WEEK 1

Set-Up & Introduction to Illustrator

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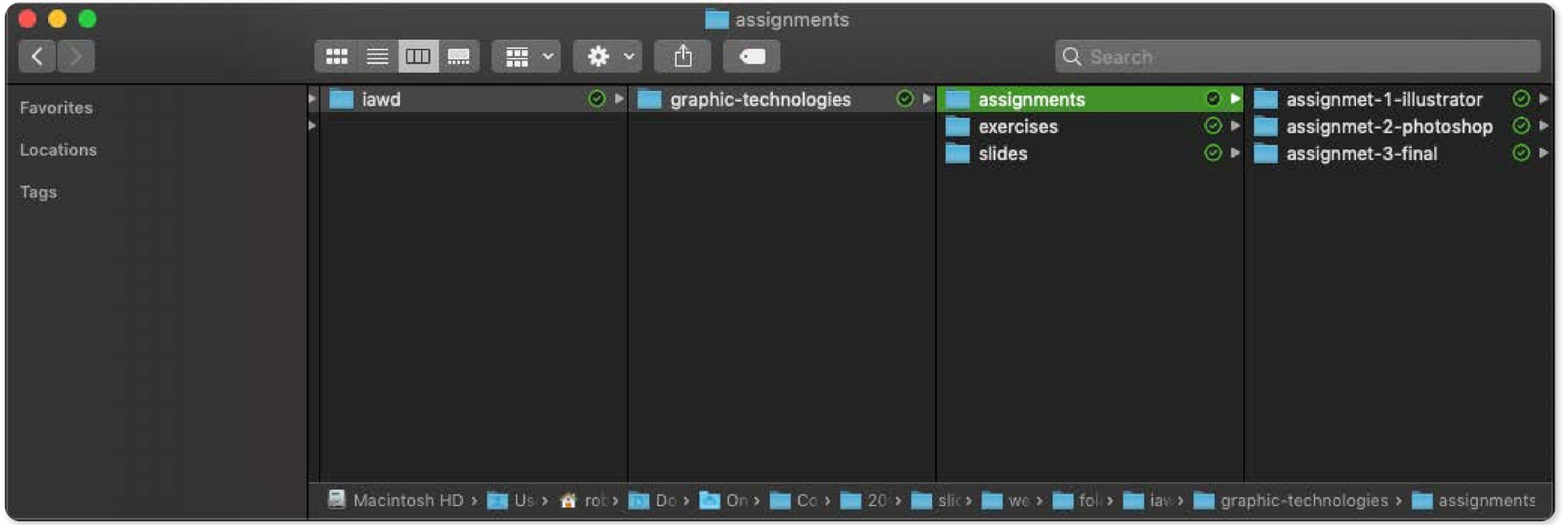
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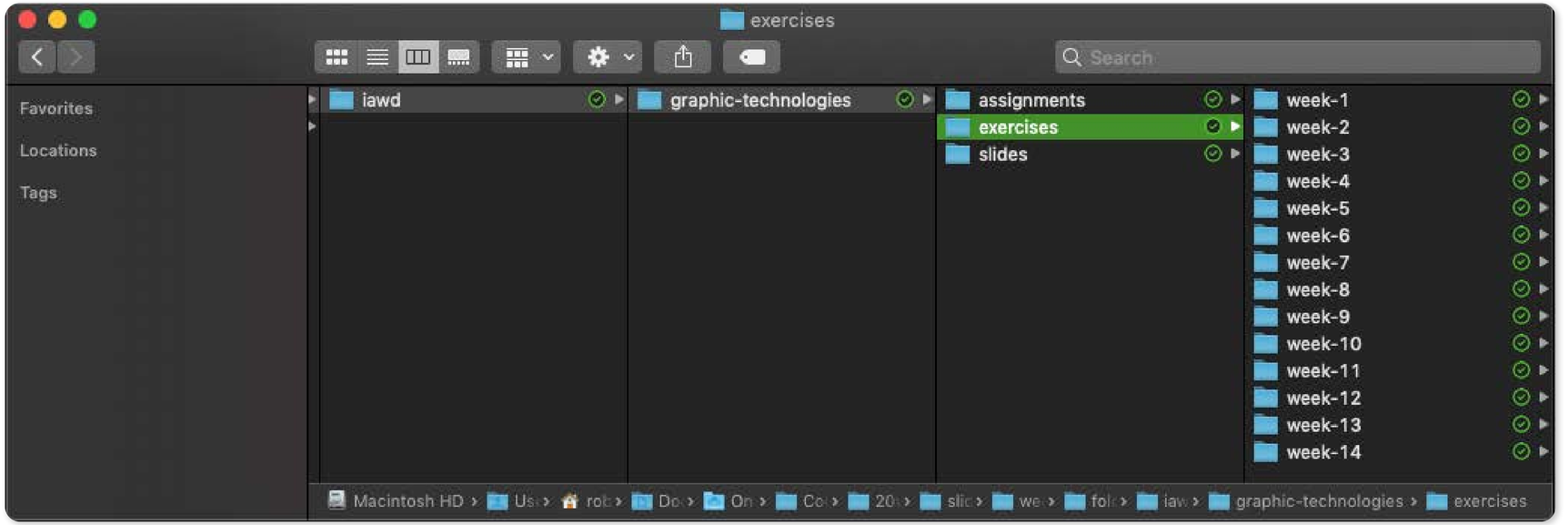
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Back up your work!

Make sure you are regularly backing up your work to the cloud or a separate hard drive.

- **One backup option:** you have access to **1TB** of OneDrive storage through the College BYOD program.

*“My computer crashed and I lost my files” is **not** an acceptable excuse for handing in assignments late!*

Adobe Creative Cloud

Contact ITS

ITS Email: 5555@algonquincollege.com

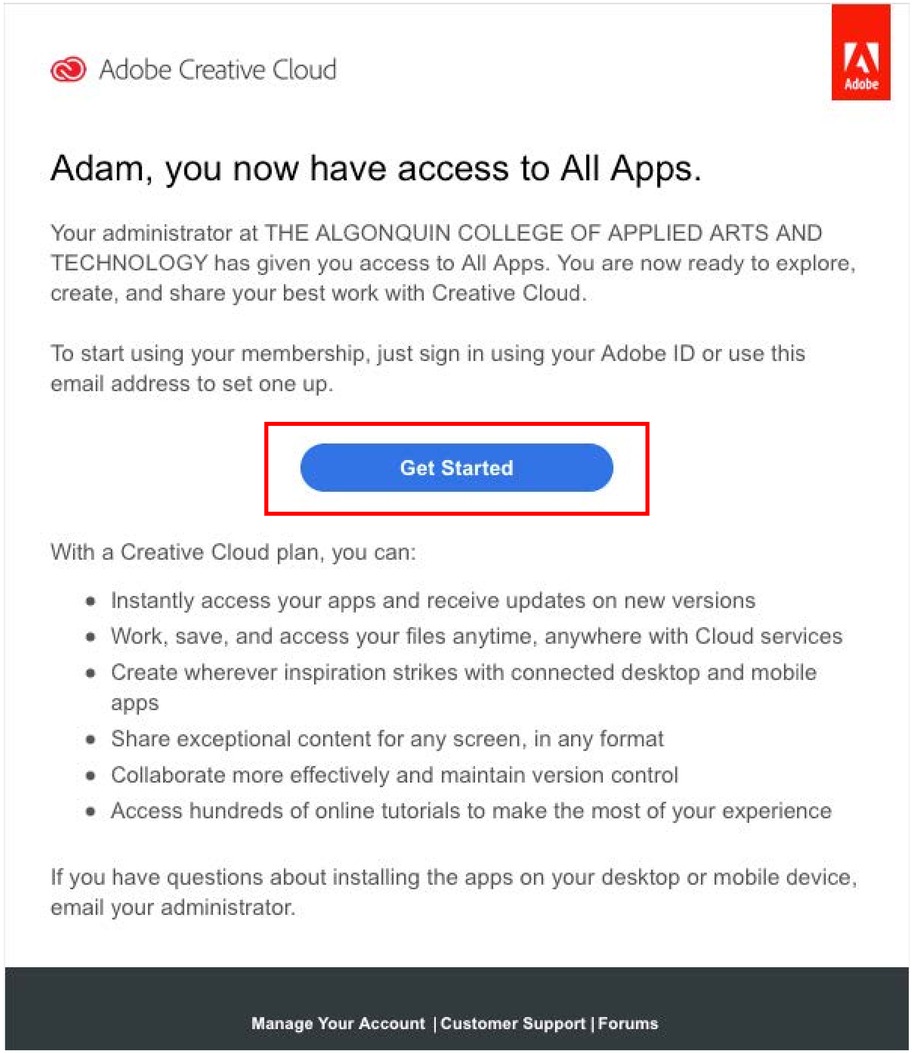
Email ITS and ask for your Adobe Creative Cloud account to be activated. You must provide them with your full name, student number, the program name, and your Algonquin email address.

Full guide to receive your account and download the applications can be found here.

This process takes around **2 days** for ITS to process. **You must email** ITS before leaving class today.

Activate & Download

- After a few days you should receive an email like this from Adobe
- Click “Get Started”
- Fill in account information and subsequent steps
- Click here to download & install Creative Cloud application
- Install Illustrator in Apps panel



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Adobe Illustrator

What is Adobe Illustrator?

Adobe Illustrator is a **vector-based** illustration program.

- A **vector image** is an image created using anchor points (or coordinates) and paths to draw shapes
- Vector images are **infinitely scalable**, allowing them to be rendered on a web page or printed at any size without losing quality

Adobe Illustrator is considered the industry standard for vector-based illustration programs.

What is it used for?

Illustrator can be use for a number of different types of illustrations, but the most common include:

- Logos
- Icons and other simple graphics
- Creative Type
- Basic Layouts (web banners, print signs, etc.)

Let’s take a tour of Adobe Illustrator.

Click here and watch the first video.