**02 / SELF PACED LEARNING**

Some of the resources available to you through MassArt can be used on your own whenever you need it. In this section we will focus on helping you access Lynda.com, an online library of tutorials about software, creativity, and business. Resources are updated frequently so check [SF.MassArt.edu](http://SF.MassArt.edu) on a regular basis is a good idea.

**NET ID**

Is the single login system for MassArt. It provides access for your email, Lynda.com and many other services.

**NET ID & YOU**

Before you begin to use resources at MassArt you will need to have a working NET ID. TECH CENTRAL located on the 3rd floor of the Tower Building can help you. Their help desk can be reached by email, by phone or in person.

[HelpDesk@MassArt.edu](mailto:HelpDesk@MassArt.edu)

[http://inside.massart.edu/Technology](http://inside.massart.edu/Technology)

Once your NET ID is active you can explore the inside MassArt website to see what is currently available. Here are some suggestions that might help with this class:

1. Library
2. Studios and Labs
3. Studio Foundation

Finding these pages from the general website may take you a little longer, but you may notice other resources along the way so we did not provide the direct links.

**LYNDA.COM**

In this section you will access Lynda.com through the school’s portal. Once on the site we will walk you through how to create a playlist of tutorials that interest you. Treat this exercise as a shopping spree for skills.

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- An Active MassArt NET ID
- Access to [MassArt.edu](http://MassArt.edu)
- Your notes

**STEPS:**

1. Make a quick list of things you’d like to accomplish personally, professionally or creatively.
2. Now list the kind of tools and techniques that might support these goals.
3. Go to [inside.massart.edu/LoginPage.html](http://inside.massart.edu/LoginPage.html). Most users need to pay a subscription to use Lynda.com, but this link and your NET ID get you in for free.
4. Explore the Lynda.com page. Do you find the layout of material easy to scan? If you needed to find a specific tool or technique do you think you could find it quickly?
TRANSCRIPTS
When reading is easier than viewing each course on Lynda.com has a built in transcript so you can even pre-read video!

5. Look at the Subject tab near the top of the screen. Looking for tutorials here instead of by software names can sometimes expose you to new tools. Conversely you can find interesting subjects that are related to the software you use.

6. Do you notice a small button on the screen that looks like a plus symbol? There is an image to the right to help. This button adds topics to your playlist. You can even create additional playlists to organize tutorials.

7. Add anything that interests you to your list.

8. Using your calendar or reminders schedule a time to view some tutorials. Do NOT worry about taking notes, just let yourself be exposed to the content.

AVOID OVERLOAD
It is easy to get overwhelmed. Try to explore resources like Lynda.com like you are window shopping. Do NOT think you have to watch an entire courses start to finish before you can try something. The material is designed for reference and this means it's okay to jump around.

BUSINESS
One subject that is easy to miss on Lynda.com is Business. If your creative output has you collaborating, promoting or working professionally (including freelance) you will want to browse these topics. The practical advice Lynda.com offers in this subject area will help you protect your work, save you money, help you make better use of your time, and more.