

Section 01.2 - Multimedia - Graphics, Sound

Layer 3: ISA Machine

Syllabus Content Section 01: Information Representation

S01.2.1 Show understanding of how data for a bitmapped image are encoded

Use and understand the terms: pixel, file header, image resolution, screen resolution, colour depth/bit depth

Pixel: the smallest picture element which can be drawn

Image Resolution: the amount of pixels per centimeter

Screen Resolution: the number of pixels which can be viewed horizontally and vertically on the screen

Color Depth: number of bits used to represent the color of a single pixel

S01.2.2 Perform calculations to estimate the file size for a bitmap image

File size= Horizontal Pixel × Vertical Pixel × Color Depth (unit: bit)

S01.2.3 Show understanding of the effects of changing elements of a bitmap image on the image quality and file size

Use the terms: image resolution, colour depth/bit depth

image resolution: the number of pixels in the bitmap file defined as the product of the width and the height values

colour/bit depth: the number of bits used to represent each of the red, green and blue colours

examples:

A black and white image with 600×800 resolution

file size = $600 \times 800 \times 1 = 480000 \text{ bits} = 60000 \text{ bytes} = 58.5 \text{ KB} = 0.05 \text{ MB}$

A 16bit image with 600×800 resolution

file size = $600 \times 800 \times 16 = 7680000 \text{ bits} = 960000 \text{ bytes} = 937.5 \text{ KB} = 0.9 \text{ MB}$

S01.2.4 Show understanding of how data for a vector graphic are encoded

Use the terms: drawing object, property, drawing list

Drawing Object: What you are actually drawing. Circle, Square, Text, Lines etc..

Property: The location, size, stroke and colour of the drawing object

Drawing list: What to draw in what order (what layers are first)

User Space: The area you are drawing in

S01.2.5 Justify the use of a bitmap image or a vector graphic for a given task

Bitmap image:

- Made of pixels.
- Lose quality when the image is resized larger.

Vector image:

- Made of shapes.
- More scalable without losing quality.
- More specialized uses.

S01.2.6 Show understanding of how sound is represented and encoded

Use the terms: sampling, sampling rate, sampling resolution, analogue and digital data

Sampling: amplitude of sound wave taken at different points in time

Sampling Resolution: number of bits assigned to each sample

Sampling Rate: number of samples taken per unit time

Bit rate: number of bits used to store 1 second of sound

Analog signal: a continuous signal which represents physical measurements (sine waves)

Digital signal: discrete time signals generated by digital modulation (square waves)

S01.2.7 Show understanding of the impact of changing the sampling rate and resolution

Impact on file size and accuracy

Using a higher sampling resolution/rate:

- Benefit: allows for larger dynamic range; more accurate representation
- Drawback: bigger files occupy more storage; greater processing power needed