

CSc 110

Images, PPM

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Image Files

- How do computers represent image files?
- There are lots of formats out there
 - .jpg .gif .bmp .png .psd etc...
- .jpg is one of the most common, but understanding the format is a complex because it uses ***compression***
- In this lecture, we'll talk about the simpler [.ppm](#) format
- First, let's talk about how computers display images

Image Representation

- You are tasked with coming up a way to represent images on a computer hard drive.
- How would you do it?
- **Recall:** If something is to be stored on a typical computer HDD or SDD, it should have a binary format

Image Files

- On a screen, each pixel has a red, green, and blue (RGB) component
- By varying the brightness of each color dot in a pixel, each pixel can be a different overall color
- When these pixels are combined, they create graphics and images

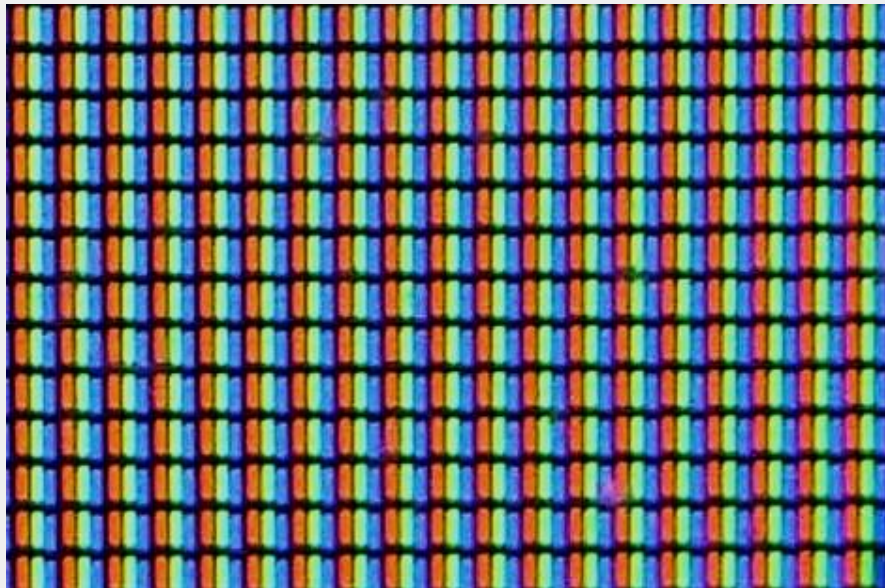


Image Files

- Common resolutions are
 - 1920 x 1080 (1080p)
 - 3840 x 2160 (4k)
 - 2880 x 1800 (13" Retina)



Image Files

- Images files come in many “flavors”
 - One thing most image formats have in common: They specify what each pixel of the image should look like
- A .ppm image specifies what the red, green, and blue value should be for each dot within each pixel for the entire image
- The specification starts from the top-left of the image, and goes across

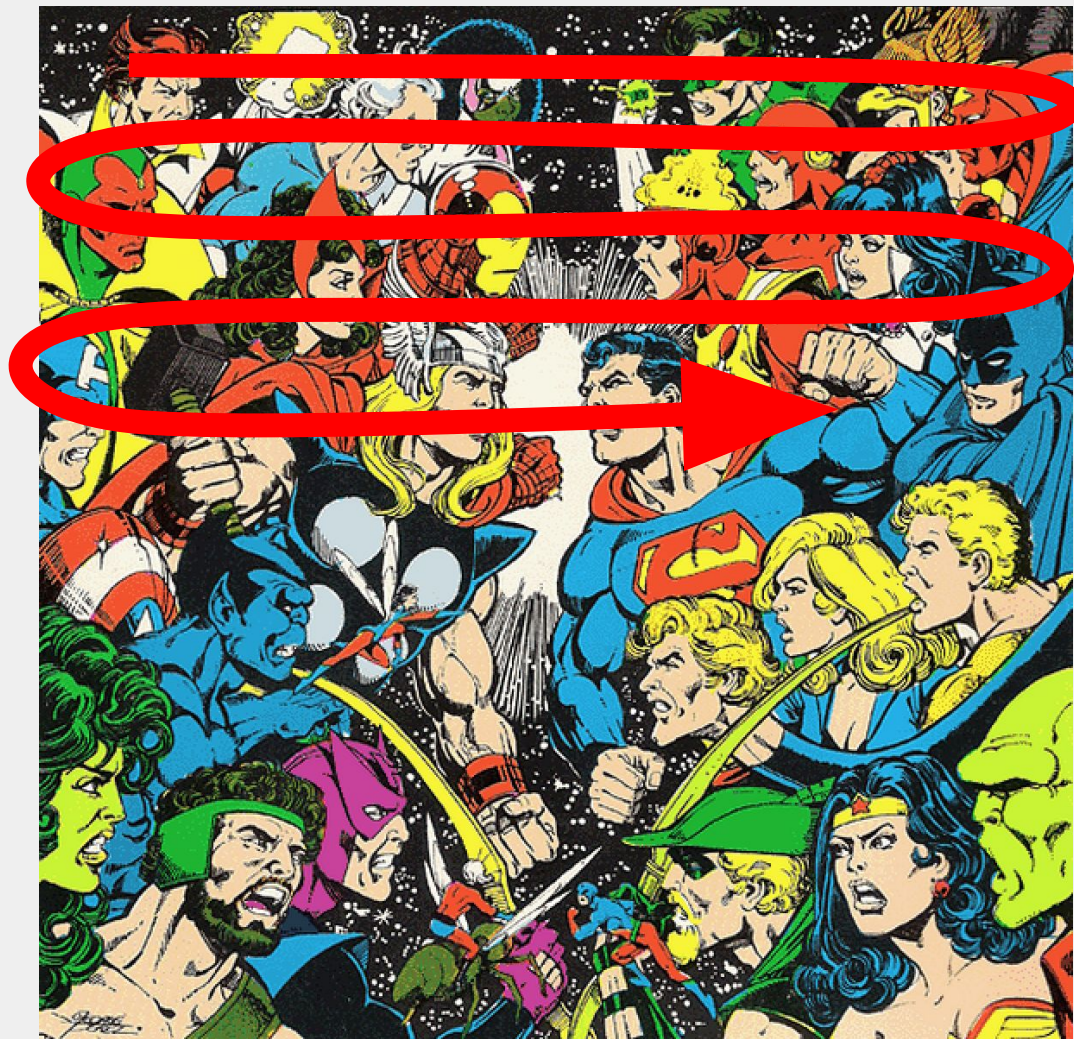
PPM Image Format



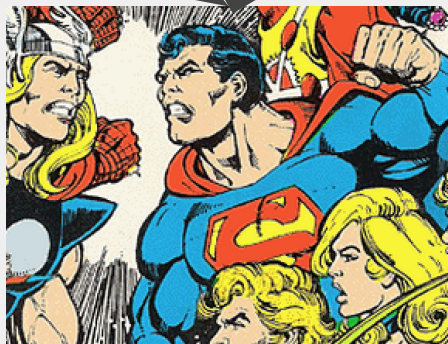
PPM
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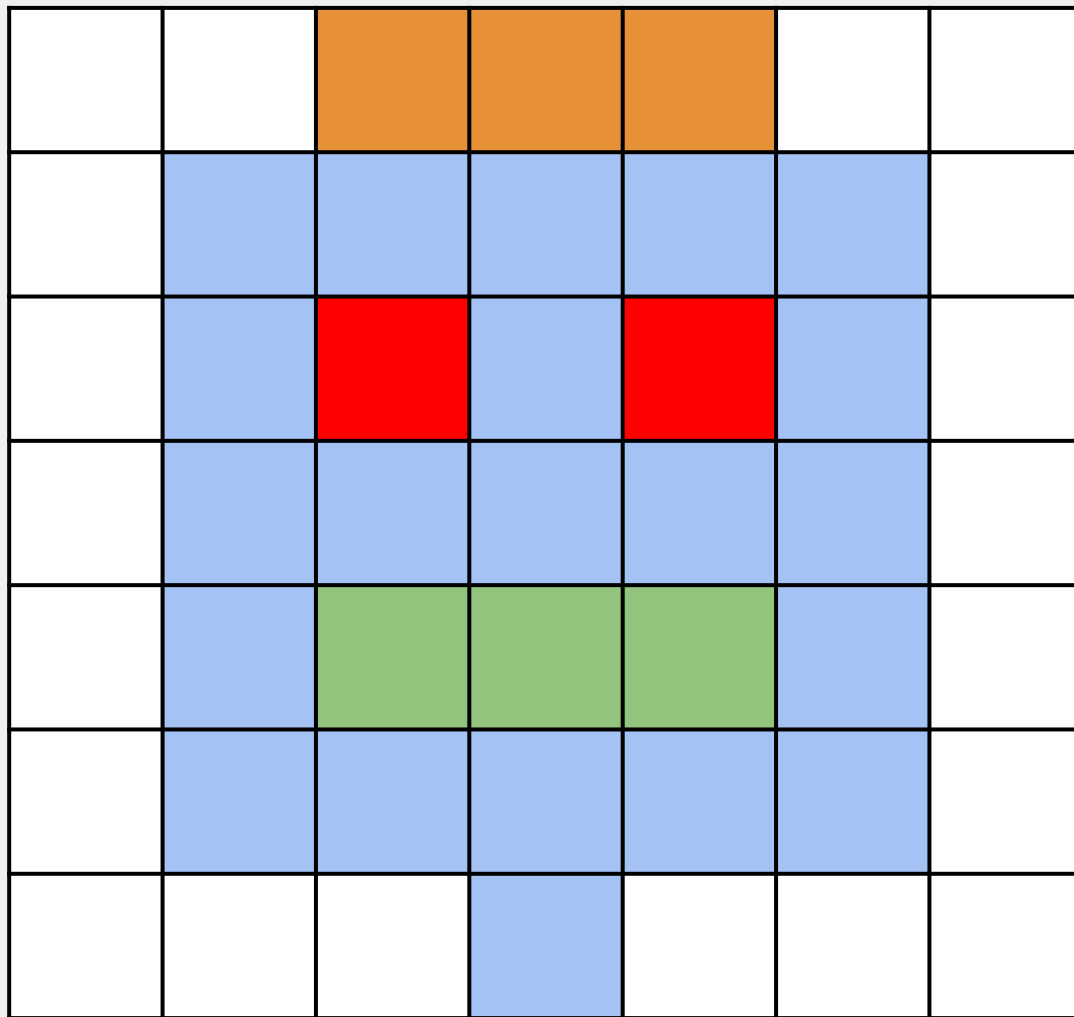
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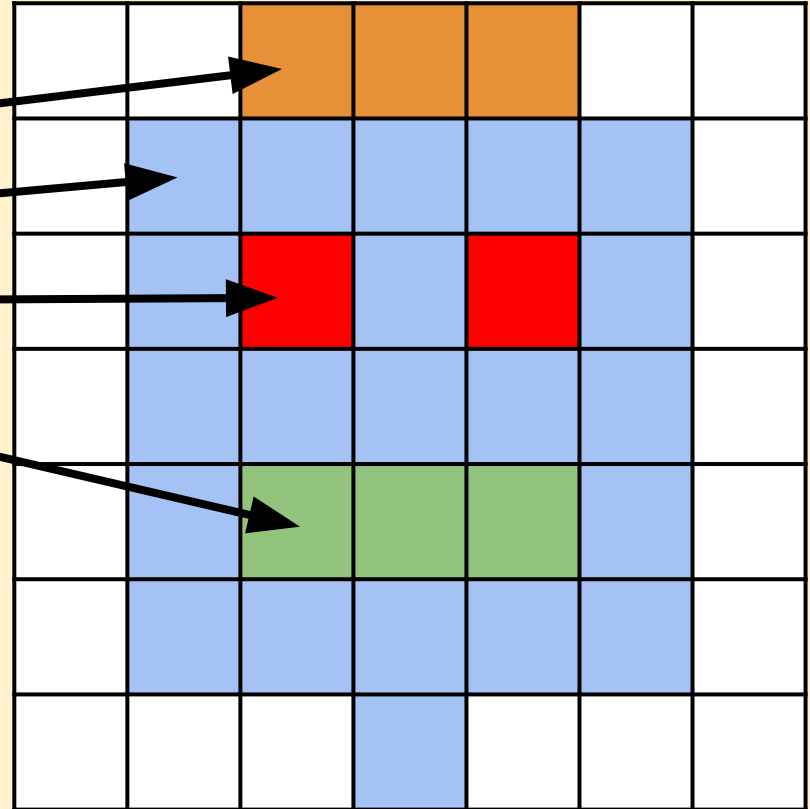
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	32	33	34	35
36	37	38	39	40	41	42
43	44	45	46	47	48	49

PPM Image Format



Determine the Pixel values

- Need four colors (other than white):
 - The orange hair
 - The blue face
 - The red eyes
 - The green mouth
- Use the color picker (or your intuition) to find these . . .



PPM
Image
Format

255 255 255	255 255 255	230 145 56	230 145 56	230 145 56	255 255 255	255 255 255
255 255 255	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	255 255 255
255 255 255	50 50 255	255 0 0	164 194 244	255 0 0	164 194 244	255 255 255
255 255 255	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	255 255 255
255 255 255	164 194 244	147 196 125	147 196 125	147 196 125	164 194 244	255 255 255
255 255 255	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	164 194 244	255 255 255
255 255 255	255 255 255	255 255 255	164 194 244	255 255 255	255 255 255	255 255 255

With
Red
Green
Blue
Decimal values

All of the pixels

[illegible]

PPM Image Files

- If writing a PPM file, specify four things
 - Image format
 - Width/Height
 - Max Color
 - The pixels!
- For example...

P3

3 3

255

255	255	255	255	255	255	200	100	100
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255	255	255	200	100	100	200	100	100
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200	100	100	200	100	100	255	255	255
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“P3” is one of the standard types of PPM images. Don’t forget to make this the first line!

P3
3 3
255
255 255 255 255 255 255 200 100 100
255 255 255 200 100 100 200 100 100
200 100 100 200 100 100 255 255 255

The Width and Height
(in that order) of the
image file

The max color brightness.
Typically, you always want
this to be 255

The Red/Green/Blue values for
every pixel in the image

What image will this produce?

P3								
3 3								
255								
255	255	255	255	255	255	200	100	100
255	255	255	200	100	100	200	100	100
200	100	100	200	100	100	255	255	255

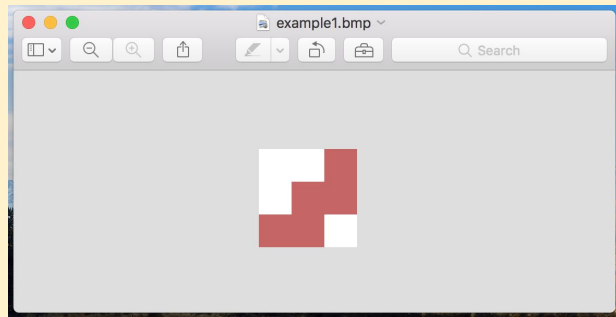
What image will this produce?

P3

3 3

255

255	255	255	255	255	255	200	100	100
255	255	255	200	100	100	200	100	100
200	100	100	200	100	100	255	255	255



What image will this produce?

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P3
4 2
255
255 0 0    255 0 0    0 0 255    0 0 255
0 255 0    0 255 0    50 50 50    50 50 50
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What image will this produce?

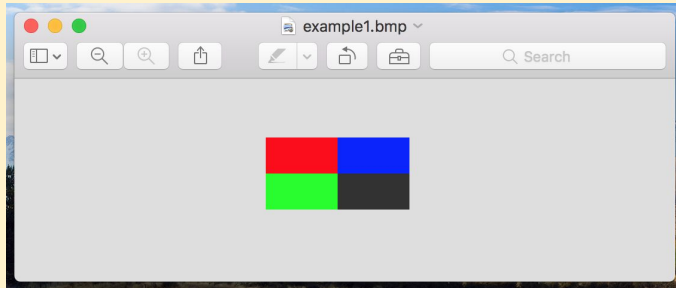
P3

4 2

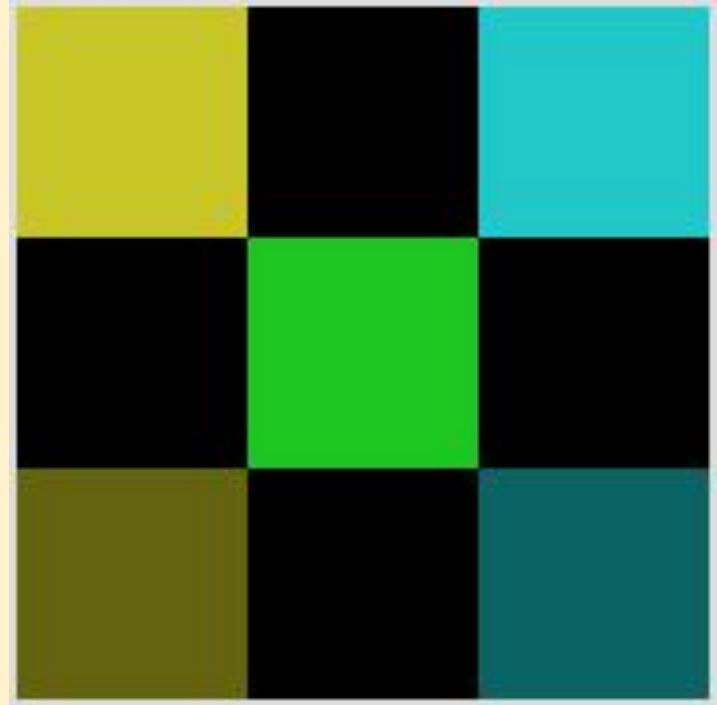
255

255 0 0	255 0 0	0 0 255	0 0 255
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0 255 0	0 255 0	50 50 50	50 50 50
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What PPM content would produce this image?



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P3
3 3
255
200 200 0    0 0 0    0 200 200
0 0 0        0 200 0    0 0 0
100 100 0    0 0 0    0 100 100
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