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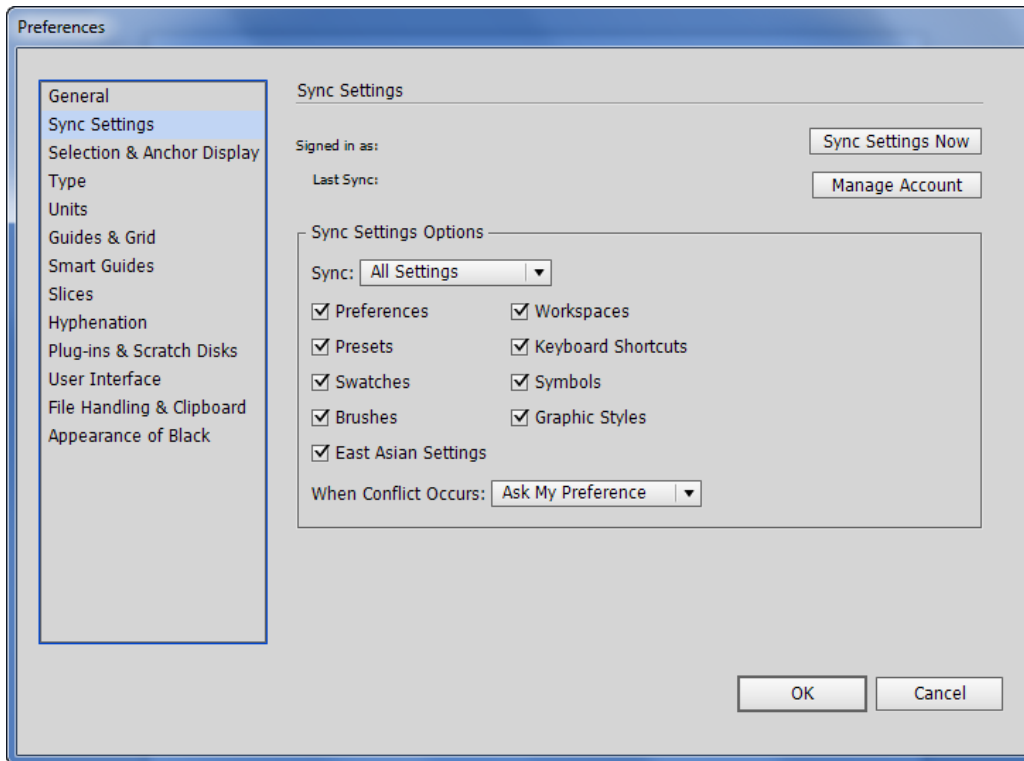## Chapter 4: Transforming and Distorting Objects

CHAPTER 4 OUTLINE

CREATIVE CLOUD (CC) UPDATES

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To sync your current settings, check the settings you want to sync (usually you check all of them) then click the Sync Settings Now button.
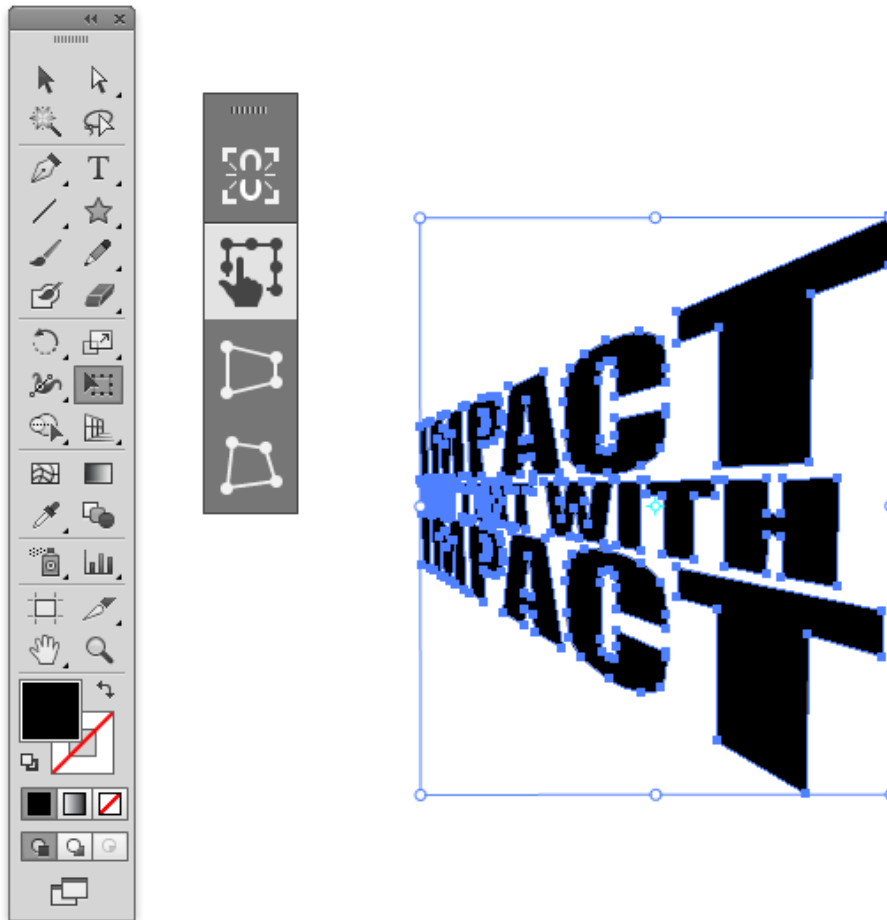
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New options panel with the Free Transform tool

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The second option on the panel is the default option, which is the Free Transform tool. The first option will constrain the transformation to happen in proportion. Use the third option to distort the selected object in perspective, and use the fourth option to apply a free (unconstrained) distortion to the object.

Options panel for the Free Transform tool

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CHANGES TO LESSONS

In previous versions of Illustrator - without this new options panel - all of these transformations could be done using keyboard combinations.

The lesson titled Use the Free Transform tool to distort in perspective in Chapter 4 of the CS6 book covers those keyboard combinations. None of the keyboard combinations have changed, and the steps in the lesson are still correct.

SUMMARY

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