

What's the difference?



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PIXEL

R:10110011

G:01001110

B:00110111

Steganography

[0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1,

ORIGINAL PIXEL

R: 10110011

G: 01001110

B: 00110111

MESSAGE PIXEL
MSB

R: 00110011

G: 11001110

B: 00110111

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Steganography

[0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1,

ORIGINAL PIXEL

R: 10110011

G: 01001110

B: 00110111

MESSAGE PIXEL
MSB

R: 00110011

G: 11001110

B: 00110111

Each change halves
or doubles the value

Steganography

[0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1,

ORIGINAL PIXEL

R:10110011
G:01001110
B:00110111

MESSAGE PIXEL
LSB

R:10110010
G:01001111
B:00110110

Each change alters
the value < 0.4%

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Delicious Image with Message



Even though LSB is better than MSB for avoiding detection, both store and retrieve messages in an image just fine.

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[18]: hidden_message = extract_message_from_image(stego_img)
      print(hidden_message)
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[19]: hidden_message_MSB = extract_message_from_image_MSB(stego_img_MSB)
      print(hidden_message_MSB)
```

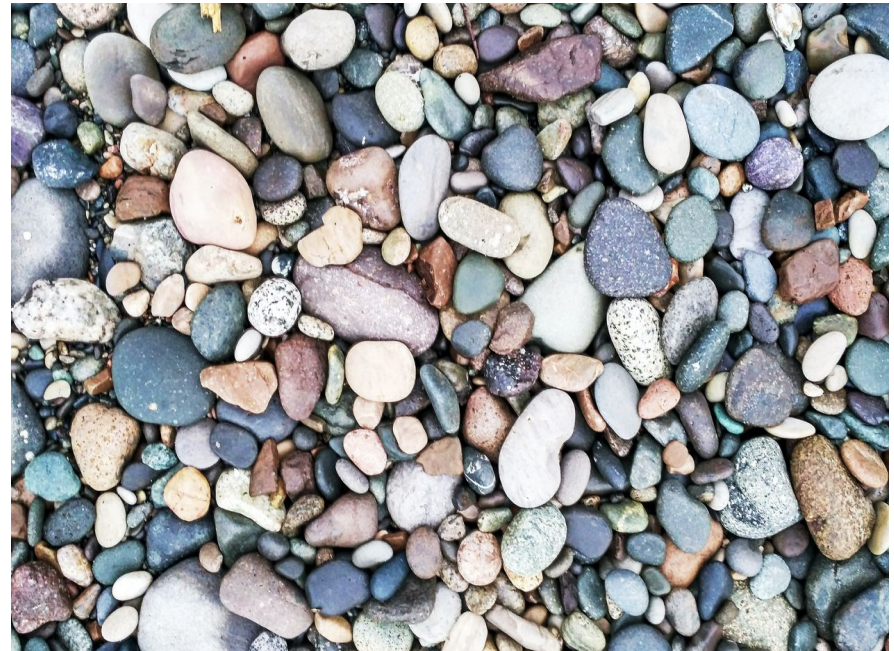
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- Works where the small alterations don't corrupt the data.
 - Audio
 - Metrics
- Alterations can be detected by fingerprinting

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A Jupyter Notebook based demo is available at:

<https://github.com/mmobarak/steganography-demo-notebook>