Do I Need Layers?

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Control	Have detailed control of your images
Create	Need to select and combine images
Re-edit	Need to change images later
Impress	Possible to create very impressive images

Yes if you want to…….

Time	Not for your average holiday photo
Power	Not one for your iPad
Creativity	Many useful simple functions for all of us but a creative mind is needed to go further
Skill	Need to learn Photoshop reasonably well

And you have…

Global changes to exposure, contrast, colour, cropping, resize

Global levels, curves, sharpening, blur, noise

Adding text, objects and cloning

Adjust selective areas

Image enhancements locked in when saved

Detailed selections of image areas then combine images very flexibly

Work on detailed areas of the image with different tools

Limitless creative options

Retrospective adjustments at the time and later

Image editing provides more control
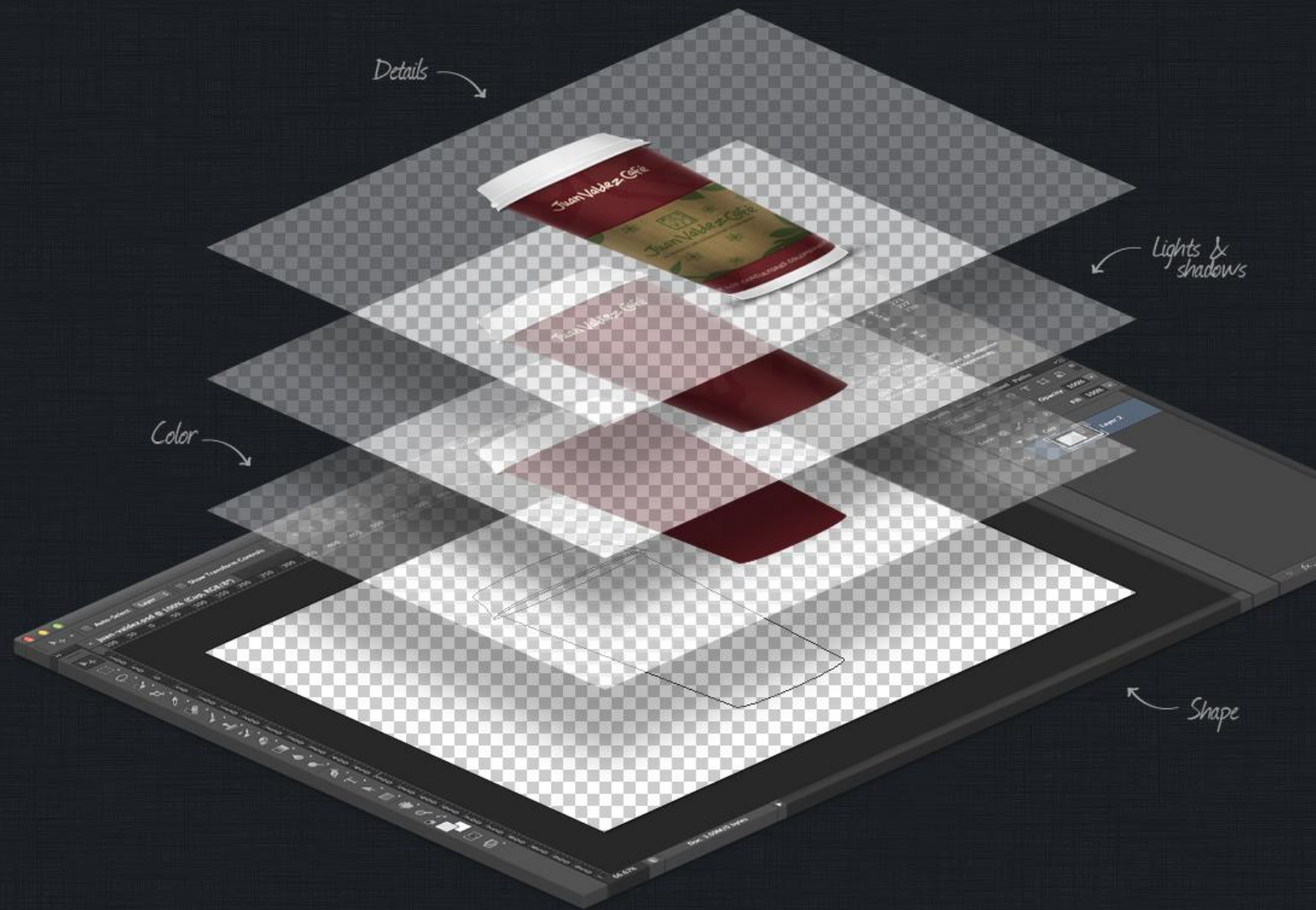
Microsoft Photos

Faststone

Lightroom

Photoshop

Software Examples

What are Layers?

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Canvas Layer	A basic, non image bearing, almost invisible, almost non editable, layer
Background Layer	Your first layer, usually the main image. Usually locked
Fill Layer	A layer with a color or graduation
Adjustment Layer	Allows nondestructive adjustments to a variety of parameters

Types of Layers

Text Layer	Automatically created by the text tool
Video Layer	Specialist applications, creating animated GIFs etc
Duplicate layer	Duplicates the layer below
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Layer Mask	Allows you to work on part of the image
Opacity	Control the amount that the layers below come through
Layer Style	Applies adjustable effects to a layer
Blending Modes	Control how layers combine, usually by trial and error

Language of Layers

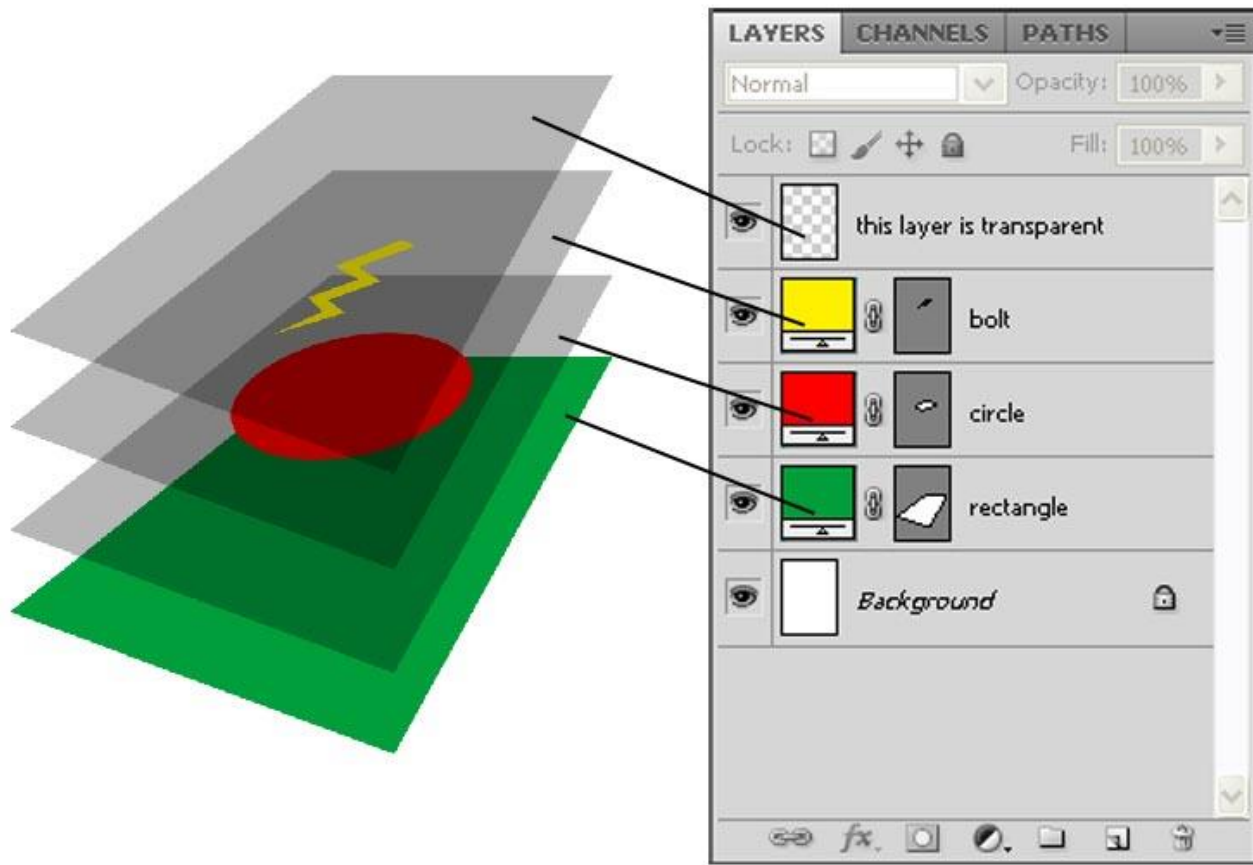|	
Rename Layers	Very worthwhile exercise
Opacity	Control the amount that the layers below come through
Merge	A range of options to create a consolidated image layer
Clipping mask	Lets you use the content of a layer to **mask** the layers above it

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Demo Time