Align and Distribute

Any time you select several ungrouped objects, Illustrator will automatically give you the option to align them by putting up the icons from the Align menu on the tools row at the top. Or you can open the Align menu on the sidebar by clicking the icon. (*Note: Hovering the mouse pointer over an icon will cause a description to pop up.*)



Using the Align buttons makes it easy to perfectly center objects or distribute the spacing between objects with just a couple of mouse clicks. A few of the more commonly used Align and Distribute combinations are shown below. Play with them to get comfortable using them, if you need to undo an alignment, just press **CTRL+Z**.

Center Objects Vertically and Horizontally:

Select the objects and then click the two buttons shown. (Either one first.)





Vertical Align Center:

Select the objects and click the button shown.



Distribute Spacing Horizontally:

The buttons on the third row make the **spaces** between each shape equal.





