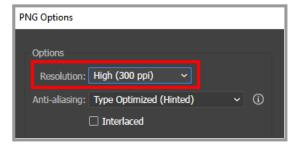


Save and export

To use the image, you'll need to export it

- 10. Save your image first File > Save As
- 11. Now click File > Export
- 12. **IMPORTANT:** Choose a **PNG file type** from the <u>drop</u> <u>down</u>
- 13. VERY IMPORTANT: Change the quality of the image to High (300ppi) important for sending to a commercial printer
- 14. Click **Export** to export the file give it an easy to spot name and check where you're saving it



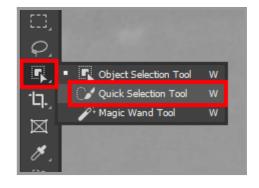


Open the image in Photoshop

- 15. Open **Photoshop**
- 16. File > Open > find the PNG file that you exported and open it
- 17. Click Image > Image size to check the size and resolution of the image

Background transparency

18. You may have to remove the white background.
Use the Quick Selection Tool or Magic Wand Tool to do this. Both are underneath the Object Selection
Tool



Adding text

19. Use the **Text Tool** to add text. You'll need to make it big and think about the typeface, size and colour

Try adding **layer styles** to the text

Other things to do:

- 20. Use **adjustment layers** (Layer > New Adjustment Layer) to change the colour of the image or to edit it in other ways
- 21. Add another image to the base image to create a more interesting logo