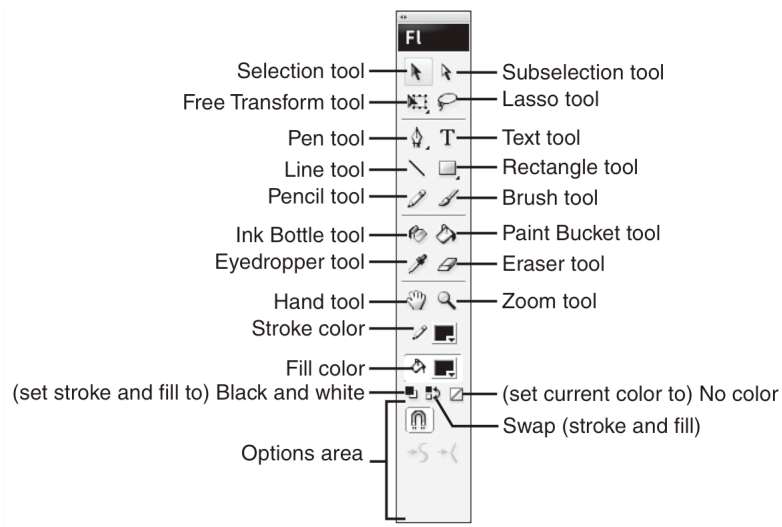


Chapter 2 notes



Line caps



Stroke hinting – a subtle effect where lines are anchored on round pixel numbers, ensuring sharp lines. Without stroke hinting lines are more accurate, but can appear a bit blurry.

Anti-aliasing – a way of smoothing rough diagonals and curves with a blurry fuzz. If you zoom in on a diagonal line *without* anti-aliasing you'll see a staircase effect. Adding fuzz can make that diagonal line look better, albeit blurrier. Normally, anti-aliased text appears smoother and is much more pleasing. One problem arises when the anti-aliased text is small—it can be too blurry to read. This terminology usually is applied to bitmapped graphics, rather than vectors.

Shape > Drawing object : Modify, Combine Objects, Union

Drawing Object > Shape : Modify, Break Apart

Pay attention to

- ✓ How the cursor changes
- ✓ What's in the properties panel