

Android: How to change hue of an Image?

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▲ I'm looking to change the hue of my background image (PNG) programmatically. How can this be done on Android?

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asked Apr 20, 2012 at 23:03

1 Check this post stackoverflow.com/questions/4354939/... – JRaymond Apr 20, 2012 at 23:07 

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▲ I tested the accepted answer, unfortunately it returns a wrong result. I found and modified this code from [here](#) which works fine:

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// hue-range: [0, 360] -> Default = 0

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▼
 public static Bitmap hue(Bitmap bitmap, float hue) {
    Bitmap newBitmap = bitmap.copy(bitmap.getConfig(), true);
    final int width = newBitmap.getWidth();
    final int height = newBitmap.getHeight();
    float [] hsv = new float[3];

    for(int y = 0; y < height; y++){
        for(int x = 0; x < width; x++){
            int pixel = newBitmap.getPixel(x,y);
            Color.colorToHSV(pixel,hsv);
            hsv[0] = hue;
            newBitmap.setPixel(x,y,Color.HSVToColor(Color.alpha(pixel),hsv));
        }
    }

    bitmap.recycle();
    bitmap = null;

    return newBitmap;
}
```

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answered Sep 14, 2014 at 14:08
user1922137

This code works but is very slow. Any idea to optimize ? – Sujay U N Feb 25, 2018 at 18:31

▲ The linked post has some good ideas, but the matrix math used for ColorFilter may be (a) complex overkill, and (b) introduce perceptible shifts in the resulting colors.

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Modifying the solution given by janin here - <https://stackoverflow.com/a/6222023/1303595> - I've based this version on Photoshop's 'Color' blend mode. It seems to avoid the image-darkening caused by PorterDuff.Mode.Multiply, and works very well for color-tinting desaturated/artificial-Black & White images without losing much contrast.

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/*
 * Going for perceptual intent, rather than strict hue-only change.
 * This variant based on Photoshop's 'Color' blending mode should look
 * better for tinting greyscale images and applying an all-over color
 * without tweaking the contrast (much)
 * Final color = Target.Hue, Target.Saturation, Source.Luma
 * Drawback is that the back-and-forth color conversion introduces some
 * error each time.
 */

public void changeHue (Bitmap bitmap, int hue, int width, int height) {

    if (bitmap == null) { return; }
    if ((hue < 0) || (hue > 360)) { return; }

    int size = width * height;
    int[] all_pixels = new int [size];
    int top = 0;
    int left = 0;
    int offset = 0;
    int stride = width;

    bitmap.getPixels (all_pixels, offset, stride, top, left, width, height);

    int pixel = 0;
    int alpha = 0;
    float[] hsv = new float[3];

    for (int i=0; i < size; i++) {
        pixel = all_pixels [i];
        alpha = Color.alpha (pixel);
        Color.colorToHSV (pixel, hsv);

        // You could specify target color including Saturation for
        // more precise results
        hsv [0] = hue;
        hsv [1] = 1.0f;

        all_pixels [i] = Color.HSVToColor (alpha, hsv);
    }

    bitmap.setPixels (all_pixels, offset, stride, top, left, width, height);
}

```

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edited May 23, 2017 at 12:10

answered Jun 26, 2012 at 5:16



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If you wrap your Bitmap in an ImageView there is a very simple way:

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```
ImageView circle = new ImageView(this);  
circle.setImageBitmap(yourBitmap);  
circle.setColorFilter(Color.RED);
```



My guess is this will be faster than modifying each pixel individually.

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answered Jun 17, 2020 at 19:14



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