

# Tracking Library for the Web

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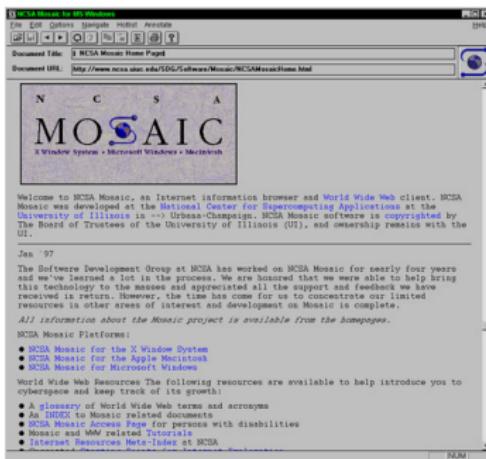
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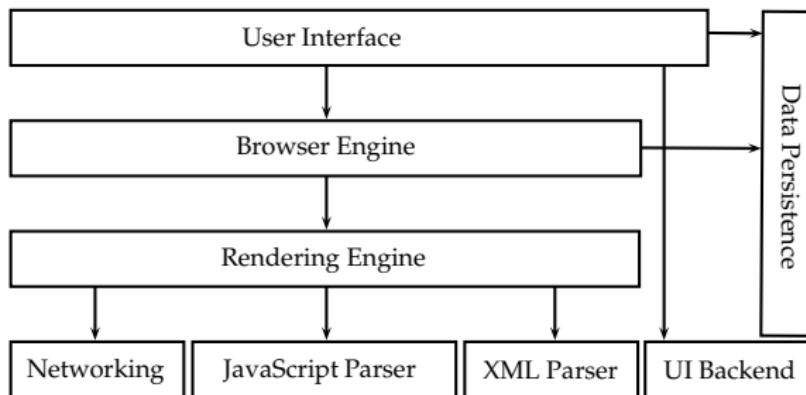




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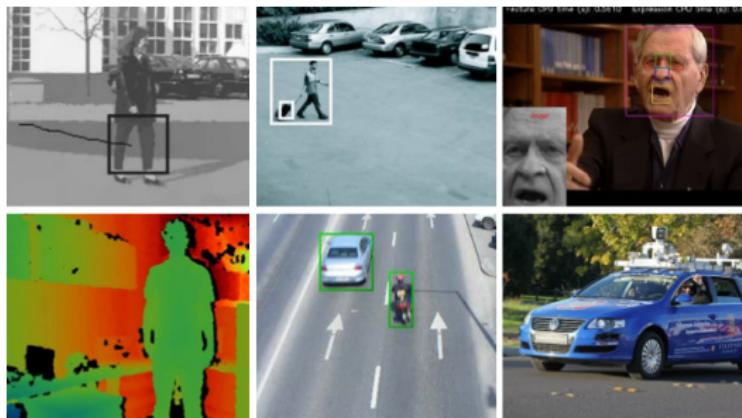
Tracking an object in a video sequence means continuously identifying its location when either the object or the camera are moving.





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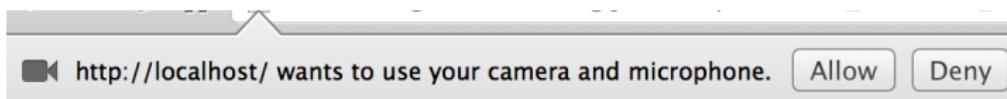
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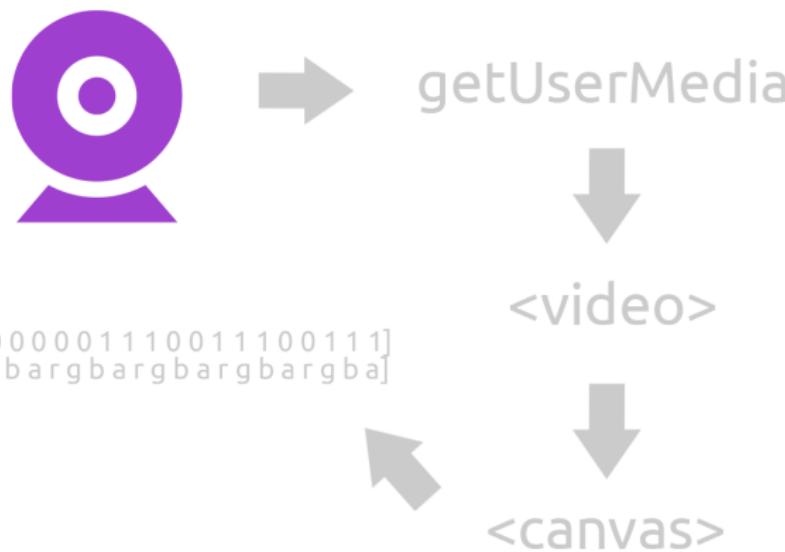


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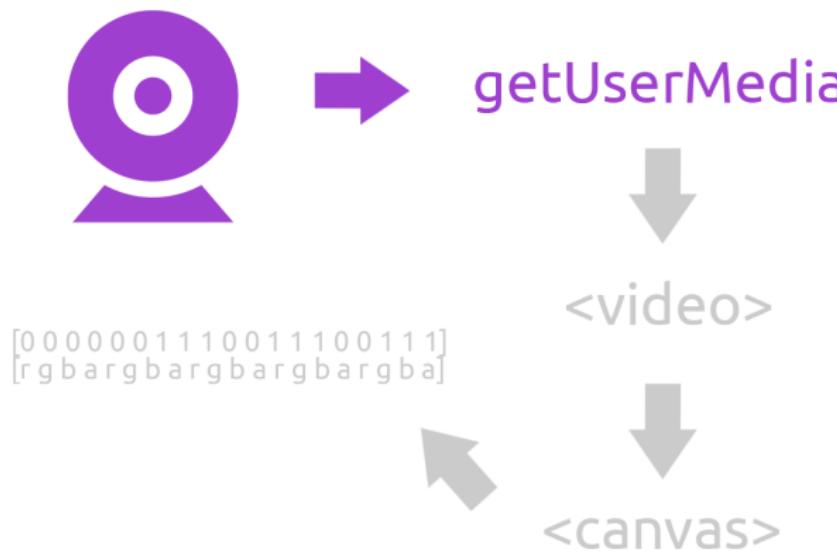
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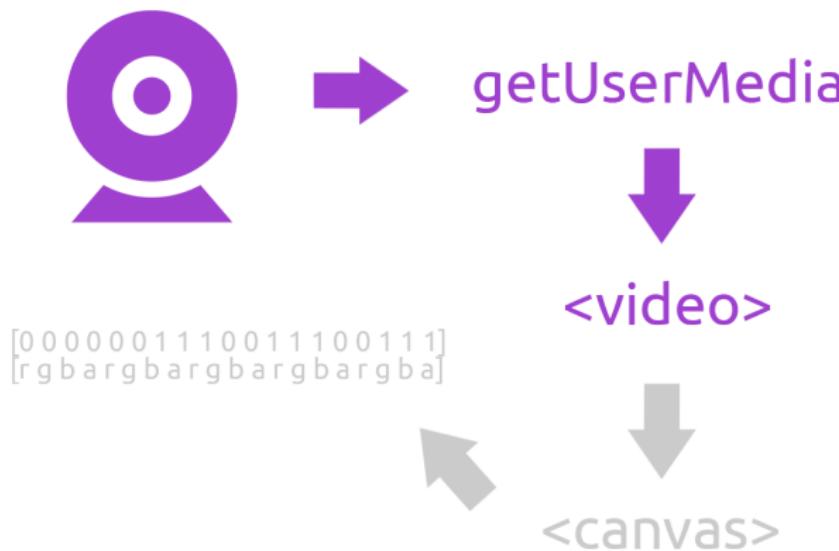
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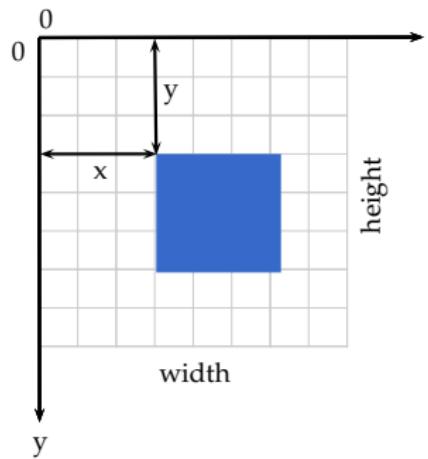
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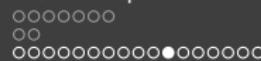
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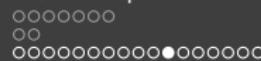
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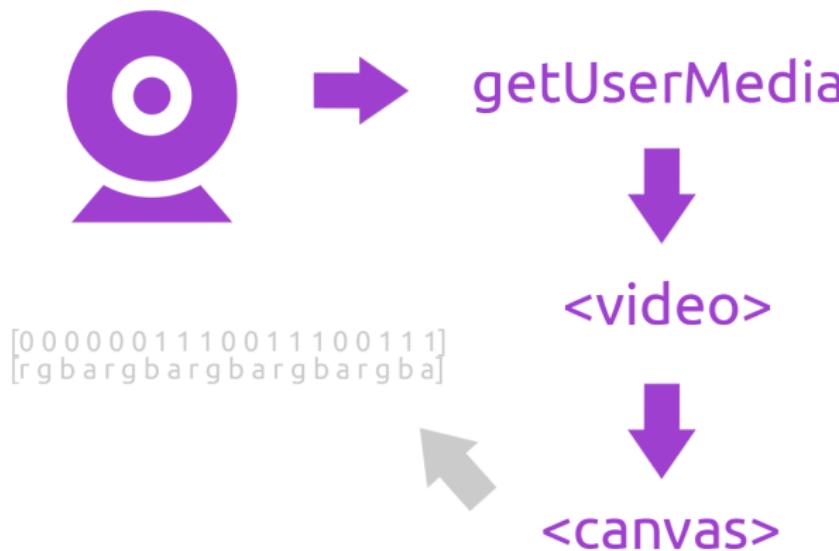
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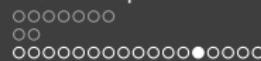
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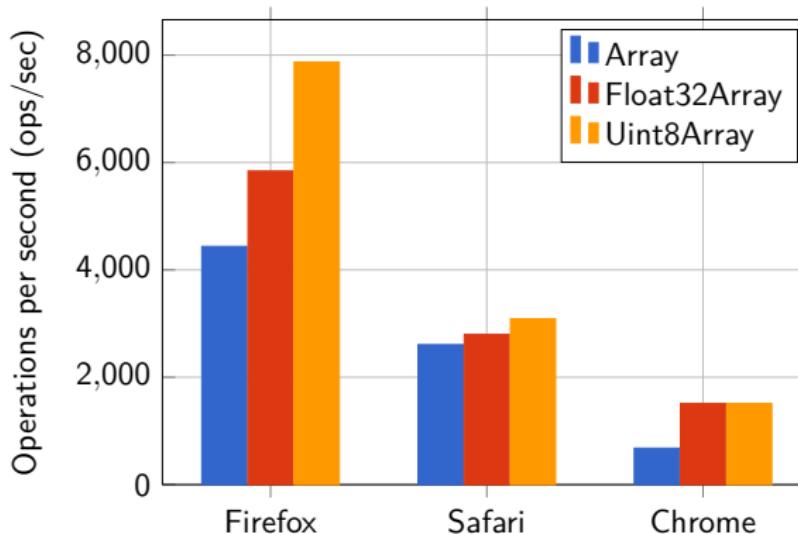


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getUserMedia



<video>

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<canvas>



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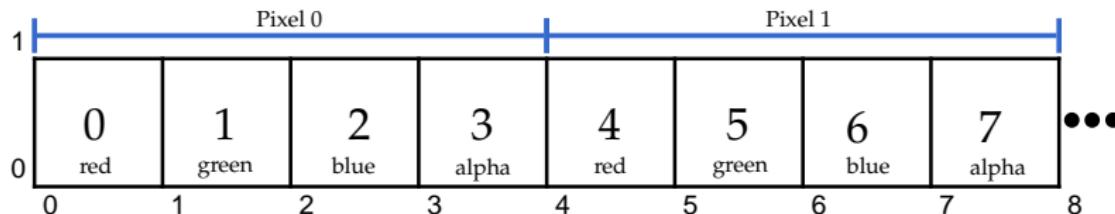
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- Consider the  $2 \times 3$  array  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ , in row-major order it is laid out contiguously in linear memory as  $[1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6]$ .



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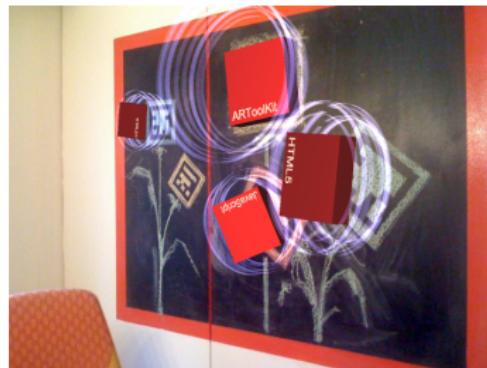
## Related work

- FLARToolKit: a port of ARToolKit marker tracking library to ActionScript



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- JSARToolkit: is a JavaScript port of FLARToolKit

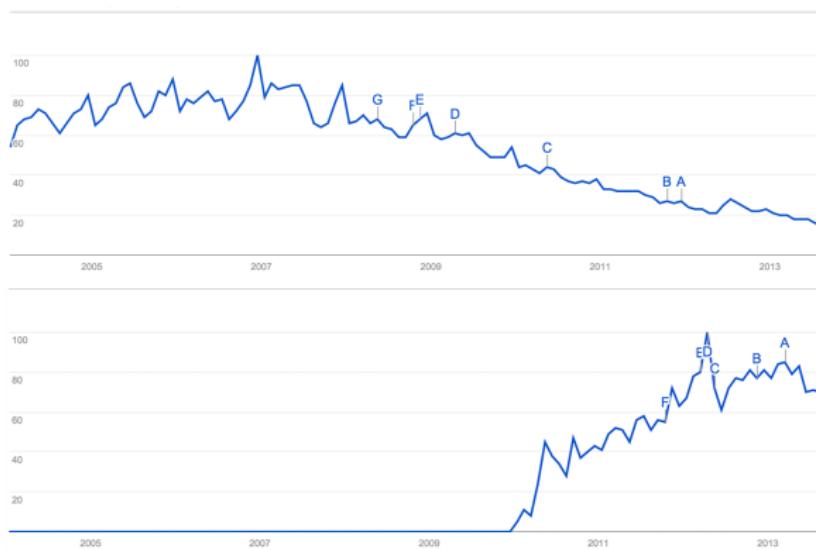


## Related work

- Unifeye Viewer: a robust markerless tracking solution for the web to ActionScript



## Flash vs HTML5



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## Example

**Basic Usage**

This example is a simple way to initialize the user browser camera and start tracking for objects with color **magenta**. There are two available callbacks, **onfound** is fired when the object is detected and **onlosttrack** does the opposite. The **onframe** callback receives as argument a track.

```
var videoCamera = new tracking.VideoCamera().render().renderVideoCanvas();  
  
videoCamera.track({  
  type: 'color',  
  color: 'magenta',  
  onfound: function(track) {  
    console.log('track.x, track.y, track.z');  
  },  
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);
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## Tracking library for the web

Common infrastructure to develop visual tracking applications and to accelerate the use of those techniques on the web in commercial products.

# Library features

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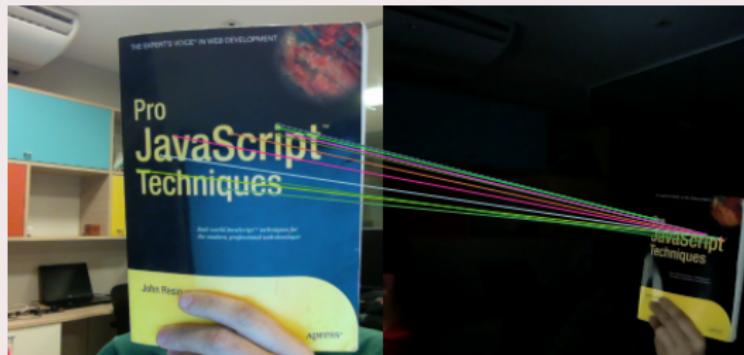
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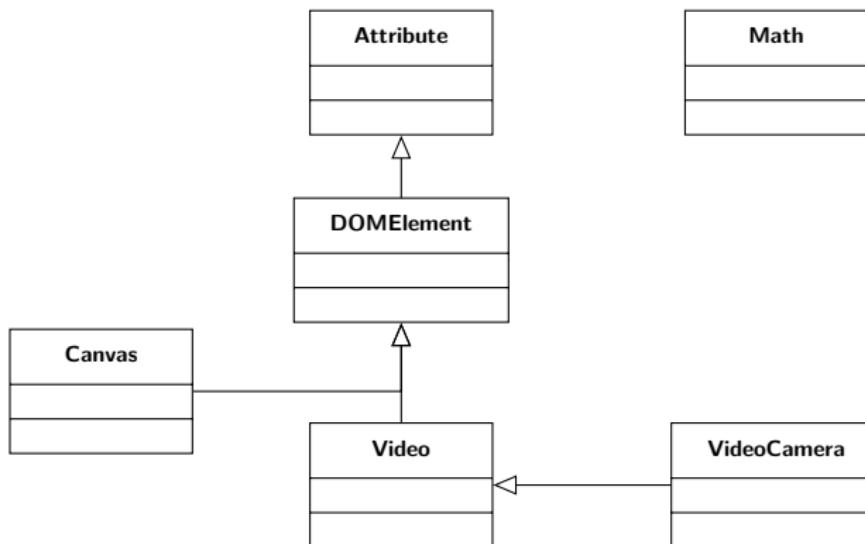


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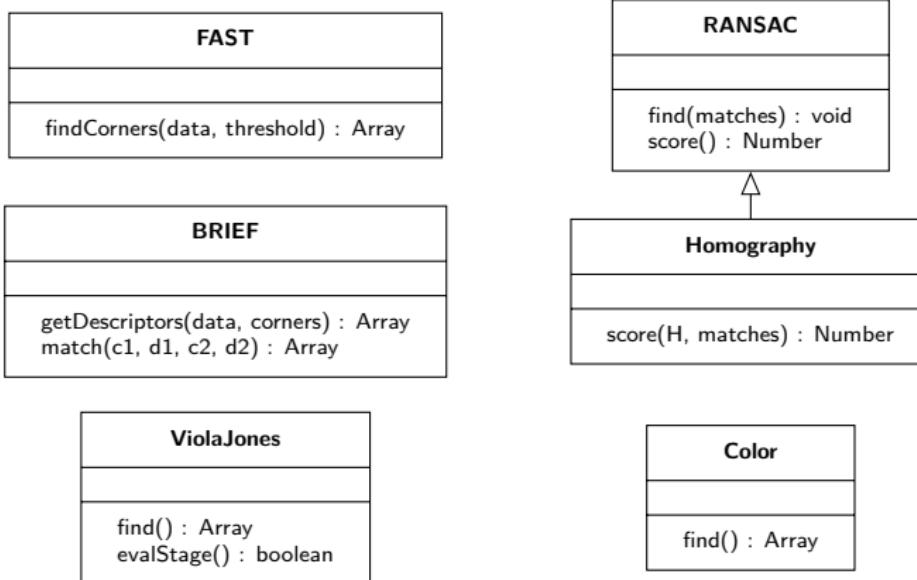
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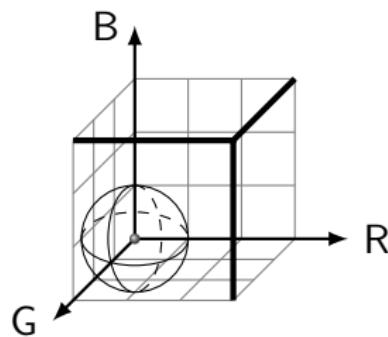
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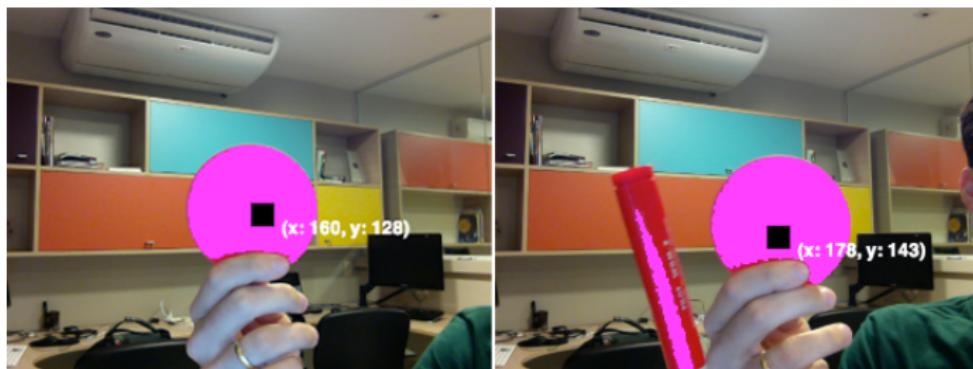
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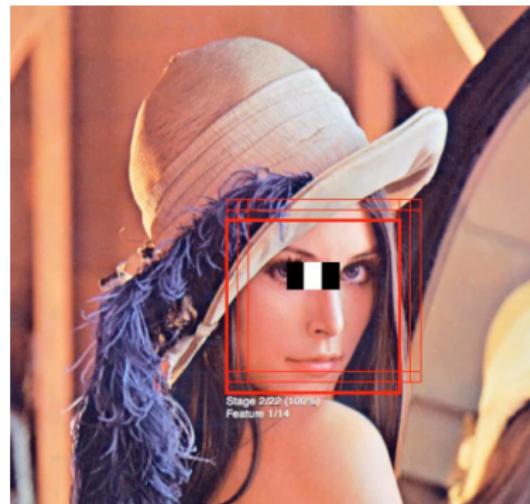
$$\|C_1 - C_2\| = \sqrt{(C_{1,R} - C_{2,R})^2 + (C_{1,G} - C_{2,G})^2 + (C_{1,B} - C_{2,B})^2}$$



# Color tracking algorithm - Color blob detection



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1  var videoCamera = new tracking.VideoCamera();  
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3      type: 'human',  
4      data: 'frontal_face',  
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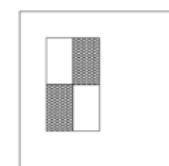
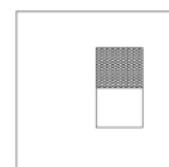
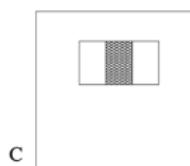
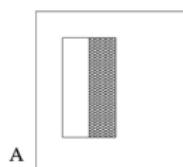
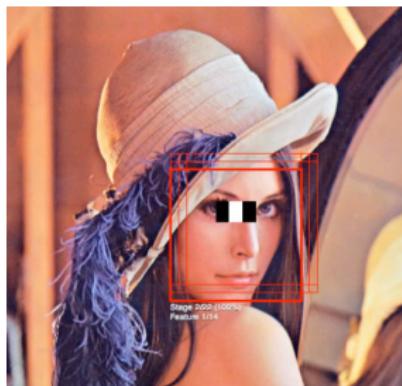
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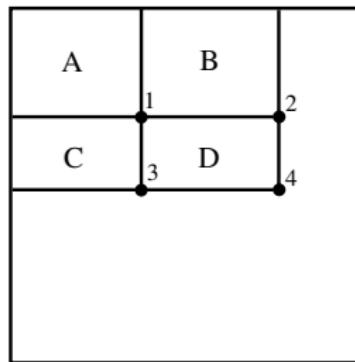
## Integral Image

Rectangle features can be computed very rapidly using an intermediate representation for the image which we call the integral image.

The integral image at location  $x, y$  contains the sum of the pixels above and to the left of  $x, y$ , inclusive

$$ii(x, y) = \sum_{x' \leq x, y' \leq y} i(x', y')$$

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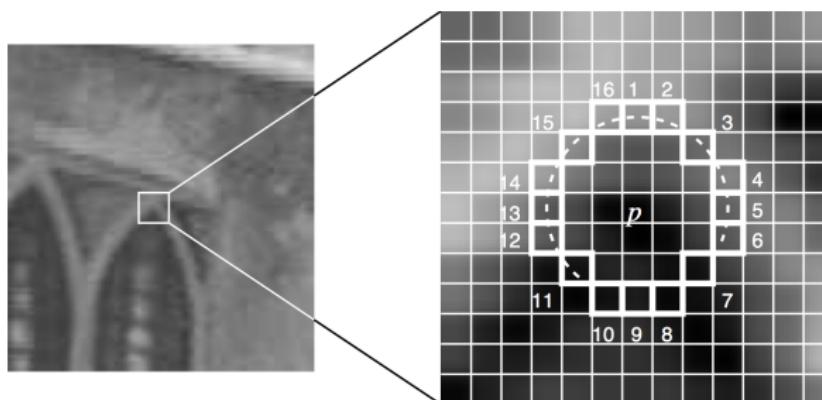
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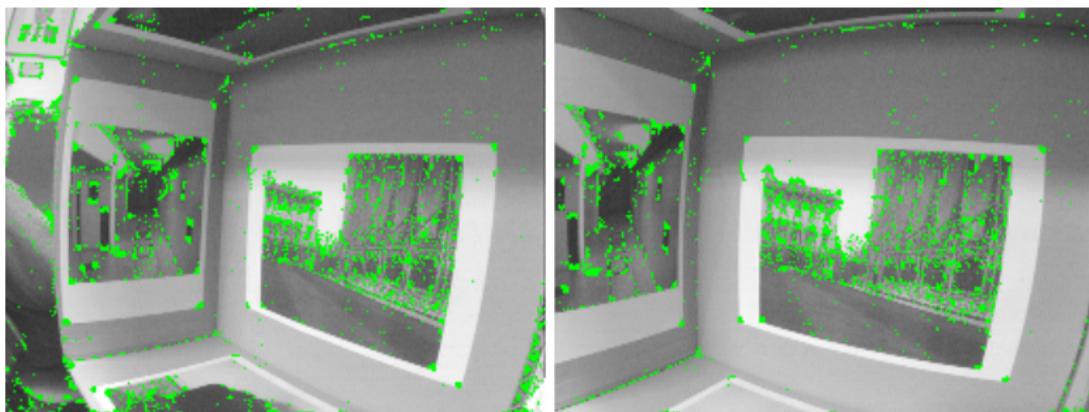
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Simple loop through the possible rectangles comparing the current rectangle with all other not yet compared. If their area overlaps by  $\eta = 0.5$  the smallest rectangle of the set is selected.

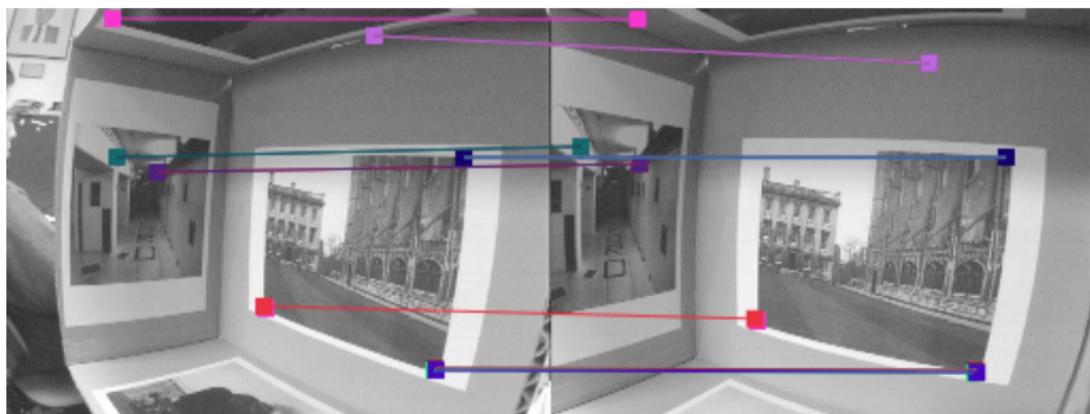
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To generate the binary strings it is defined the test  $\tau$  on patch  $\mathbf{p}$  of size  $\mathbf{S} \times \mathbf{S}$  as:

$$\tau(\mathbf{p}; x, y) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{p}(x) < \mathbf{p}(y), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

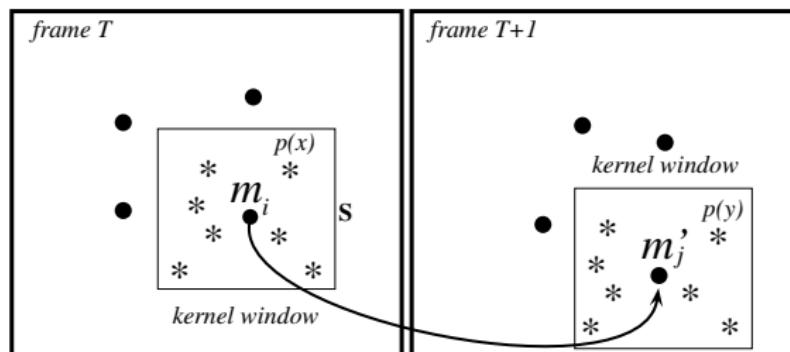
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The  $n_d$ -dimensional bit-string is our BRIEF descriptor for each keypoint:

$$f_{n_d}(\mathbf{p}) := \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n_d} 2^{i-1} \tau(\mathbf{p}; x, y).$$

In this work  $n_d = 128$  was used. The number of bytes required to store the descriptor can be calculated by  $k = n_d/8$ .

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The weighted Hamming distance is computed by:

$$WHam(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(b_i(x) \otimes b_i(y))$$

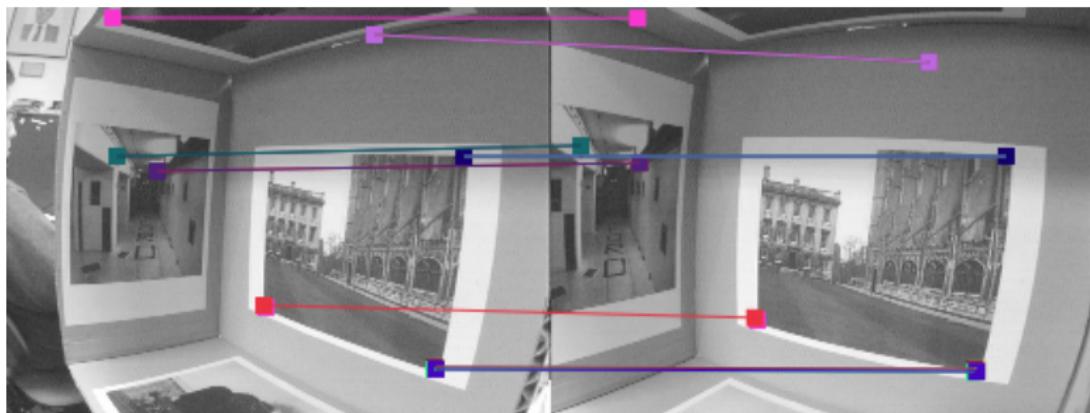
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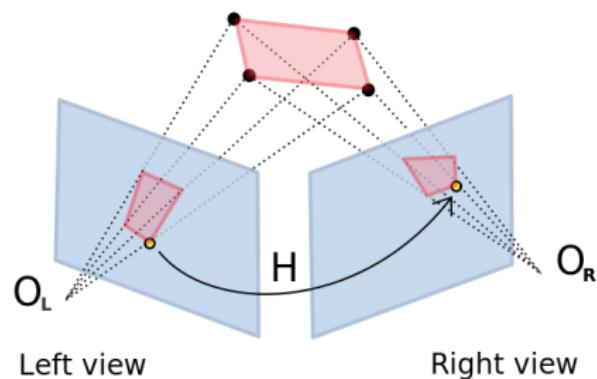
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# Homography estimation



# Random sample consensus (RANSAC)

RANSAC (Random Sample Consensus) is an iterative method to estimate parameters of a mathematical model from a set of observed data which contains outliers. It is the most commonly used robust estimation method for homographies.

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Examples of how each technique behaves under partial occlusion.

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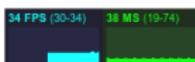
## stats.js

### JavaScript Performance Monitor

This class provides a simple info box that will help you monitor your code performance.

- **FPS** Frames rendered in the last second. The higher the number the better.
- **MS** Milliseconds needed to render a frame. The lower the number the better.

## Screenshots

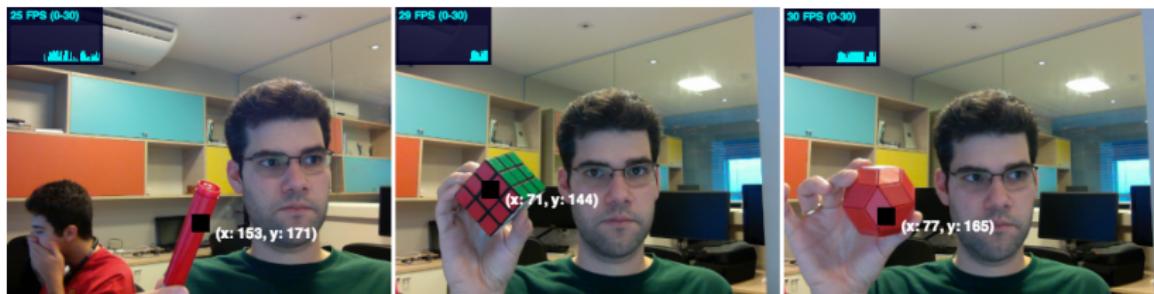


The screenshot shows a browser window displaying a performance monitoring interface. At the top, it says "34 FPS (30-34) 38 MS (19-74)". Below this is a horizontal bar with a blue segment followed by a green segment.



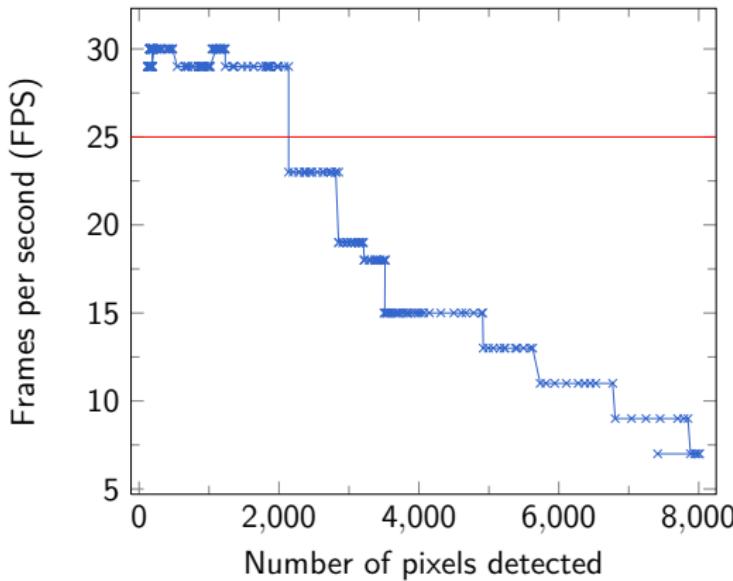
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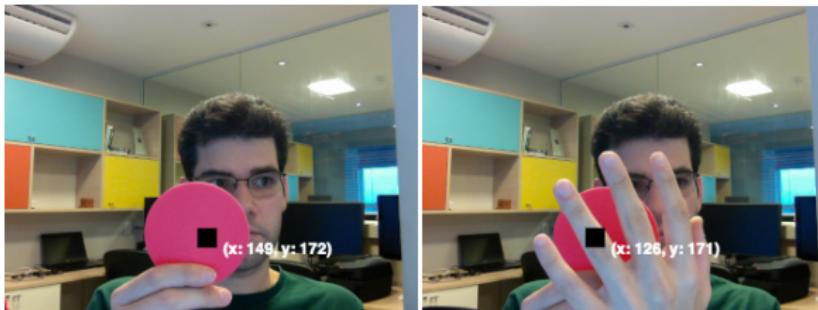


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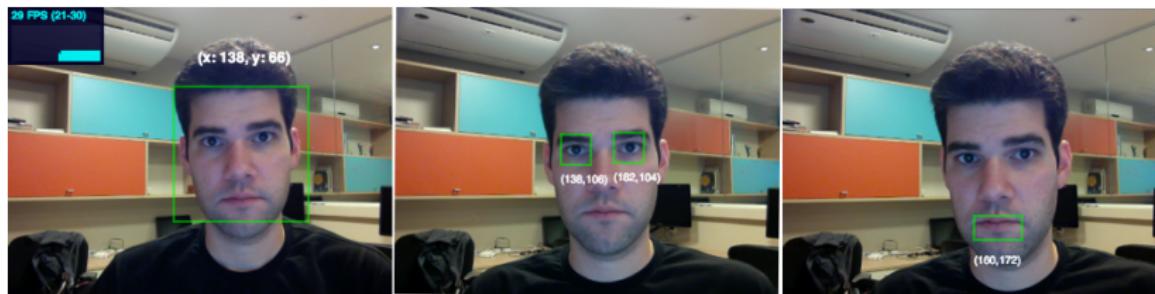
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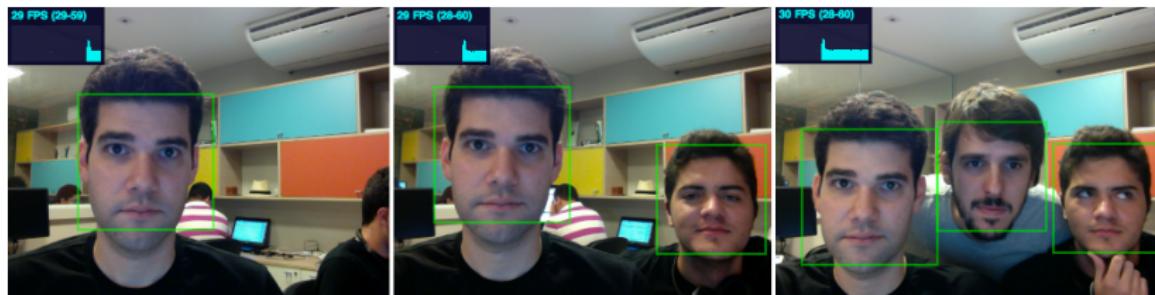
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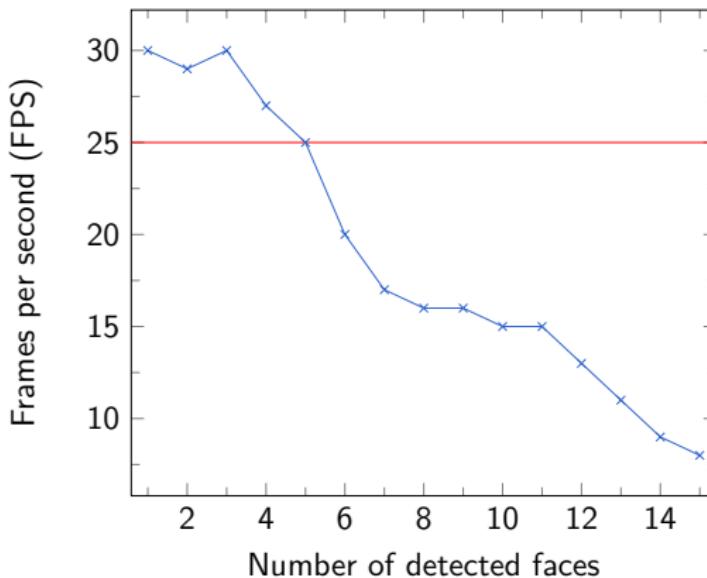
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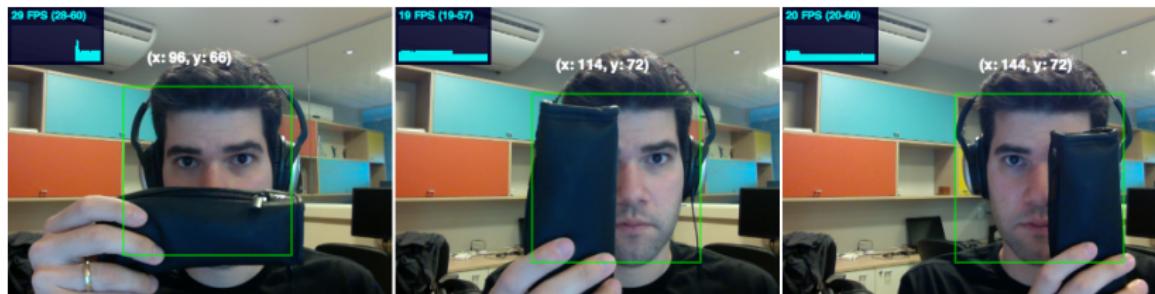


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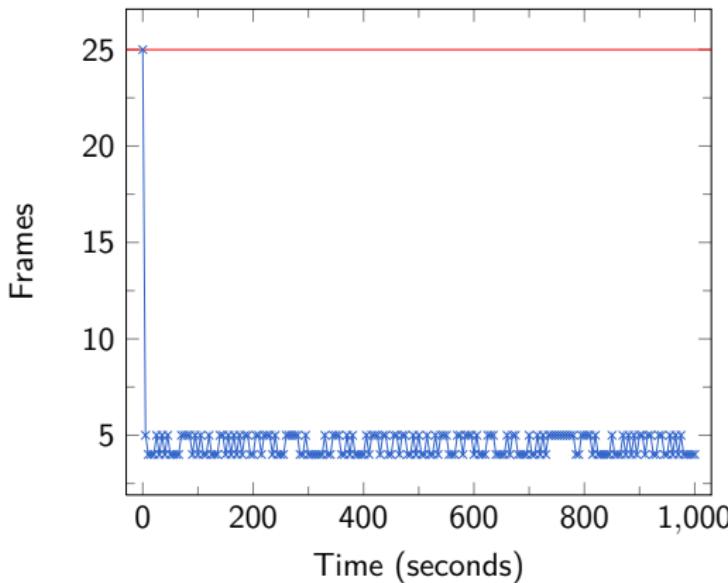


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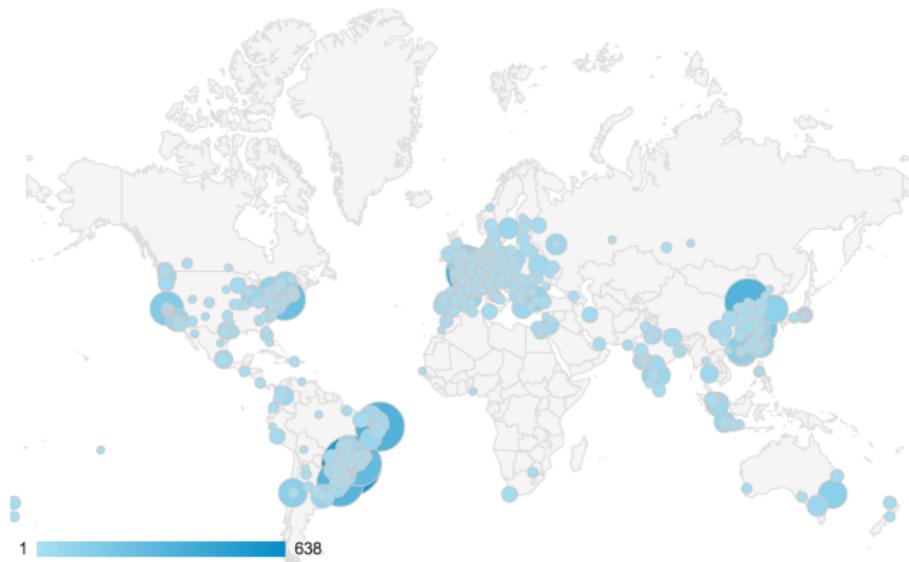
**Basic Usage**

This example is a simple way to initialize the user browser Camera and start tracking for objects with color `magenta`. There are two available callbacks `onFound` (firing when the object is detected) and `onLost` (firing when the object is lost). The `onTrack` callback receives as argument a track.

```
var VideoCamera = new tracking.VideoCamera().render().renderVideoCanvas();
VideoCamera.track([
  type: 'color',
  color: 'magenta',
  onFound: function(track) {
    console.log('track.x, track.y, track.x1');
  },
  onLost: function() {}
});
```

Figure : <http://trackingjs.com>

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