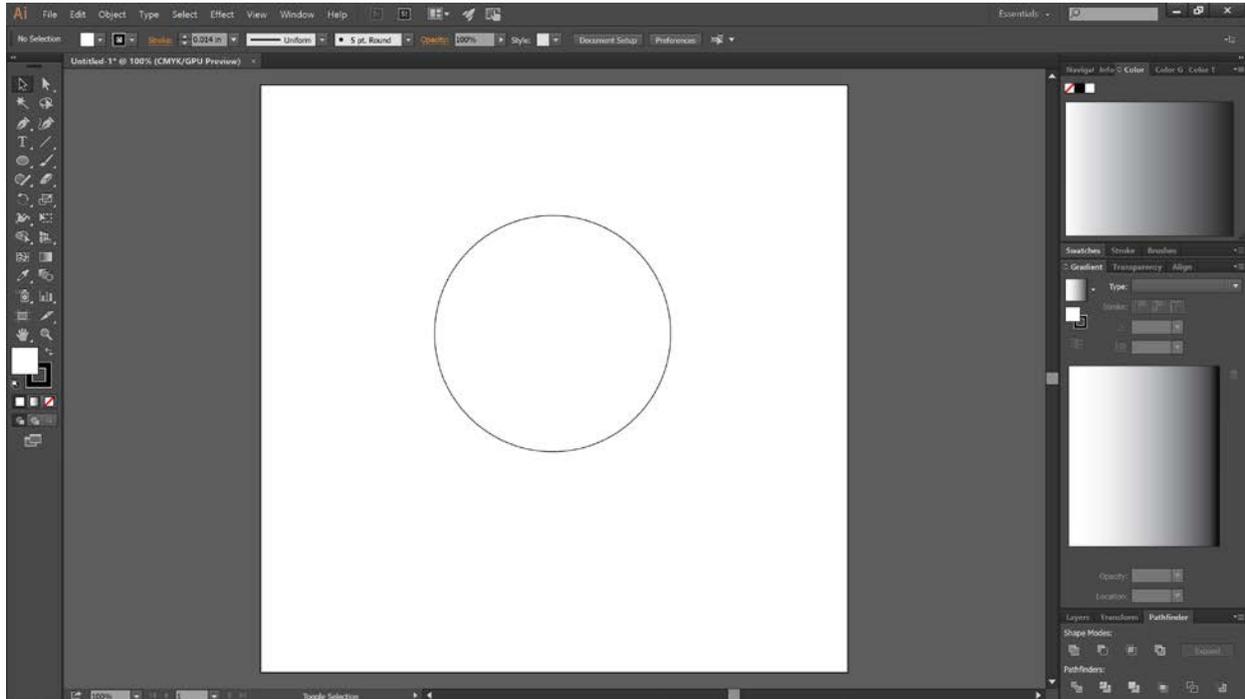
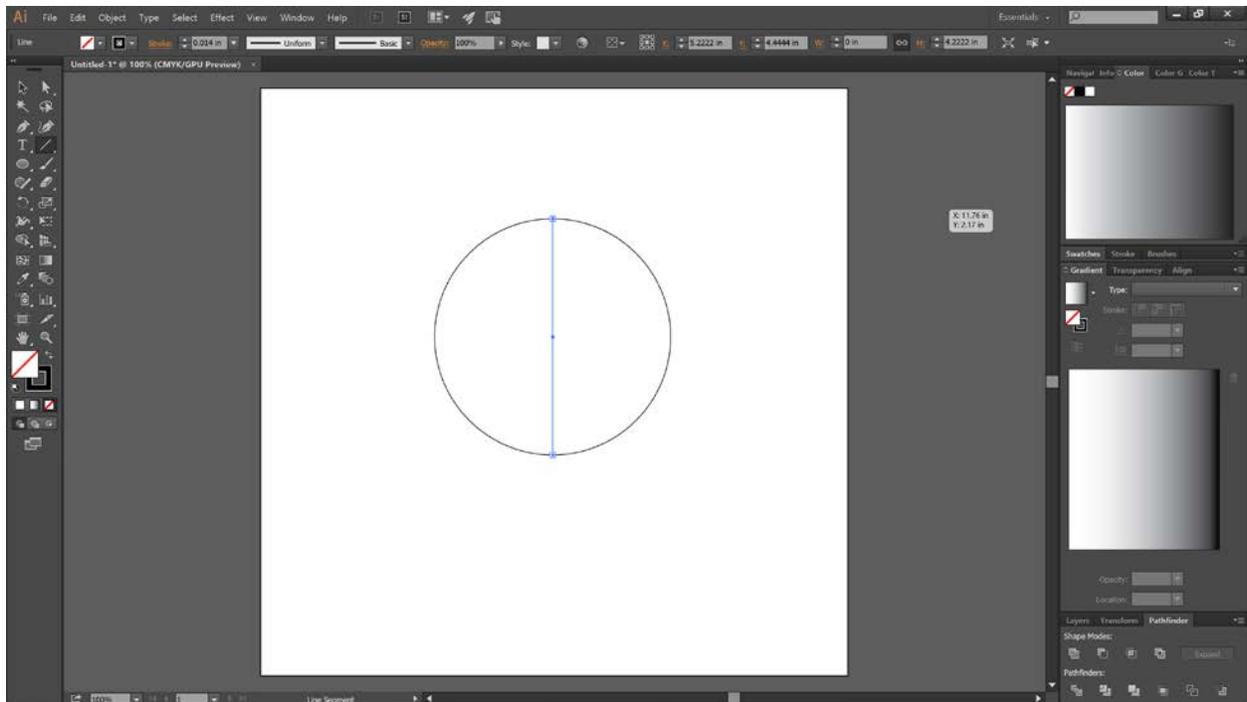


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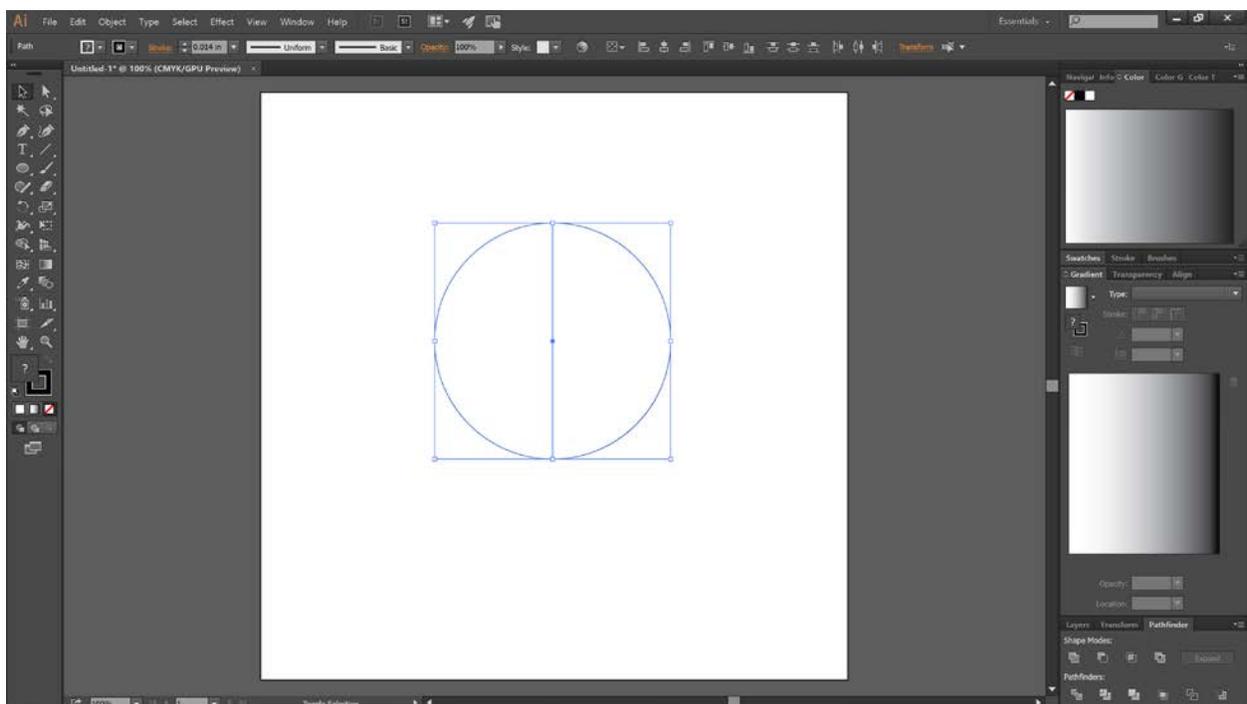
Step 1: Create a circle using the ellipse tool. You can either click in your area and specify the size or drag the cursor while holding shift to create a circle.



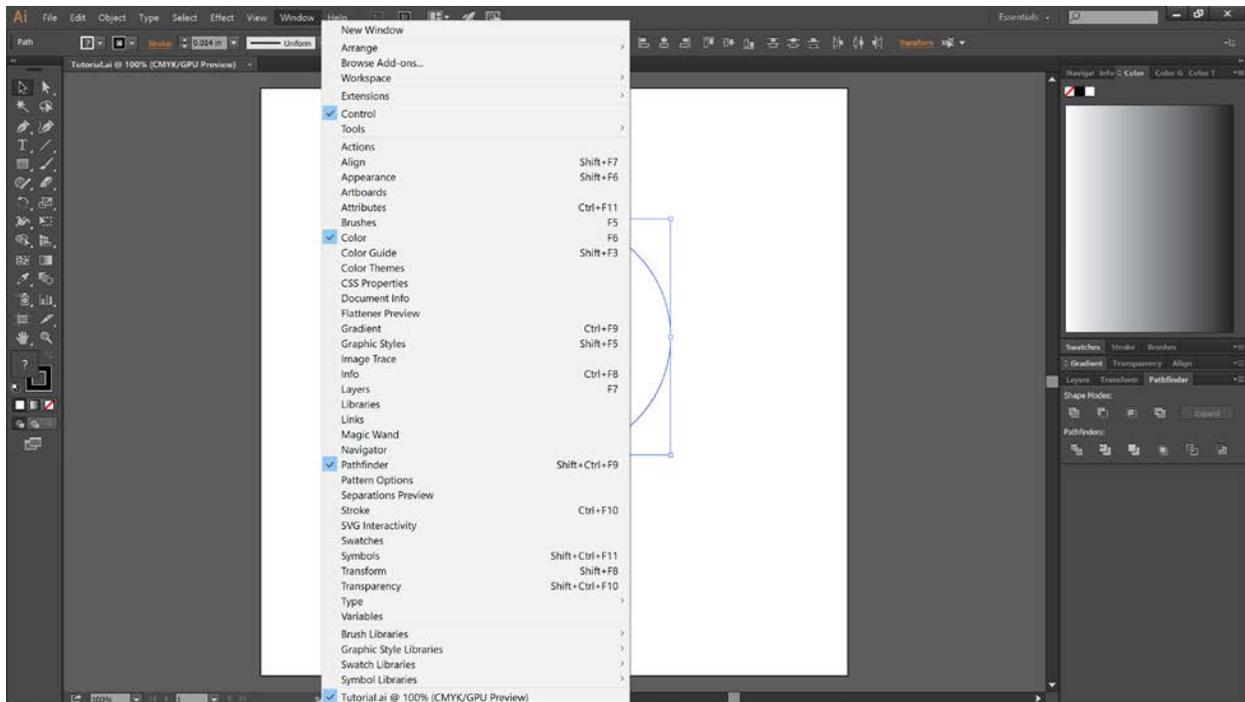
Step 2: Add a line to bisect the circle by selecting the line tool and then dragging from the top of the circle through the circle to the bottom. Hint Make sure the circle is not selected. Select the line tool. Hover over the top of the circle until the tool tip says 'anchor' and you see a pink (red?) line going through the center of the circle. At that point, drag the line down while holding the shift key.



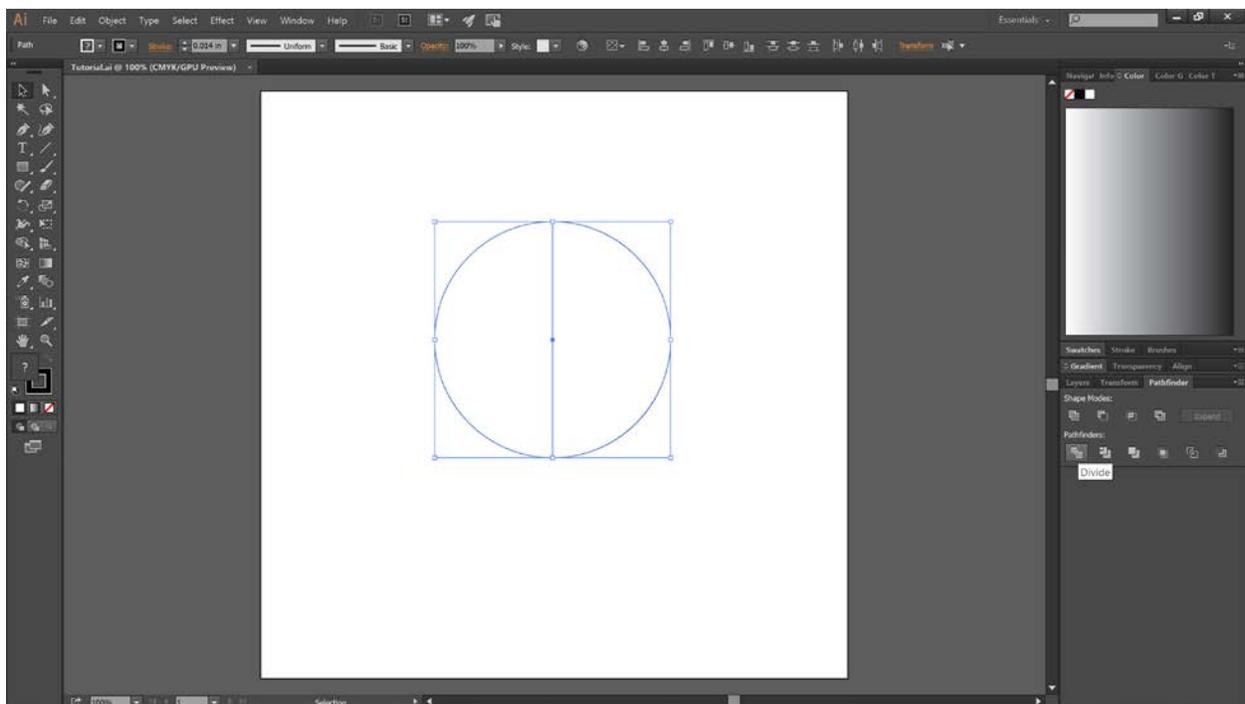
Step 3: Use the "Selection tool" to select the entire circle and line.



Step 4: Make sure you have the Pathfinder window selected as viewable in the right tool pane

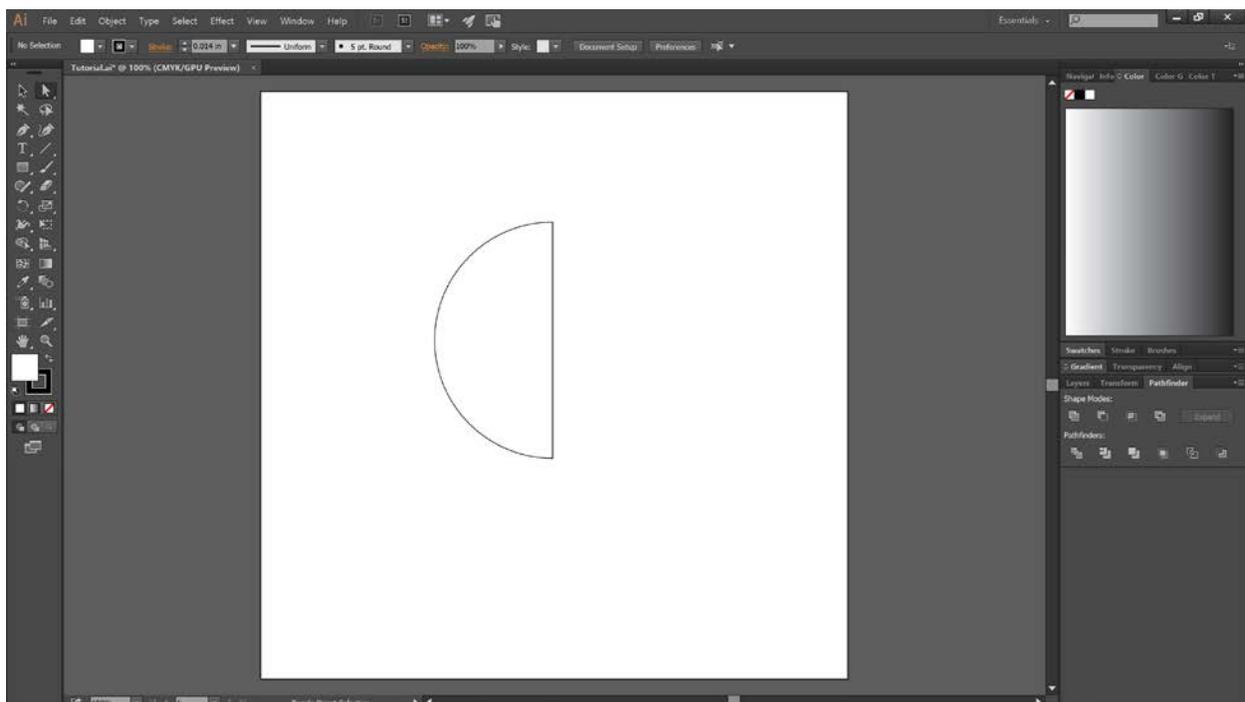
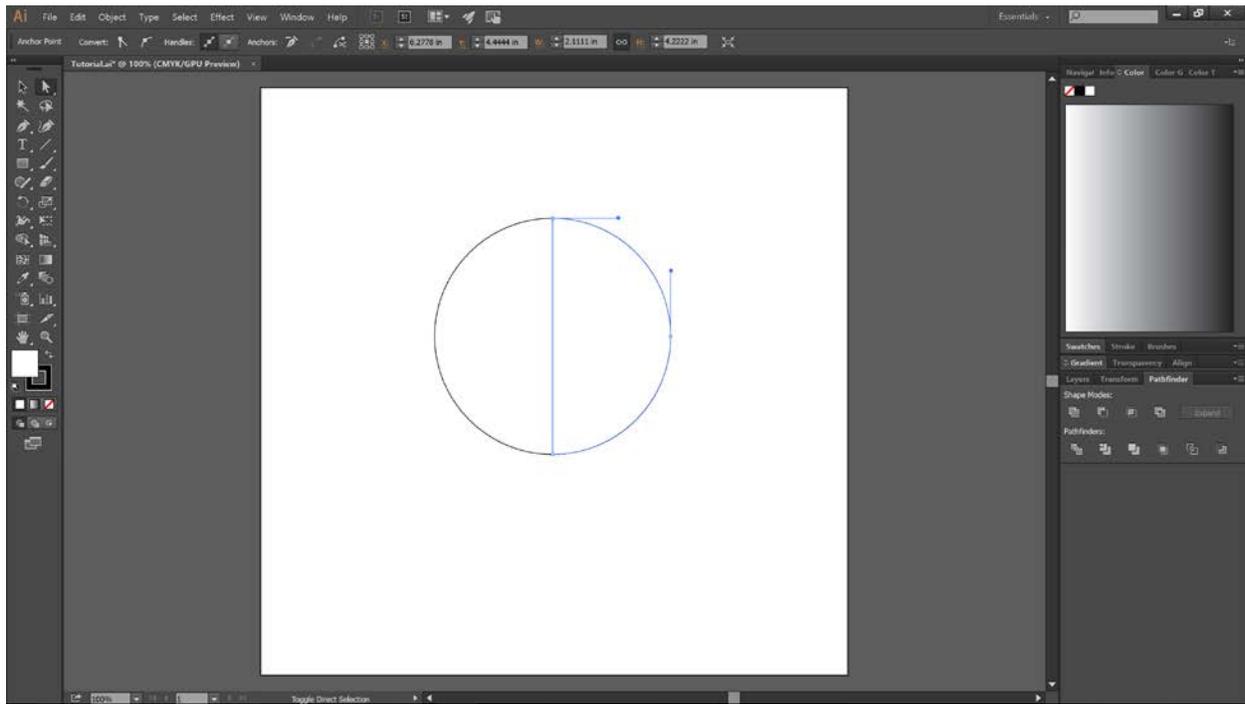


Step 5: Use the Pathfinder Divide tool. While the circle and line are selected,

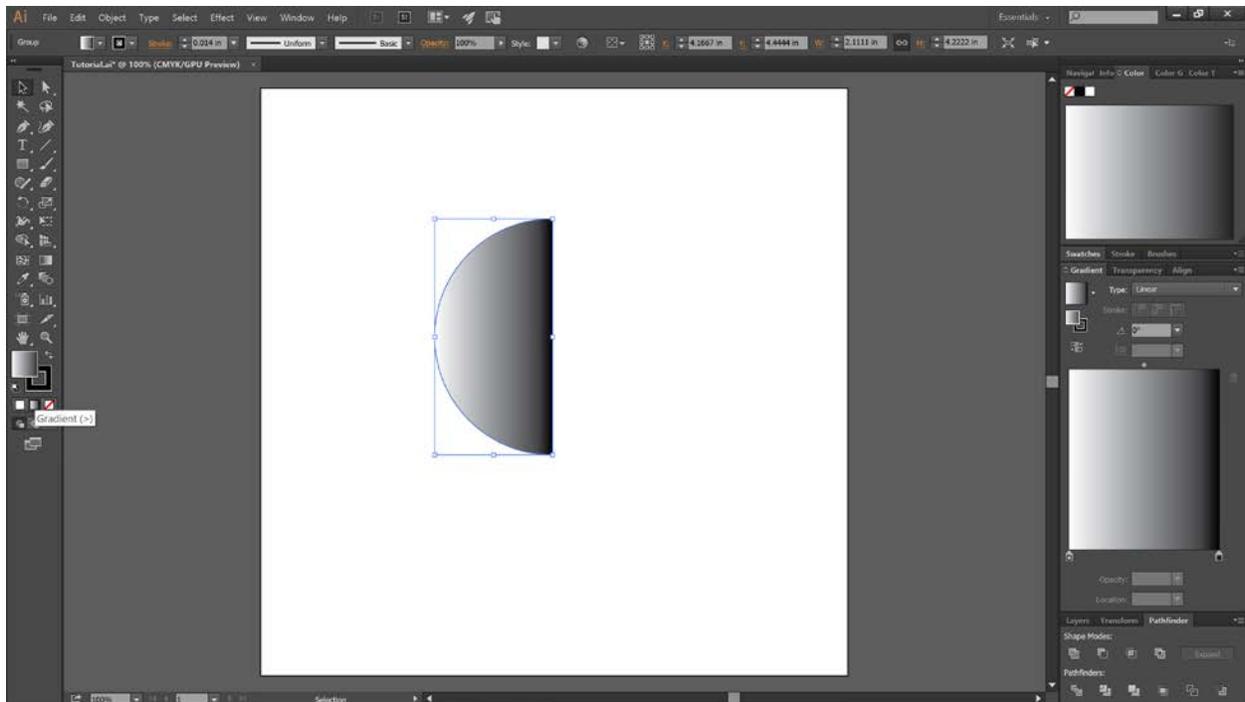


Step 6: Select the "Direct Selection Tool". Click outside the selected area to deselect everything. Then click on the path of the right side of the circle. You will see it highlight as blue (selected). Click and hold

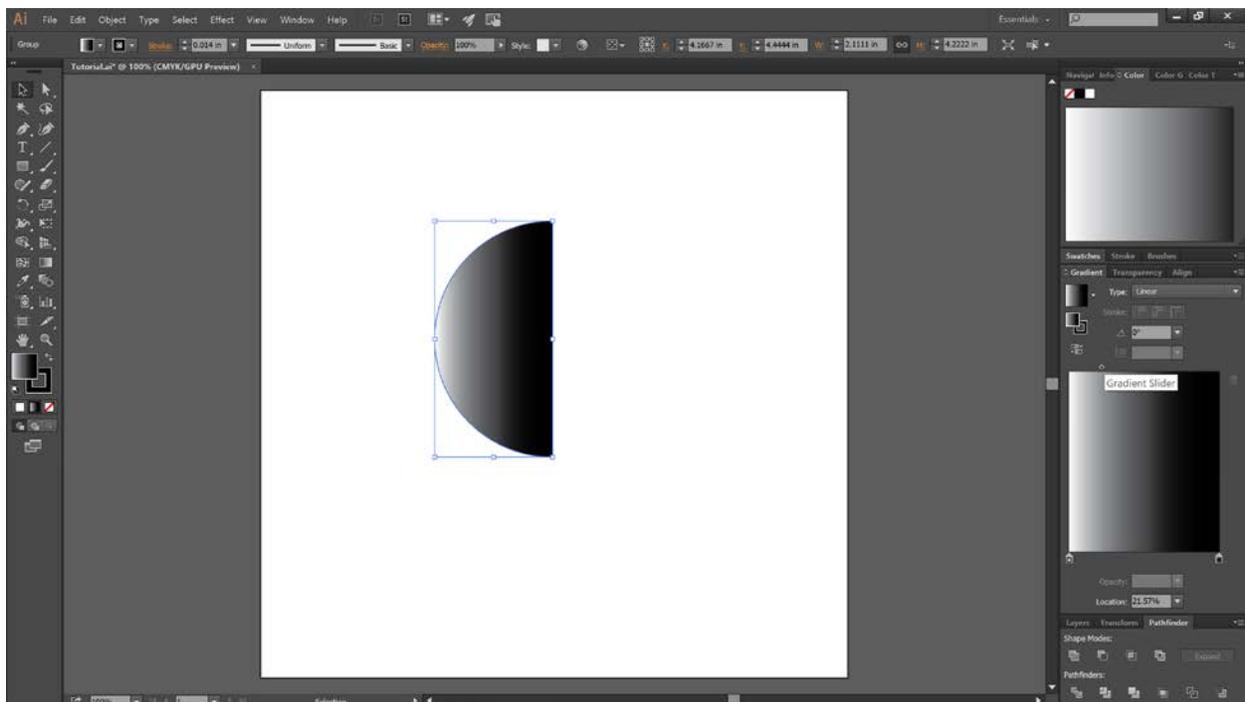
inside the white area of the right hand side of the circle and hit the delete key. You will end up with only the left hand part of the circle.



Step 7: Click the “Selection Tool” and select the semicircle. While selected, change the fill to a gradient by clicking the gradient button on the left as shown.



Step 8: You can adjust the gradient level using the gradient slider



Finally, when cutting, make sure to choose "Vary Power" and choose your power settings for this object.

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