Photoshop Technique - Adjustment Layers

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An adjustment layer lets you experiment with color and tonal adjustments to an image without permanently modifying the pixels in the image. The color and tonal changes reside within the adjustment layer, which acts as a veil through which the underlying image layers appear.

When you create an adjustment layer, its effect appears on all the layers below it. This lets you correct multiple layers by making a single adjustment, rather than making the adjustment to each layer separately. If you were to modify the image using Image > Adjust > Hue/saturation the image would be forever changed.

By using Layer > New > Adjustment Layer you can modify the image without actually changing the original image.

BEFORE

![Before Image]

AFTER

![After Image]

Steps to Creating the Adjustment Layer:

1. Open an image.
2. Select <Layer> New > Adjustment Layer>. Choose Hue/Saturation. Click OK.

3. Adjust the colors by sliding the bars until you have the desired effects. Click OK.

4. The adjustment layer is complete. If at anytime you wish to go back and make changes you may by double clicking on the layer in the layers menu.