



Multimedia Programming

Images



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Pictures are much older than text
Just as easy to work with...
...given the right libraries
Explore the Python Imaging Library (PIL)
Other languages have similar tools

Start by loading the image into memory

```
>>> from PIL import Image  
>>> pic = Image.open('ngc1333-noao.jpg')
```



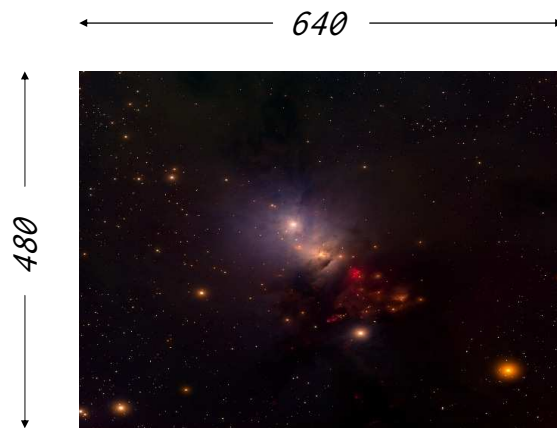
Examine image properties

```
>>> pic.format
```

'JPEG'

```
>>> pic.size
```

(640, 480)

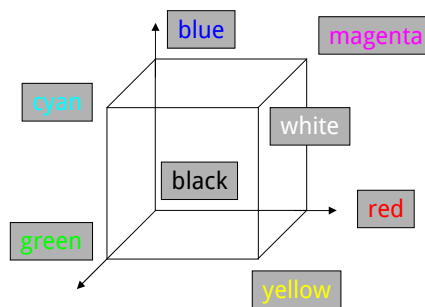


Colors represented by red-green-blue (RGB) triples

Black is (0, 0, 0)

White is (255, 255, 255) or (0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF)

A color cube



Pixel coordinates are (x, y) tuples

(0, 0) is the upper left corner of the image

– Because that's how old CRT monitors drew things

```
>>> pic.getpixel((0, 0)) # upper left corner
```

(17, 12, 18)



Find the brightest pixel

Find the brightest pixel ← What does "brightest"
actually mean?

Find the brightest pixel

```
>>> xsize, ysize = pic.size
>>> bx, by, max_val = 0, 0, 0
>>> for x in range(xsize):
...     for y in range(ysize):
...         r, g, b = pic.getpixel((x, y))
...         if r + g + b > max_val:
...             bx, by, total = x, y, r + g + b
...     print (bx, by), total
... 
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```

(59, 345) 758

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0.63 seconds

Ignore coordinates

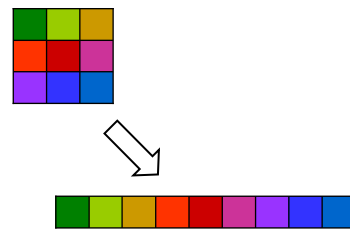
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def faster(picture):  
    max_val = 0  
    for (r, g, b) in picture.getdata():  
        if r + g + b > max_val:  
            max_val = r + g + b  
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Pixels ordered row by row

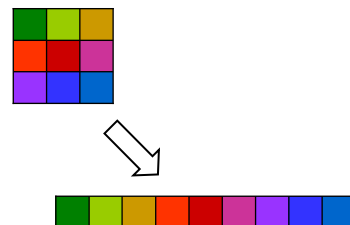


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0.07 seconds

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```
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```

```
    for (r, g, b) in picture.getdata():
```

```
        if r + g + b > max_val:
```

```
            max_val = r + g + b
```

```
    return max_val
```

0.07 seconds



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Exercise: return (x, y) coordinate of brightest pixel

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```
def inbetween(picture):  
    xsize, ysize = picture.size  
    temp = picture.load()  
    bx, by, max_val = 0, 0, 0  
    for x in range(xsize):  
        for y in range(ysize):  
            r, g, b = temp[x, y]  
            if r + g + b > max_val:  
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    return (bx, by), total
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    return (bx, by), total
```

0.13 seconds

Find stars

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Convert to black and white

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Convert to black and white ← Easier to see
black on white
than vice versa

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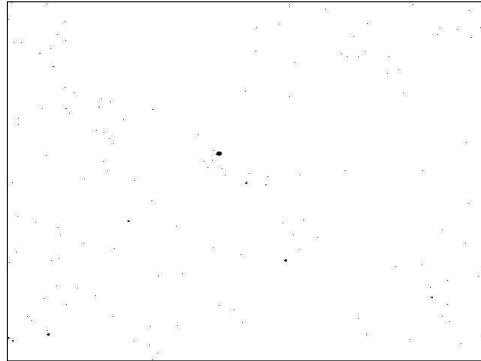
Convert to black and white

```
def monochrome(picture, threshold):  
    black = ( 0, 0, 0)  
    white = (255, 255, 255)  
    xsize, ysize = picture.size  
    temp = picture.load()  
    for x in range(xsize):  
        for y in range(ysize):  
            r, g, b = temp[x, y]  
            if r + g + b >= threshold: temp[x, y] = black  
            else: temp[x, y] = white
```

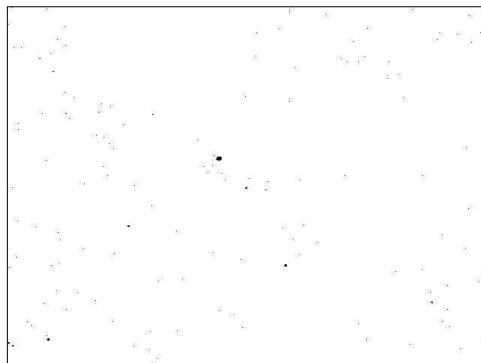
```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    pic = Image.open(sys.argv[1])  
    monochrome(pic, 200 + 200 + 200)  
    pic.save(sys.argv[2])
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if __name__ == '__main__':  
    pic = Image.open(sys.argv[1])  
    monochrome(pic, 200 + 200 + 200) ← Not the same  
    pic.save(sys.argv[2])                as (200, 200, 200)
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← Now we can
start counting



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