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Assignment 2: XTK Cube / Pixel Art

We will create pixel art - and then use XTK to render it in 3D, fully interactive and web-based.



Here is an empty grid of 9x9 pixels: ⊞

If we set pixels to different colors, we can create pixel art.



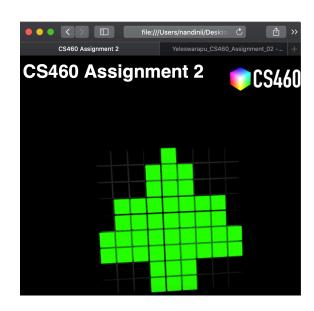
e is a fox. ••••••••• And here is a pine tree.



To create 3D pixel art, we can use colored X.cube objects instead of pixels.

Please choose one, either the fox or the pine tree, and then create a 3D version using XTK (http://goXTK.com). Start with the index.html from https://cs460.org/shortcuts/04/ and save it in directory **02**/ in your github fork.

This starter code creates one cube with XTK. For this assignment, you will need to modify the code to create many cubes: one cube for each pixel. Remember, you can set, for example, the color green for a cube c using c.color=[0,1,0]. Please replace the screenshot below with your version. Also, please commit this PDF and your final code to your Github fork and submit a pull request.



Bonus (33 points):

Question 1 (10 points): If we would not care about the gap between cubes/pixels, how could we reduce the number of X.cube objects in the scene?

We could identify blocks of cubes that have the same pattern and replace them with single cubes with adjusted dimensions.

For instance consider the pine tree:

The tree itself can be represented by 5 boxes.

The black cubes on either side of the tree trunk represented by 2 boxes total.

The black cubes on either side of the leaves of the tree can be represented by 6 boxes total.

That means, the image can be represented by 13 boxes in total over the 81 we are using now.

Question 2 (23 points): Animate the pixel art! We can use the following JavaScript snippet to execute code every second:

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setInterval(function() {
  // your code
}, 1000);
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Please write code to animate closing/opening of the fox's eyes or, if you chose the pine tree, make some pixels/cubes light up like a Christmas tree. In both cases, you will need to keep track of certain cubes and then change their color using the snippet above. You can submit this as part of your 02/index.html file.

COMPLETED and included in the index.html file.